



News and updates from Local Campaigner Phil Brookes-Lennon and the Lib Dem Team

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WORKING HARD TO FIX THE ISSUES IN SANDFIELD PARK STREET BY STREET

PHIL GETS CHANGES TO DANGEROUS JUNCTION

Lib Dems secure filter lights at 'chaotic' Town Row junction



Phil Brookes-Lennon and West Derby activists

Lib Dem campaigner Phil Brookes-Lennon has won a big victory with Liverpool Council's Highways Department, securing new filter lights at the dangerous Town Row and Melwood Drive junction.

Phil took up the case after being approached by a really well-informed local resident, who had raised concerns for some time about near-misses at the junction, with drivers, cyclists and pedestrians all competing for space.

After Phil kept on the case, the Council's Highways Department has now agreed to install filter lights at the junction, making it safer for everyone who uses it.

Phil Brookes-Lennon said:

"This junction has been an accident waiting to happen for years. I was contacted by a

local resident who knew exactly what needed to change, and together we took the case straight to the Council. I'm delighted they've listened and agreed to install filter lights here."

Liverpool Lib Dem Leader Cllr Carl Cashman added:

"Phil isn't even your Councillor yet and he is getting more done than current lazy Labour Councillors."

This is a real win for road safety in West Derby."

Phil Brookes-Lennon is now calling on the Council to build on this success and fund a lollipop patrol for St Paul's School.

"I'll keep pushing the Council for a lollipop patrol to help keep our kids safe too." said Phil.

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Private homes planned on park land promised to the people of West Derby

Liverpool Council and Alder Hey have serious questions to answer after prioritising private developers over the local community at Springfield Park, campaigners say, after a planning application for 98 new homes on the site was approved.

The original scheme, brought forward by developer Step Places was narrowly approved by Labour run Liverpool City Council's planning committee despite almost 500 objections and a petition signed by more than 1,300 local residents.

A further application (ref. 26F/2276) was lodged with the Council in August 2026 for the next phase of the site, comprising up to 59 more apartments.

Alder Hey and the Council repeatedly promised that land freed up by the hospital's move would be handed back to the community as green space, promises campaigners say have been broken time and again.

Phil Brookes-Lennon said: "Local people were promised a park, not a housing estate. Liverpool Council and Alder Hey need to explain why, time and again, private developers have come first and residents have come last."



Springfield Park Timeline

2012 The land swap promise

Alder Hey signed a deal to hand back 9.4 hectares of parkland to public ownership once the new hospital was built.

2015 The new-parkland promise

Alder Hey and the Council demolish old buildings and promise to give land to the community.

2022 The last park promise

Alder Hey promised residents their park would be fully restored. Instead, 98 private homes voted through on part of that same site.

NEW WEST DERBY

INFORMATION WEBSITE

Phil and David Brookes-Lennon have launched West Derby Liverpool, a new website bringing together useful local information, community updates and the issues that matter to residents.

The site will be updated regularly with the latest roadworks and road-closure information, bus diversions, local campaigns and stories from across Leyfield, Sandfield Park and wider West Derby.

You can also find useful local links, read about what is happening in the area and get in touch with Phil and David about an issue affecting your street or neighbourhood.



www.westderbyliverpool.co.uk

Safer Street Lighting on Eaton Road

Following Phil's work with residents around Eaton Road and the Council's Highways team, improved street lighting has now been installed on Eaton Road, helping to make the area brighter and safer.

If there is an issue in your area that Phil can help with, please get in touch.

PHIL BROOKES-LENNON CALLS OUT COUNCIL'S ROADS CHAOS



Lib Dem campaigner Phil Brookes-Lennon has called out the the Council's decision to start roadworks all at the same time throughout the City.

One local resident said: 'Why have the Council not thought this through. They've done all of the cities roadworks in one and caused chaos throughout the City.'

It's not just the roadworks that are a problem though. Residents have also commented on the poor state of resurfaced roads, particularly on Queens Drive.

One local resident said that their taxi driver picked them up from Manchester airport and when he got to Liverpool commented on the poor road job!

PHIL TAKES MATTERS INTO HIS OWN HANDS WITH TREE CUT BACK

After a 90 year old resident had been left waiting for action over dangerously overgrown trees on Tollerton Road, Phil Brookes Lennon stepped in to help.

After repeatedly chasing the issue without success, Phil went round himself and helped cut the trees back.

Phil lives here in West Derby, with his mum and dad who live just around the corner. He said: "This is our community and residents shouldn't be left struggling with problems like this. I'll always do what I can to help."

Got an issue on your street? Get in touch with Phil.

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PHIL FIGHTS FOR VILLAGE LIGHTS AND LUNCHES!

Phil Brookes-Lennon is leading the charge to get Christmas lights back up in West Derby Village.

The Lib Dems have been working directly with local businesses who've already said they're willing to chip in for the benefit of West Derby residents.

Phil Brookes-Lennon said:

I am doing the legwork because I live here and I know how much nicer the Village would be at Christmas with some more lights. The fact that the business are willing to put their hand in their pocket proves what a great area we live in.'

Phil and the Lib Dems are also supporting Lowlands Community Centre to provide a warm space and lunches for older people in West Derby.

Built in 1957 and run almost entirely by volunteers, Lowlands has the heritage and the space to do more for the area. The owners say that the problem is many people aren't aware that it is there.

If you're a pensioner in West Derby, or you know one who'd welcome a regular lunch out with company, please register your interest by getting in touch.

Contact Phil for more information about the Christmas lights and Lowlands Lunch.



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