



FOCUS Parkside Liberal Democrats

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Hospital Parking - the campaign continues

FRIMLEY PARKING CHAOS

The car park behind The Parade shops in Frimley has been closed to public use.

Monument, the operators, claim the car park is being "misused" as a long term car park, and wish this space to revert to parking for the use of tenants at The Parade. They have offered to make available an adjacent piece of land – for a suitable rent. **Focus** notes that it is difficult to think of any other profitable use for that piece of land.

Lib Dem councillors have been calling for a proper parking strategy for Frimley, as otherwise the closure will mean increased parking in local roads, and further clogging of the Waitrose car park. They have pointed out that it is reasonable to restrict parking at the parade to short-term parking, to meet Monument's public complaint. They have also pointed out that the car park at Frimley Station is always empty, and that arrangements with SW Trains should be made to provide long term parking there. This solution would be good business in Frimley, as well as for local residents.

Surrey Heath Borough Council Backs Residents

Supporting a composite motion from both Lib Dem and Conservative Councillors, SHBC has backed local residents in their fight for relief from parking problems around the Hospital. The Council has instructed its Chief Executive to put pressure on both the County Council and the Hospital to react to the complaints of local residents

New Powers may help

In February, 2006, it is expected that Surrey Heath Council will acquire rights under an agency agreement to enforce parking restrictions. **Cllr Bob Smith** has been lobbying Surrey Heath to consider NOW how these powers can be used to ameliorate the parking issues around the Hospital.

Hospital meets Residents and Councillors

On Nov 7th, the Hospital's Chief Executive and Facilities Manager heard the views of local residents at a meeting attended by the local MP and other local councillors. **Cllr Bob Smith** emphasised at the meeting that it was staff parking that was primarily causing the problem.

County Council Response to Resident Petition

On Dec 8th, the County Council is to report back on a petition of 200 signatures presented by The Grove & Parkside residents. A report is expected at a public meeting of the SCC Local Committee to be held at Kings International School. Residents are invited to attend or to lobby the Heatherside & Parkside County Councillor David Iveson with their views. His contact details are as follows:

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