



We hold a ward surgery on Council related problems in Childs Hill library on the first Thursday of every month from 7.00-8.00pm at other times you can email us at [cllr.s.palmer@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.s.palmer@barnet.gov.uk) [cllr.m.palmer@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.m.palmer@barnet.gov.uk) [cllr.j.cohen@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.j.cohen@barnet.gov.uk) or phone Jack Cohen on 8446 5390 or Monroe or Susette Palmer on 8455 5140.

### LOCAL SCHOOLS BENEFIT FROM THE LIB.DEM. PUPIL PREMIUM POLICY.

Barnet will get £11,712,000 in 2013/14 as part of this Liberal Democrat Government Initiative. The following schools in Childs Hill Ward will benefit from this money;  
All Saints C of E  
Childs Hill School  
St Agnes R.C.  
Wessex Gardens.

### GRANVILLE RD DEVELOPMENT



The contract has, at last, been given for the area surrounding the Tower Blocks. Cabinet approved the selection of Mulalley & Co

and One Group as the preferred development partners for this Regeneration.

Your Councillors are having meetings with officers to monitor the planning process to ensure it is suitable for the area.

### CHILDS HILL LIBRARY

Cllr Susette Palmer has regular meetings with the Cabinet member and officers concerned. Following the Labour Party's scaremongering leaflet which you may well have seen she has been assured:

There will be no decrease in opening hours.  
There will be changes to the front desk to add a self-service check-out.

Many of you will know that you can now download digital books free using your Barnet Library card. All you need is your Library Card and a Library PIN.

The collection contains, fiction, non-fiction, audio books and children's books. A downloaded book stays on your computer or e book reader for 3 weeks and is then automatically deleted.

## PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY

*The Deputy Prime Minister on the Freedom of Information Bill*



Do you want the Home Secretary to be able to order the storage of vast quantities of data about who you email and call, your physical location, your web browsing and Facebook sessions? No, neither do I. Untargeted, blanket powers like these are an invitation for future governments to invade your privacy.

That's why this week I pressed the pause button on the Communications Data Bill that was going through Parliament. A special

committee was established to look at the legislation and its conclusions, published on Tuesday, were crystal clear - the legislation didn't strike the right balance between our security and our personal privacy. We need to have a fundamental rethink and produce better proposals which give the police and security professionals the powers they need without going over the top.

My decision sparked controversy in some quarters, with the usual allegations that by attempting to protect civil liberties you are, by default, on the side of terrorists and paedophiles. I'm not usually inclined to dignify such arguments with a response, but let me just repeat what I said in the papers: of course we need to look at what new technology means for how we protect people from serious crime, and we will need to take new measures to address the problem. But we can do that by striking the right balance between our collective security needs and our individual right to privacy.

That is a difficult balance to strike - even more so when you are in Government. But it is no use standing up for civil liberties in opposition if you then forget all about them in power. It's the same pattern that sees politicians rule out a sane approach to drug laws until they are safely out of office and only then they reveal they always favoured the kind of approach this week's Home Affairs Select Committee suggested - a willingness to look in an open-minded way at all the evidence and alternative ways of dealing with the problems caused by drugs.

In all of this I am bewildered by the way some of the biggest opponents of any kind of independent regulation of the press see no problem with the apparently limitless Government regulation of individual citizens. Liberalism for me is about protecting people from overmighty institutions while enabling people to get on in life. That's not easy and we must always ensure that we ask ourselves tough questions, but I'm confident we are playing our part in getting the balance right.

## JOIN THE LIBERAL DEMOCRATS for a BETTER BARNET

Liberal Democrats have represented you at Barnet Council for over 20 years. WE KNOW WE HAVE LOTS OF SUPPORT OUT THERE, do join the Party. We would also be very pleased to hear from anyone who can help deliver this newsletter in their own or a nearby road. Monroe is taking responsibility for membership in Childs Hill and wants to come and see you & sign you up. Send the form to 31 The Vale NW11 8SE or email [monroe@barnetlibdems.org.uk](mailto:monroe@barnetlibdems.org.uk)

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