

Goldsmid Labour Action Team

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Dear Resident,

We have been knocking doors and meeting people in your area recently. We are writing to update you on some of the issues that have come up, to explain the action we are taking. We hope also that you let us know your views.

School Admissions Catchment Proposal for Hove

Only yesterday, proposals were announced for pupils applying to start secondary school in September 2008. The plan is that Blatchington Mill and Hove Park would share a joint catchment area covering the whole of Hove. The system should mean more people getting one of their preferred schools. We know the admissions system is a major concern in this community because families face uncertainty about getting a place at a local school every year. If agreed by the Council, a further period of consultation will take place in the new year. We think the proposals are encouraging. They mean children will not be bussed out of Hove to schools which are miles away. Details have been posted on our website, please email or call us as we can send you more information.

Addison Road / Highdown Road 'Save our Trees'

Following a public meeting at the Grace Eyre Foundation on the threat by Network Rail to remove trees from a rail embankment, a delegation of residents has lobbied full Council. In response, the Chair of Environment Committee, Cllr Gill Mitchell, said she supported the community's demand for an independent risk assessment of the trees, including any potentially-diseased elms, in the rail cutting between Addison and Highdown. Brighton & Hove City Council is facilitating a meeting between residents and Network Rail in November. **We will continue to support the residents' campaign to save the trees in the cutting and to challenge Network Rail's action.**

Traffic Calming and Road Safety

Concern about traffic speed has been expressed by residents we have spoken to in Montefiore Road, Addison Road, Highdown Road and Cissbury Road. We believe that the whole Highdown area should be subject to traffic calming measures. This area was previously identified as a high priority for traffic calming and yet little has been done to improve road safety. As a result we are campaigning for safety improvements in the area as a whole and hope you will support this by returning the slip attached to the bottom of this letter. We are organising a walk of the area (at a peak time) with City Council transport officers and local residents during November.

Postal Service – Hove Sorting Office Hours Campaign



Are you frustrated by Hove Sorting Office's short opening hours? The existing hours of 7.30am to 1.30pm during the week and 7.30am to 12pm on Saturdays are out of keeping with modern life. If you work conventional office hours it is impossible to collect parcels unless you get to Denmark Villas before going to work, or find the time to join the queues on a Saturday morning. Hove Labour Party is campaigning for evening opening times and longer weekend hours. Please support us using the return slip attached, or sign our **online petition** at our website.

If you have access to the internet you can find out more about these and other issues on our website: www.goldsmid.com.

We look forward to receiving your feedback, please use the tear-off slip below. If you have any concerns in your neighbourhood please do not hesitate to contact us by telephone or email using the details at the top of this letter. If you would prefer to write (for free) please use the following address: **Goldsmid Local Action Team, FREEPOST SEA13761, Hove BN3 8ET.**

Yours faithfully,

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PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK

Return to Goldsmid Labour Action Team, FREEPOST SEA13761, Hove BN3 8ET.

Do you support traffic calming in the Highdown area between Old Shoreham Road and Davigdor Road?

Yes No (answer to form part of a petition to Council)

Do you support an extension of hours for collecting parcels at the Royal Mail Sorting Office in Hove? Or sign online at: <http://www.ipetitions.com/petition/HoveSortingOffice/>

Yes No (answer to form part of a petition to Council/Post Office)

Which political party do you most closely associate with?

Lab Con Green Lib Dem

Please contact me about: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____@_____