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News and Views from Heatherside Liberal Democrats

Residents say:

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Residents of **Cumberland Road** are annoyed that they have not been consulted regarding a proposal for a multi-purpose sports facility on the Recreation Ground.

Heatherside Lib Dem Councillor Fran Bennie, whilst supporting the provision of youth sports facilities locally, believes she and local residents should have been consulted before the proposal was considered by the Council.

Fran said: *"I would like to make it clear that I personally support this project. We do need more facilities for sports and youth activity on Heatherside. However, the siting, maintenance, design and potential impact of any facility on local residents needs to be fully considered before this proposal is taken further."*

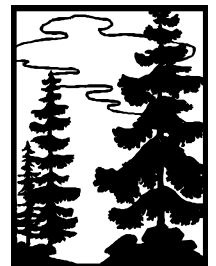


Lib Dem Councillor Fran Bennie with concerned local residents on the Heatherside Green

***"I would like the Councillors and Officers making the decisions to be aware of all these issues and fully consult and inform the residents of Heatherside before taking any decisions on this."***

Surrey Heath's Tory Council has a record of complacency and lack of consultation with residents. Users of **Tomlinscote Sports Centre** were shocked to hear of the possible closure of the facility to the public last year; in July this year the Council was forced to postpone a planning inquiry for a block of flats because residents had not been notified it was taking place; and in August residents of the **Upper Chobham Road** were furious at the County Council's plan to narrow the road and create a new footpath fearing it would make the area more dangerous.

***Cllr Bennie said: "I asked a formal question at a Full Council meeting only 8 months ago regarding the possibility of increased sports facilities on Heatherside and was told that there was no budget available for such a scheme. Despite my previous question to Full Council, I was NOT informed in advance of publication that Heatherside had been chosen for this project and that funding had, in fact, been found. "***



***'I am now embarking on a full scale consultation with the residents of Heatherside on this issue.'***

***Cllr. Fran Bennie***

***Please contact Fran with your views on the provision of sports facilities, or any other Heatherside issues, on 01276 61793 or by e-mailing: [fran.bennie@surreyheath.gov.uk](mailto:fran.bennie@surreyheath.gov.uk)***