



Wallasey Ward

# Community Newsline 6

News from local councillors **Ian Lewis** and **Lesley Rennie**, and campaigner **Steve Hoey**

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## Wallasey cycle lane plan published

The 'first' phase, from Birkenhead to Liscard is now out for 'consultation'. Here's what we know so far...

The Council's revised plan to install cycle lanes from Birkenhead, across the bridges, and then up through Seacombe and into Liscard, has been published.

The estimated cost of the scheme has rocketed from an initial £14m for the Birkenhead to New Brighton route to £10m for the route to Liscard alone.

Ludicrously, the proposed route still goes through the middle of the pedestrianised area of Liscard Way.

Ian and Lesley have emailed everyone who registered for updates on this issue. We've also added details of how to take part in the 'consultation' to our website [www.wallaseyconservatives.com](http://www.wallaseyconservatives.com)

We hope the councillors in Seacombe and Liscard are also making residents and businesses aware of the proposals.

You can also email [birkenheadtoliscard@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:birkenheadtoliscard@wirral.gov.uk) or call the council's call centre on 0151 606 2000 (9am to 5pm Monday to Friday) to speak to a member of staff for details.



The original proposal for segregated cycle lanes along Seaview Road, Hose Side Road, Grove Road and Warren Drive caused concern to many residents and businesses.

### News in brief: local issues, local action



#### Public toilets at Harrison Drive re-open

While public toilets elsewhere in the Borough have been closed, we managed to secure works to refurbish the toilets at Harrison Drive and redecorate the exterior, although the work took longer than envisaged.



#### Bayswater Road crossing decision due

Following the electronic traffic count earlier this year, we wait to hear whether it meets the threshold for a pedestrian crossing. While at the 'Lid' junction on Leasowe Road, we are pushing for details of the proposed £100k safety scheme to be published.



#### Wallasey Village Library now a charity

The charity set up to take over and reopen the library has now been registered. Trustees include representatives from St George's Primary School, Wallasey Village Library Friends, residents and Councillor Ian Lewis.



#### Next steps to improve our bowling greens

Thank you to those who attended the meeting we organised between the bowling clubs from Harrison Park and Marine Park, and council managers. A commitment was given to improve the condition of the greens.

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# Calls to review 20mph zones rejected by Town Hall

The roll out of 20 mph speed limits in almost all residential roads in Wirral will continue, after calls to review Phase 1 first, were voted down.

At the Council meeting on 9 October, Labour, Green and Liberal Democrat councillors voted against a proposal to pause the roll out while the results from Phase 1 of the scheme were analysed.

The call, by the Borough's Conservative Councillors, would have also enabled full consultation with residents and road users, while continuing with improved road safety measures around schools. Wirral Council has said the scheme so

far is costing £350,000 but with no additional resources to enforce it.

Councillors of all parties have supported road safety measures at many of the worst crash hot spots and near schools.

Over the last 10 years, this has contributed to a reduction in the number of people in Wirral seriously injured or killed from 161 in 2013 to 137 last year.

However, there is no evidence, yet, that

the blanket 20mph zones will reduce that figure any further.

Meanwhile, the Town Hall is so far refusing to budge on returning the speed warning devices we had installed on Claremount Road (outside St George's Primary School) and Belvidere Road.



## Bid for a new banking 'hub' in Wallasey Village

The days of the old Martins Bank may be long gone, such as this one in Wallasey Village, but a bid has now been submitted by Ian and Lesley to bring a new 'banking hub' to the area, offering face-to-face banking services.



## Consultation closes on new 'parking strategy'

Thank you to everyone who responded to our email bulletin in September, highlighting a new parking 'strategy' that could see new on-street parking charges, while the Seaview Road car park will be sold for housing.



## Better bus services for Wirral on the way?

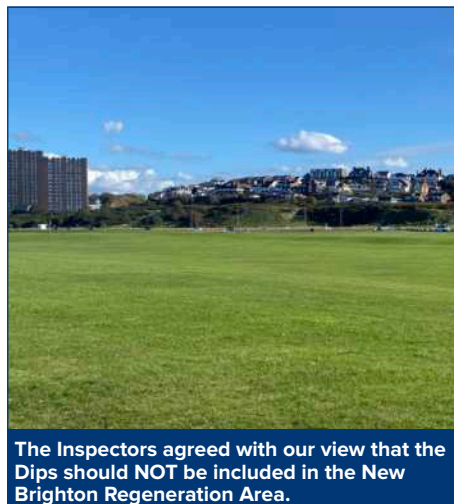
Six years after being given the power to improve bus services, it looks like the Liverpool City Region and Metro Mayor are finally going to use them. The powers enable essential, but unprofitable routes, to be retained.

# Hearing underway on plan to protect our local green spaces

The latest stage of the review of the Council's draft Local Plan is underway. Independent Inspectors are questioning council managers and developers at meetings held in public at Birkenhead Town Hall.

Ian and Lesley attended the session that looked at land designation in Wallasey.

We have secured nine sites for extra protection: Ellera Park, Flynn's Plece, Harrison Park, The Dips, The Oval, Belvidere Fields, The Breck, Cross Lane fields and Wallace Playing Fields.



The Inspectors agreed with our view that the Dips should NOT be included in the New Brighton Regeneration Area.

# Welcome to our new members

Thank you to those supporters in Wallasey who have joined us since the last edition of our newsletter.

We now have three rates of membership:

- £10 a year if aged 26 or under
- £25 a year if a current or former member of the Armed Forces
- £3.50 a month by direct debit, or £39 a year by cheque, for standard membership.

Every new member makes us that bit stronger and all of the membership fee is used locally.

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