

FOCUS



From your local **Liberal Democrat** team

Local energy options



The turbine building by the Longbridge Weir on the River Derwent which provides power for the Council House.

The war around the Middle East has highlighted how important oil and gas still are to our economy and comfort.

Home energy prices had been predicted to fall this spring. This now seems unlikely.

As a city, most of our energy has to be bought in, but not all. When in Government the **Lib Dems** encouraged people to install renewable energy where they could. Here **Lib Dems** started projects for solar panels on council house (and other) roofs and to put a turbine across the weir by the Council House.

In the latest budget Cllr **Lucy Care** proposed, and got support, for another turbine on the weir at the city's southern boundary.

People can also seek to use less energy, and in the Budget debate the **Lib Dems** voted to keep the team that provides energy advice to households in Derby.

Bins on Streets

The Council is going to start fining people who leave their wheelie bins on the street.

For most people this will just mean remembering to fetch one's bin back in - or maybe sometimes asking a neighbour to help.

If you assistance to move bins safely, ask the Council about collecting and returning them.

See tinyurl.com/D-bin-help or phone 640000.



If you have nowhere to store a bin, then talk to your landlord or the the Council about a solution.

Still need help? Get in touch with a councillor. See back.

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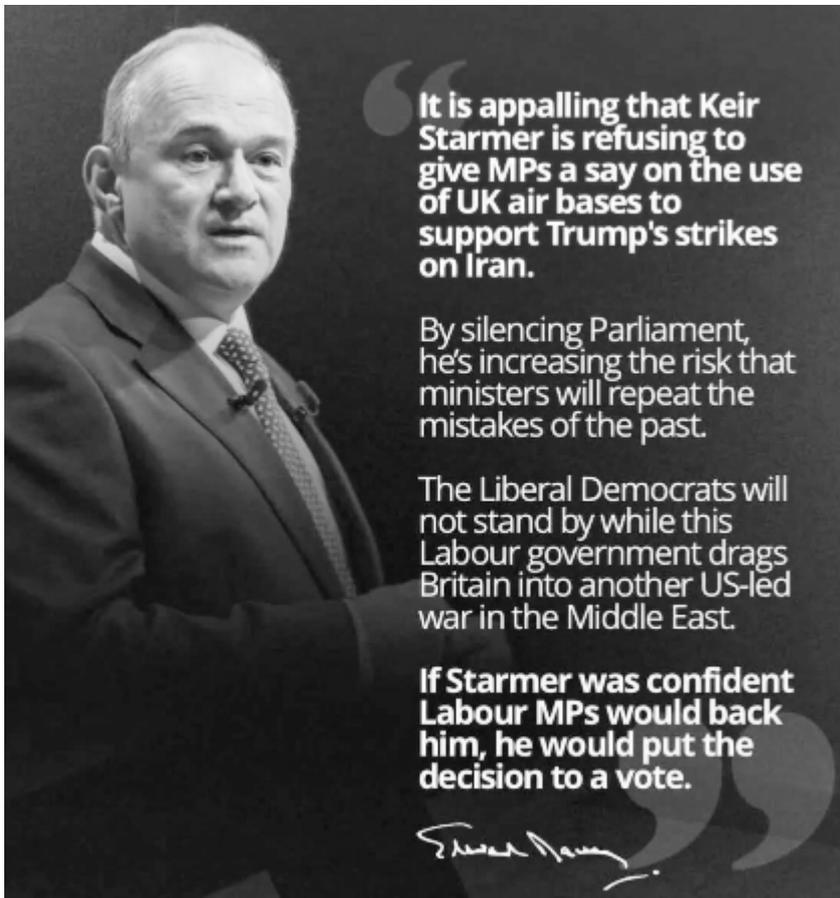
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“It is appalling that Keir Starmer is refusing to give MPs a say on the use of UK air bases to support Trump's strikes on Iran.

By silencing Parliament, he's increasing the risk that ministers will repeat the mistakes of the past.

The Liberal Democrats will not stand by while this Labour government drags Britain into another US-led war in the Middle East.

If Starmer was confident Labour MPs would back him, he would put the decision to a vote.

Shirley Stanger

Tax Shock for Pensioners

An extra one million pensioners are to be dragged into paying income tax over the next four years due to Labour's stealth taxes. This is according to the Office of Budget Responsibility.

Lib Dems are calling for the Chancellor to come back before Parliament and set out how pensioners will be protected from these stealth taxes. For poorer pensioners, every penny counts and these unfair tax hikes could be the final straw.

Pensioners have worked hard all their lives, paid into the system and played by the rules. Poorer pensioners should not be made to pay the price for this Labour government's economic failure.

Are YOU worried about what the extreme Right (Reform, and increasingly the Conservatives) and extreme Left (Greens) might do to Britain?

If so, now's the time for you to join the Liberal Democrats!

