



From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

Give Eastwood Drive and North Street a break!

While the ring road lights were being renewed it was tempting to take a short cut through this 20mph route, and at speed.

The long-promised planters are now installed on **North Street**. This makes it harder to pass oncoming cars, so please stay on the ring road.

Hopefully traffic will become lower and pedestrians safer.



Cllr **Lucy Care** by one of the **North Street** planters.

Yet MORE housing?!



Cllrs **Lucy Care** and **Ajit Atwal** discuss the possibility of more housing off **Moorway Lane**.

Developers want to put houses on land between Millennium Wood and the city boundary, near Heatherton Pond.

This would help deliver new homes that the

Government says the City Council must find space for over the next 15 years. This use could be included in Derby's next 'Local Plan'.

But is it a good answer?

In just two years time, Derby will probably stop being constrained by a line on a map. With Local Government Reorganisation (see page 2) there can be better planning for proper communities close to Derby.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "We have asked if there can be a better link between the Local Plan and the changes to Council boundaries. This could help keep Derby's 'green wedge' areas (like this one) green. So far the answer is 'No'."

The developer's consultation has closed, but you can see their plans on the Littleover **Lib Dems** Facebook Page, and still let the Council know your view. See <https://tinyurl.com/FB-MLd-25>



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Latest on the 'mega-Council'

Public consultation on the shape of a new 'mega-Council' for southern Derbyshire is live until 10th August. Find it at tinyurl.com/DC-LGR-25



Lib Dems are concerned that the Government's plan for 'unitary' Councils of at least 500,000 residents will seem very remote. They would also like local people to have more 'say'.

To find out more, there is info at tinyurl.com/DCC-LGR25



Councils will do further work before the Government's deadline at the end of November. The Government says it will announce what the new Councils across England will look like in 'summer 2026'.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "Take this chance to let the Council know what you think about the proposals - and what could make them better."

It's time to cut fuel bills



There are many days now when more than half the UK's electricity is from renewables, mostly wind or sun. These don't need a constant supply of expensive fuel to make the electricity. Renewable electricity is therefore cheaper.

Energy companies mostly don't pass on

this benefit, happily pocketing the extra profit.

Lib Dems are calling for the price link between gas and electricity to be scrapped. This would cut many people's bills by half and make it cheaper for people to switch away from gas.

Sign the petition at

<https://www.libdems.org.uk/energy>



Anti-social behaviour is never good

There have been worrying examples of anti-social behaviour in Derby recently. This has included violence in nearby Blagreaves ward and the city centre.

Cllr **Lucy Care** welcomed action by the Police and pushed for more support for young people in the Council Chamber recently. As mayor, **Ajit Atwal** is highlighting the need for action on knife crime.

Years of cuts to services for young people mean that they are more at risk of getting pulled into gangs. To help reduce this, **Lib Dem** councillors agreed for some Neighbourhood money to be spent on youth provision. But more is needed.

If you have ideas and need funds to help, have a look at possible funding from Derbyshire's Police and Crime Commissioner at <https://tinyurl.com/Dppc-F25>



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What do YOU think?

Littleover's **Lib Dem** councillors like to hear from you. Please share your thoughts on the issues below. Or get in touch with ideas or concerns for the area. See overleaf.

KGV tennis courts



When the tennis courts at King George V Playing Fields were improved - and charges were introduced - it was supposed to encourage more people to play.

In practice even the free slots are often not booked and recorded usage is very

low. Less than an hour a day was booked in June.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "This is clearly a waste. I've been told prices are not due to be reviewed until the autumn, too late for the summer holidays."

Fill in a mini-survey and sign a petition to push to change this. Go to

www.derbylibdems.org.uk/tennis-survey



Surface on Uttoxeter Road



Cllr **Ajit Atwal** considers the new surface on **Uttoxeter Road**.

The newly resurfaced section of **Uttoxeter Road** has shiny areas towards the A38 bridge. Councillors have been told that these areas should merge in better in time.

Cllr **Ajit Atwal** said "Some road users



have suggested that this section feels different. Reduced grip can affect braking, especially in the wet. Please let us know if you use this route and have had any problems."

COMMUNITY CORNER:

The **Girl Guides Movement** has groups for girls from four upwards at the Baptist Church. All groups have space and there is also a warm welcome for adult volunteers. Please get in touch with Lefty on 07983 656542 or see www.littleverbaptists.org to find out more.

Let **Lucy Care** know if you have an item you'd like considering for this section. Phone 01332 721291.

Also...

Measles

If you've not already had measles or the vaccine to prevent it, please talk to your GP. Measles spreads quickly between people who haven't had the disease or a jab already and can be nasty at any age.

Link 1 bus

The Link 1 bus now goes back and forth between the Royal Derby Hospital and Heatherton, via Tesco's in Mickleover from about 7am to 6pm, weekdays. Do use it.

B-line cards enable young people up to 19 to travel half price. Find out more at: tinyurl.com/dcc-bline



Book Sale

The next **Lib Dem** Book Sale is on Saturday 13th September from 10am to 4pm. Donations of unwanted books, CDs, DVDs, family games and jigsaws welcomed. Phone 721291.

Watching footie

Lib Dem MPs proposed that at least 10 Premier League matches should be free-to-view each season. Despite this being particularly popular with Labour voters, Derby's Labour MPs all voted to keep these matches behind a paywall. Read more at tinyurl.com/LibDem-FB



The Mayor, **Ajit Atwal**, his consort-for-the-day Michelle of Mrs C's Tea Cosy, and Cllr **Lucy Care** at the St Peter's Fair in June. Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a success.



Program changes and tweaking are continuing at the Burton Road lights. We reported the still covered 30 sign and the already damaged railings.



This pair of posts lost a speed camera sign last year. A new sign is being ordered. It will fit on a single post.



The new litter bin we requested to go by the Parklet is being well-used - and the one we reported missing on **Burton Road** has been replaced.

More news between Focuses is regularly added to the Littleover Lib Dems Facebook Page.

Here are some items which you may have missed. Follow the page for more.

www.facebook.com/littleoverlibdems



Also...

In heatwaves...

... don't leave dogs in cars, ensure you drink enough water and think if neighbours might need help too. Also put out water for birds and other wild animals. Please water young street trees.

Middleton Avenue

A decision on the planning application for flats on **Middleton Avenue** has been deferred till September. The Planning Committee agreed that the housing was too dense and want more changes by the applicant.

Postage costs

With postage now often more than the cost of the birthday card, the Council is also using email more. As always do think before clicking on links in an email. There is advice from the Police about cyber fraud at tinyurl.com/POL-email



YOUR FOCUS TEAM:

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