



DERBY ROAD DEATH TRAP

Residents demand action to improve safety

Tranmere people have united to demand road safety measures along Derby Road. Frustrated by a series of collisions and pedestrian injuries, residents approached Cllr Pat Cleary. Pat arranged a petition to the council. Within a week 100 residents had signed and are now awaiting the council's response.

The need for action is clear. Derby Road is a main route which has become very busy as services at St Catherines Hospital have expanded. Buses struggle to get past parked vehicles. Apart from outside the hospital, there are no pedestrian crossing facilities at all.

This simply isn't good enough. The council needs to look carefully at ways to calm traffic and help pedestrians to cross the road. We need the police to improve education and enforcement. Otherwise, it is simply a matter of time before there is a tragedy.



Cllr Pat Cleary with some of the 100 residents who signed the petition calling for pedestrian crossing facilities on Derby Road.

HAMILTON MEDICAL CENTRE TO MOVE?

Shift to Charing Cross could leave patients isolated

A well-used medical centre is planning to move. The Hamilton Medical Centre on **Market Street** is looking to re-locate to new premises almost one mile away by Charing Cross. This could leave residents who live in and around Hamilton Square facing a much longer journey to access medical services. There is no other GP service in the immediate area. The elderly and disabled could be especially hard hit.

A key reason for the move seems to be to compete for more services. This is because there are more people with acute support needs in the Charing Cross area. However, there is an existing practice at the Whetstone Medical Centre. This works well with the YMCA and others to meet local needs.

Cllr Pat Cleary says; *"I am very concerned by these proposals. Sadly they are a clear indication of the increased competition the Tory government wants to see in the NHS. If the Centre moves we could also lose the nearby pharmacy and other health related services."*

More and more people are living in and around Hamilton Square. We need to protect and improve medical services for them, not take them away. Pat will be looking carefully at any formal proposals to move the Centre and representing residents' views throughout the process.



Pat Cleary has been talking to residents about the Hamilton Medical Centre's proposed move.

If you are potentially affected by this issue, Pat Cleary would love to hear from you.

Contact details overleaf.

A DRIVE-THRU MCDONALDS FOR CENTRAL BIRKENHEAD?

Residents raise health and traffic concerns



Cllr Pat Cleary is using his planning committee experience to examine McDonald's application for a new outlet here on Milton Pavement.

Wirral Council has received a planning application for a drive-thru fast food takeaway on Milton Pavement, next to Birkenhead Market. Some of the existing retail units would be demolished. The plans also include a 58-space car park mainly reserved for take away customers. There are already two McDonalds near the site and other fast food units nearby.

Cllr Pat Cleary has been out listening to views about these plans. People have raised concerns about traffic danger and increased congestion in an already busy area. Many have also raised health concerns and are worried about encouraging unhealthy life styles.

Pat is using his experience on the planning committee to examine these plans carefully. He has made detailed comments on the plans. A report from officers on the application is expected soon. If you have a view, please get in touch with Pat.

ANOTHER VICTORY FOR CLIFTON PARK

A planning application to convert a property on **The Woodlands** into four flats has been rejected for a second time. During the planning committee debate, Cllr Pat Cleary argued the conversion would be an over development and out of keeping within the Clifton Park conservation area.

Although several Labour councillors voted in favour, a majority of the committee agreed with Pat and the plans were refused.

For a second time, this sends a signal to developers that they cannot have it all their own way. We need development that respects our existing heritage and provides decent homes for people to live in. Cramping in the maximum number of flats is simply not acceptable.

COMMUNITY CAMPAIGN TO RETAKE THE LAURIES MOVES UP A GEAR

Labour-run council breaks its own rules again and again

The campaign to secure community involvement in the running of the Lauries Centre in central Birkenhead continues. Earlier this year a formal complaint was launched alleging the failure of council officers and Labour councillors to obey the rules governing the Lauries and safeguard the public funds invested in it.

Our stage 1 complaint moved to stage 2 when the council failed to meet the deadline to respond. Stage 2 has now moved to stage 3 as the council again failed to respond on time.

Clearly the council is stalling. It just wants this scandal to go away. However, there is clear evidence of an abuse of power. Those responsible must and will be held to account.

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Cllr Pat Cleary outside the Lauries Centre. The Chamber of Commerce has effectively hijacked the Lauries. Residents are denied any say in how it is run.

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