

# Thurlow Park News

15 years on the Job –  
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## Have you got the Hump about Traf-

**Your Councillors Clare, Irene and John want to know if you've got the hump about traffic? There are between 60,000 and 100,000 road humps in Britain, with around 30,000 in London alone. The London Ambulance Service says there are problems with noise, vibration and deaths.**

Some Councils are offering residents a local referendum on whether or not they want to keep humps schemes and evidence suggests that some roads are safer without humps.

Already one influential residents group in Thurlow Park has surveyed its residents and found a majority in favour of removing the humps and implementing other traffic calming methods.

In Barnet, road deaths in 2005 were 25 per cent down on 2004. Livingstone's Transport for London tried to block the Council there from removing humps but gave up in the end. One hundred per cent of the local consultations so far have favoured removing humps.



*Irene, John and Clare – working for you in Thurlow Park*

Clare says: "We want to know what you think? Are you in favour of the road humps in your road or not? Certainly, at one time many people were in favour. Let us know by e-mailing or writing to the addresses given above."

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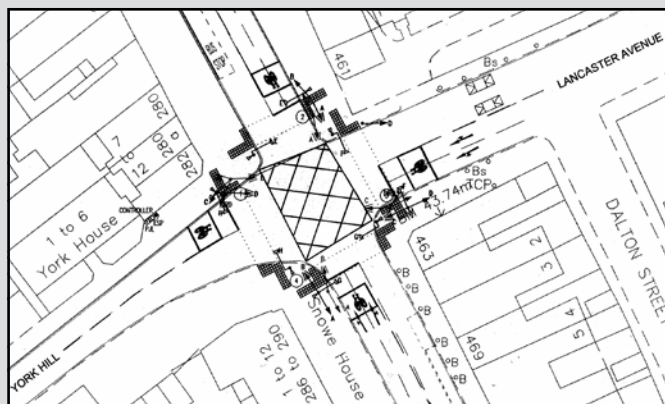
## Green Light for Junction Safety Upgrade

**The local campaign for better pedestrian safety at the junction of Norwood Road and Lancaster Avenue/ York Hill has got the green light from Lambeth transport officers.**

Following support from the Area Committee, a new scheme has been drafted (see diagram) for approval by Livingstone's Transport for London. It will NOT involve widening Norwood Road or removing trees.

Irene says: "Lambeth officers are working hard to find a scheme that will improve pedestrian safety without slowing buses, but we do need the backing of more local people."

Livingstone says the accident figures do not justify major spending. However, the Mayor can be influenced by local opinion about the risks of turning vehicles. Clare adds: "Livingstone used to live round here so he must know



*Diagram shows the proposed layout*

the dangers."

**Letters or e-mails, plus any requests to see the plans, can be sent to the addresses given above.**

## We're around all year round not just at election time!

# Working with you to make our area better...

## New Norwood Secondary School to open on temporary site

Year Five children currently attending local primary schools will have a good chance of getting places at the New Norwood Secondary School from September 2007.

The school is now set to open on a temporary site at the former Norwood Park Primary School in Gipsy Road. The head teacher will be appointed in February.

Lambeth Town Planners will start consideration of the proposed design for the permanent school in five to six weeks. The school, which is likely to be built at Elmcourt Road, will admit 180 pupils

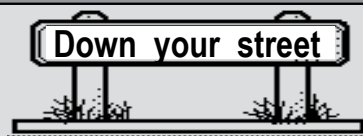
## Lambeth Council Tax Aims for Zero Increase

**Lambeth Council, which is run by a Conservative/Liberal Democrat joint administration, is heading for a zero increase Council Tax rise this year.**

The tax setting meeting is at the end of February, but already the signs are good that residents will have something to cheer about.

John says: "We are looking for a tax freeze if at all possible or, at worst, a less-than-inflation increase. What we can't control is Mayor Livingstone. Anything Livingstone sets as a precept will have to be passed on. What will be abundantly clear is where the increase is coming from."

Council Tax is paid in 10 monthly instalments with a gap in February and March when no collections are made. If you want details of the full budget write or e-mail to the addresses



**Recycling at Vale Street:** There are exciting changes for the Vale Street Recycling Depot in 2006, thanks to hard work by Clare as Executive Member for the Environment. Plans are under way to move the amenity site away from the road, with a slip road as access. This will stop long queues forming down the street. Clare says: "Recycling is very popular with local people. Even better news is that there will be a multi-purpose games area for local kids to play on in safety."

**Peabody Woods:** The charity Trees for Cities planted 100 new trees in the Peabody Woods just before Christmas in a project sponsored by Lambeth's waste contractors Cleanaway and the Peabody Trust. Clare, Irene, and John joined the volunteers helping to clear rubbish from the site. Local kids were treated to a visit by Father Christmas. The project now has Lottery funding and will be ongoing.

**Orange Bag It Not Bin It:** Recycling waste to avoid wrecking the planet has really taken off in Lambeth thanks to the joint administration. "With the orange bags and green waste collections, some 24 per cent of our total domestic waste is being recycled," says Clare. "The initiative has been extended to our housing estates and is proving very popular with residents who all want to do their bit for the environment."

**The Cameron Effect:** The election of David Cameron as Conservative Party leader resulted in 16,000 people joining the Party nationally in December. Clare says: "People are responding to David Cameron's new message of change, optimism, and hope. Lambeth is no exception. However, our main aim round here is to help all residents, regardless of who they vote for."

**HELP US TO HELP YOU!** Is there a local issue you would like John, Clare and Irene to work on in your neighbourhood?

Details:

Name:

Address:

Tel:

E-mail:

Please tick this box if you are interested in helping your local Councillors in any way.

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