



# Newsline

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## Town Hall announces more cycle lanes...



The cycle lane on Harrison Drive has cost at least £181,000 but still isn't right. The Town Hall 'forgot' to include the tactile paving to warn blind and partially sighted people of the kerb.

### Ignoring the failure of the cycle lanes at Harrison Drive, the Town Hall has now published plans for lanes on Wallasey Road, Wallasey Village and Bayswater Road.

The Town Hall's new 'Combined Active Travel Network' will see segregated cycle lanes imposed on more roads in Wallasey.

The plans once again include lanes for Seaview Road, Hose Side Road, Warren Drive and Grove Road.

The Council's recent consultation on the Woodside to Liscard route revealed 74% of people in Wallasey Ward are opposed.

In spite of this response, Labour and Green Party councillors voted to go to the next stage of development.

Announced in the middle of the summer holidays, this latest 'Wirral-wide' consultation includes exhibitions around the borough but none are being held in Wallasey Ward.

Equally, local councillors weren't briefed on the plans or the routes chosen.

The 'consultation' closes on 23 September but councillors have complained that the Town Hall has failed to tell people about it.

There is a link on our website [www.wallaseyconservatives.com](http://www.wallaseyconservatives.com) and a QR code on the back page of this newsletter.

We are urging residents who can take part in the Town Hall's consultation to make sure their views are known by the 23 September deadline.

### DID YOU KNOW?

#### 3,181 pensioners lose fuel bill help

Breaking their promise made before the election, the Government has announced that Winter Fuel Payments, worth £500 last year, will be scrapped for most pensioners.

Here in Wallasey Ward, 3,181 pensioners will lose the help that all parties previously pledged to maintain.

Those just above the threshold for Pension Credit are set to be hit the hardest.

So far, 440,000 people have signed the petition by charity Age UK urging the Government to rethink the plan.

At the same time, the Energy Price Cap goes up by £149 on 1st October for all consumers.



#### Grove Road Surgery 'top in Wirral'

Across Wirral, a recent patient survey showed that Grove Road Surgery received the highest number of patients who had an overall positive experience with their GP practice, with 96.7 percent. Well done to all staff at the surgery.



#### Post Office rejects latest bid to reopen

While a new business has opened in the premises, Post Office managers have rejected our latest bid to reopen a branch elsewhere in the Village. Ian and Lesley have written to the new Postal Affairs Minister, but it's not looking hopeful.

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### More work to prevent dangerous driving

Following video evidence of vans and lorries driving across the central reservation on Leasowe Road, and even reversing into oncoming traffic, the Council has installed an additional barrier in front of West Wallasey's site.



### Harrison Park tennis courts revamped

Harrison Park tennis courts are among 36 courts around Wirral which have been revamped following a Government grant worth £362,000. A mix of free and low-cost tennis is available on the courts.



### Still no progress on village 'eyesore' site

The long derelict site near the roundabout in Wallasey Village remains an eyesore for residents and businesses. Planning permission was granted several years ago, but there is still no sign of any work starting.

## New threat to our local green spaces

Last month, the Government announced a massive increase in the housing targets for Wirral.

Instead of building 14,000 new houses over 20 years, mainly on 'brownfield' sites in Birkenhead, the new target is 35,000.

The only way that could be achieved is by building on the Green Belt and local green spaces.

Conservative Councillors called an emergency council meeting, to reject the ludicrous new target.

While our proposal won a majority of votes, it wasn't unanimous.

Sadly, Labour Councillors voted against and spoke of their support for the Government's plans.

We now wait for the response from the Deputy Prime Minister and Housing Secretary, Angela Rayner.

We only have to look at the former 'wildlife haven' near Greenleas School to see what is lost.



The former green space behind Greenleas Road and Leasowe Road has been lost forever.

## MAKE SURE YOU TELL THE TOWN HALL!

### More cycle lanes for Wallasey? DEADLINE FOR VIEWS: 23 SEPTEMBER

Not content with the failed cycle lanes elsewhere, the Town Hall is now proposing to impose segregated cycle lanes on Wallasey Road, along the length of Wallasey Village and Bayswater Road.

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