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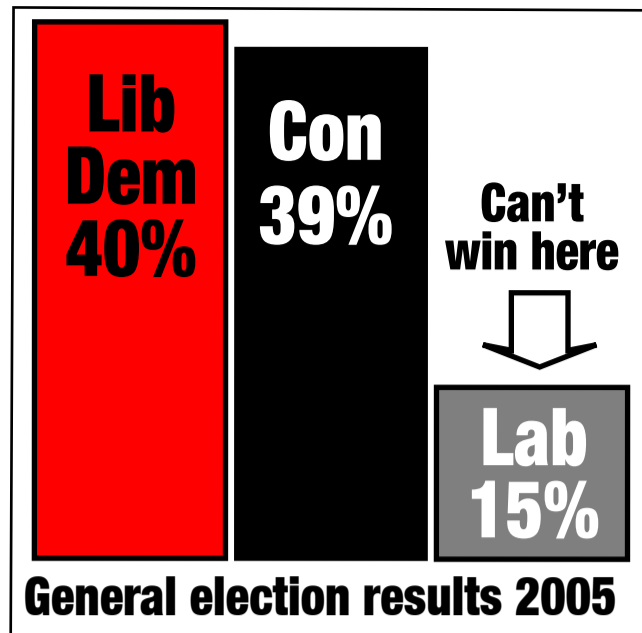
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## On Silhill Ward

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# Buryfield Road/ Touchwood Hall Close

For several months, Councillor Leela Widger has been campaigning for traffic measures to be introduced to remove the potential for dangerous parking in Buryfield Road (Warwick Road end) and Touchwood Hall Close. Councillor Widger has also been working with Councillors Hogarth and Pittaway to combine efforts to get these matters resolved.



Pressure has paid off. At a recent Council meeting, at which Leela spoke, the Cabinet agreed to implement proposals to address the ongoing traffic hazards.

## Protecting Solihull trees

Councillor Widger has been working with Solihull Tree Wardens to press the Conservative-controlled Council to address the major backlog in protecting several trees in Solihull.

Several precious trees have already been sacrificed by developers due to a backlog in issuing tree preservation orders

The Liberal Democrat Councillors have pressed Solihull Planning Department to take action. The Council has now agreed to assign an officer to address the backlog.

## Hermitage Road/ Seven Star Road

In our last Focus edition, we reported that Councillor Leela Widger spoke in support of introducing parking restrictions to improve the safety conditions in these residential areas, which are currently



cluttered by vehicles belonging to all day commuters.

We welcomed the Cabinet Member's decision of approval and look forward to their implementation shortly.

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# Broad Oaks Road

The recorded figures for the worst speeding statistics show that Broad Oaks figures top of the list in the Silhill locality. Following pressure from Councillor Widger, police presence has been increased and further measures are being investigated to address speeding traffic.

Councillor Widger is pursuing the matter with council officers. Your Silhill Lib Dem team would welcome any feedback from residents with their suggestions.

# Seven Star Road/Manor Road planning application

At a recent planning meeting, Councillor Leela Widger supported residents and spoke successfully against a developer's proposal to build a large block of flats in the area.

We are pleased to report that the proposed development was rejected unanimously by a Solihull planning committee.

## Lib Dems new tax policy

Under Lib Dem Leader, Nick Clegg, the Lib Dems have relaunched their policy on taxation to support middle income earners as well as the less well off.

Nick Clegg said, "We will get wasteful government spending under control and give the economy a boost by cutting taxes. If there is money to spare, we won't simply spend it. We are looking for ways to cut the overall tax burden."



## Silhill ward news in brief

Ashleigh Road - Speeding continues to be a problem, with two more accidents occurring by the junction on recent occasions.

A meeting was held with residents, Councillors and the Police. The Police suggested the possibility of equipping residents with speed guns which would allow residents to record speeds and feed the data back to the police. The suggestion is currently being investigated.

Damson Lane/Parkway - Several commercial vehicles continue to use residential roads as a means to transfer goods from their base.

Councillor Widger has requested that the Council investigate. The Council has written to the companies involved and is conducting surveys to record the vehicle type and number so that appropriate action can be determined on the basis of the results.

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