

ITS SNOW USE COMPLAINING!

Those of you who complained to us or to the Council about the lack of gritting on side roads and pavements will know that the Administration made a decision to grit only major roads, major high street pavements and bus routes.

Councillor Susette Palmer pointed out at the last Council meeting that people without cars have to use the pavements or walk dangerously in the roads. She also pointed out that older people and those with osteoporosis were particularly at risk.

"Furthermore" she went on, "it was unable to obtain a clear ruling about your personal liability if you clear the snow from your crossover and someone slips on the cleared pavement. It is essential that residents know the correct legal implications."



NORTHERN LINE CLOSURES

Tubelines, responsible for upgrading the Northern Line, have asked TfL for permission to close the line for 82 weekends from March. We do not know yet when, or for how long, the Golders Green part will be closed.

Laura Edge, Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate for Finchley and Golders Green wrote to Tubelines asking them to justify the line closure for 82 weekends.

In particular, she wants to know whether other methods not involving line closures have been investigated.

Laura says, "This is part of the disgraceful legacy of Labour's privatisation of the Tube. Under the PPP contract awarded to Tubelines there is no incentive for Tubelines to minimise disruption - the only incentive they have is to get the job done as cheaply as possible."



TORY BUDGET CUTS



Your Councillors are appalled that a Tory Administration, which has lost millions invested in Icelandic Banks and OVERSPENT millions on a bridge over Aerodrome Road, wants to spend a massive £3.5 million on the 'Future Shape' reorganisation. It is optimistic to think it can claw a lot of that back.

However, this Tory controlled Council also plans to make a cut of £3.1 million in Adult Social Services. Children's Services will also suffer many cuts including reduced support for local schools.

The Conservative Council is also proposing to cut £1 million from the budget for overtime for street sweepers, gardening and bin collection work. Remember that when the area is not swept and the bins not collected on time!



THERE'S ANOTHER HOLE IN THE ROAD!

Councillor Monroe Palmer writes:

"I am appalled by the state of the roads following January's snow. Watching a 102 Double Decker negotiate the potholes as it turns into The Vale and the roundabout at the top of The Vale brings home just how badly the Borough's roads have fared. Officers are working as hard as they can to repair the damage but we Lib.Dems. believe that there is a strong case for using casual labour to get the repairs done more quickly."



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