

FOCUS

On Mill Hill ward



It's so close here!

Lib Dem 44%	Con 43%	Can't win here
Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives here in Mill Hill.		Lab 12%

Jeremy Davies - Kim Checchetto - Matthew Harris - Roger Tichborne

Cash for 'fast track' planning applications 'unlawful'

Plans by Tory-controlled Barnet council to allow property developers to pay to jump the queue for planning consents, have fallen foul of the law.

Says Cllr Jeremy Davies: 'Planning has to be fair and be seen to be fair. Once cash starts changing hands the whole process starts to look sleazy. This scheme would have benefited a few wealthy property developers at the expense of everybody else.'

press on with its "EasyCouncil" plan of only providing basic services – forcing residents to pay extra for things currently covered by Council Tax.'

Adds Jeremy: 'If people want decent services under Barnet's Tory council they will have to pay twice – in both Council Taxes and top-up charges.'

'Despite the set-back, the Conservative council is planning to



Support our local shops

Parking charges in Barnet have risen by a staggering 30% - the highest rate of any council in the country. Extortionate charges and over-zealous traffic wardens are damaging our local high streets (already reeling from the recession)!

Says Focus team member Kim Checchetto: 'I've been talking to a

lot of people in Mill Hill about this problem. I believe allowing local people to park in the Broadway for one hour for free every day would encourage people to shop locally – without congesting the Broadway with commuter cars. One hour free parking is the very least we deserve.'



Parking charges are killing our local shops - Sign Kim's petition today

I/We urge the Council to allow one hour free parking in Mill Hill Broadway for all shoppers. Return to - Barnet Liberal Democrats, FREEPOST, LON 12459, London NW7 1YE.

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Matthew's Thameslink update

First Capital Connect has revealed plans to compensate passengers on its Thameslink route, in talks with Matthew Harris, our local Lib Dem Parliamentary candidate.

They also said that they expected to resume a normal service from Monday 18 January, if Aslef members vote to accept the company's latest offer.

Matthew secured a meeting with the company to discuss the appalling problems experienced by Thameslink's passengers during a recent industrial dispute.



Matthew (right) with Roger Tichborne at Mill Hill Broadway

Matthew said: "This dispute has caused terrible inconvenience to Thameslink's passengers. I shall continue to work with the company to ensure that it delivers on its promises."

Danger! Dog mess

Dog fouling is on the increase - according to a recent survey carried out by Mill Hill Lib Dems.

Says Focus team member Roger Tichborne: 'Dog mess on our streets and in our open spaces looks bad, smells bad and is dangerous. As a dog owner myself, I know that most dog owners in Mill Hill are responsible people who clear up after their pets. Unfortunately there are some so-called professional dog walkers and

a minority of owners who are irresponsible.'

Adds Roger: 'We have reported the results of our survey to the council but clearing up the mess after it's been left is only part of the solution.'

Says Mill Hill councillor Jeremy Davies: 'Up and down the country local councils have led *hard hitting* campaigns to reduce the amount of dog mess on their streets. At the next council meeting I shall be calling on Barnet to investigate the most successful of these schemes and to copy the best ideas.'

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The Liberal Democrat
councillors hold a weekly
advice surgery in the Library,
Hartley Avenue, Saturdays
from 10 am to 12 noon.
No appointment necessary.

Do you know a dog mess
'blackspot?'

If you want to report dog fouling,
contact Roger on
roger@barnetlibdems.org.uk

or write to:
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