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "Joining the Lib Dems is a way to show that you care about fairness and equality, not just now, but into the future. Our policies are well-researched and agreed by members at Conference so don't change if our leader changes."



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Fallen fence

The fence alongside the path from **Haven Baulk Lane** to **Maypole Lane** was installed when the A38 was built - around 50 years ago. After all this time the posts have rotted through.



Cllrs Lucy Care and Ajit Atwal and the broken fence by the slope up to the A38.

National Highways, who look after the A38, have been asked about replacing the fence, but they are reluctant.

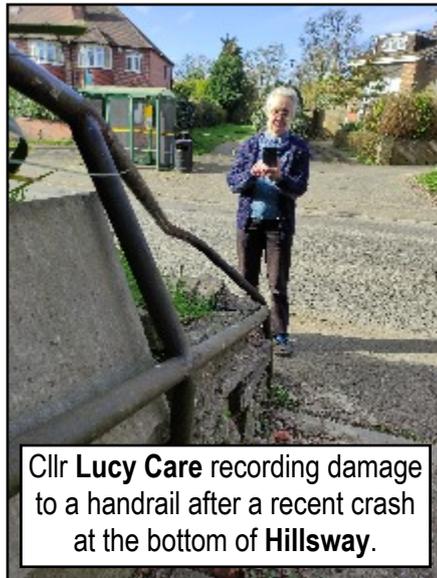
If you think that they should, please sign the petition at: <https://tinyurl.com/A38fence>



Routes from Hillsway to Warwick Avenue

The EMCCA mayor now runs transport projects across Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. This includes road safety and new schemes and also overseeing buses.

The Council is asking for money for projects in each ward. Littleover's project would be to investigate and provide solutions to problems in the area to the south of Littleover Village, from **Hillsway** to **Warwick Avenue**.



Cllr **Lucy Care** recording damage to a handrail after a recent crash at the bottom of **Hillsway**.

Many of the concerns are to do with the speed of traffic, often cutting through between more major roads, and to do with parking. The first stage will be to gather information, then possible changes will be suggested. It is likely to take two to three years.

COMMUNITY CORNER:

March is Ovarian Cancer Month. If you have been affected by this, then there is a support group meeting from 2 - 3pm on the second Friday of the month at the Royal Derby Hospital. Phone 785925 or go to targetovariancancer.org.uk for more information.

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

Also...

Bereavement Hub

On Wednesdays from 11 to 1 you are welcome to drop in at Blagreaves Library. Treetops Hospice have trained staff and volunteers there to talk about loss. It is also a chance to meet others in a similar situation.

Move It or Lose It

Gentle exercise classes for older people continue to be run at Littleover Methodist Church. Costing £6, they run from 1:00 to 2:30 on Wednesdays. More details from Ellie on 07956 377158. Tea/coffee and a biscuit included.

Thank you...

... to everyone who came to the last Book Sale or gave items. The next one will be on Saturday 30th May.

Potholes

Recent wet and frost has left many streets with even more potholes. Formal road inspections only take place every few months, so do report any that can't wait to the Council. Either use the website 'Report it' or the mobile app 'Fix My Street'. Local councillors have reported many they've seen. Some have been marked for repair, and the worst have had emergency tarmac added.

Village parking

Thank you to everyone who has given the Focus team comments about the Coop limiting parking in their car parks in Littleover Village. Views are mixed with some people pleased to find more space, and others unhappy to have less time to browse or have their hair done. Some shop workers are rethinking how they travel or shortening shop opening hours. Cllr **Lucy Care** said "We are writing to the Coop to suggest better signs and tweaking the rules to make it work better for more people."

Better crossing point?

The lowered kerb on the corner of Heath Avenue and Burton Road was angled towards the main road. This meant that people using some styles of wheel chair risked rolling into the traffic.

Cllr **Lucy Care** said "After people showed us this problem, we asked the council to make changes. The new tactile surfaces will be helpful to blind people, but has the slope been changed enough. Please let us know if this now works - or is still a problem."



Cllr **Lucy Care** considers the slope on the refreshed crossing point.

Also...

Bramblebrook

The Council is hoping to put in a planning application for 'extracare' flats on **Rough Heanor Road**. The care home here was demolished last year. Local **Lib Dems** are encouraging the Council to work with local residents to help design a scheme that will work well for everyone.

Grid Strengthening

As the country moves away from fossil fuels and uses more electricity the electrical grid needs to change too. Part of this work includes a new major cable route from Chesterfield to Willington. Comment on the plans at tinyurl.com/C2W-consult

Damaged grass

Wet weather and bad driving has left verges damaged. As the weather gets warmer (and drier?!) it is a good time to smooth out ruts and reseed...

Kitchen waste recycling...

... starts at the beginning of April.

The Council suggests using liners will help keep the caddies clean and reduce risk of mess on the street. If you do this, the lining will be sorted out and sent to an energy from waste plant.

More info on the website at www.derby.gov.uk/bins



Food waste caddies.



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