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LISTENING TO CLIFTON

Clifton Liberal Democrats have launched a survey on local issues. **"We care what Clifton residents think,"** says local Lib Dem Nicholas Coombes. "When we listen to local people, we can campaign on the issues that matter."

Earlier this year, your Lib Dem team spoke with hundreds of local people on the doorstep. As meeting in person can be risky, Nicholas Coombes wants to carry on the conversation in a safe way.

You can complete the quick survey online:

www.bristollibdems.org/clifton



NICHOLAS COOMBES
WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!

WORKING HARD FOR CLIFTON

Waterloo Street – Local residents are reporting an increase in cars driving the wrong way down Waterloo Street. With no room for manoeuvre, this is clearly dangerous for drivers and pedestrians. Currently the no entry sign is damaged and facing the wrong way. Nicholas Coombes has reported this to the council, and requested No Entry be painted on the road.

Clifton Down – Nicholas Coombes and Max Langer have reported the potholes on Clifton Down to the council several times. In partial success, the worst have now been filled in, although the road surface continues to deteriorate.

Observatory Road – The street nameplate for Observatory Road at Suspension Bridge Road has been knocked. Nicholas Coombes found the sign leaning and unstable; he has reported it to the council for repair.



Waterloo Street



LIB DEMS DEMAND: Safe Cycle Parking



"It's been great to see so many people taking up cycling recently," says Stephen Williams the Liberal Democrat candidate for Regional Mayor of the West of England.

Stephen wants cycling to be an enjoyable way of travelling and he also has a plan for keeping your bike parked securely. He wants sections of multi-storey car parks to be set aside for bike parking.

"I want to re-purpose car parks so their benefits of a dry and safe place can be shared with cyclists. Cycle parking at Clifton Down would be particularly useful as cyclists could continue their journeys by train or bus."



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COUNCIL SELLS BRISTOL ENERGY WITH AT LEAST £20MILLION LOSS

Bristol's Labour Mayor has finally sold the council's loss-making energy company, after years of funding it with taxpayers' money.

Our Bristol Mayoral candidate Mary Page says, "Bristol Energy was sold for £15.3 million – less than half of the money invested. Labour continues to block Lib Dem's call for an enquiry, and is keeping details of the deal secret, but it is clear that over £20million has been lost – and that is expected to rise when more details are revealed."

Opposition councillors have written to the auditors to demand an independent inquiry.

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LABOUR REBUFF PARKING PERMIT SOLUTIONS

Last month Clifton News reported that the council no longer issues reminders to residents whose parking permit has expired.

Given the potential for residents to be caught out by this, especially with the advent of online only permits, Nicholas Coombes raised the issue formally with the Labour councillor in charge of transport.

Nicholas suggested that the new service provider could issue reminders, the council could continue to send the reminder, or early fines are waived.

The Labour cabinet member unhelpfully responded that "responsibility for having a valid permit has always rested with the permit holder" and did not offer any assistance with reminders.

Traffic wardens do allow a grace period after permit expiry, but if the permit holder is not aware of this, it is unlikely to stop a later fine.

Residents across Clifton have written to Nicholas Coombes to express their frustrations with the service; he will continue to press the Labour council for improvements.

DOWN'S PLAYGROUND MOVES FORWARD



Plans for a children's playground on the Downs have moved a step closer, with support in principle from the Downs Committee.

Local residents, including Merche Clark, have campaigned for a playground in the area, noting a gap in provision.

Our Bristol Mayoral candidate Mary Page says, "Clifton Village and Cliftonwood both enjoy children's playgrounds. A site on the Downs would serve children from the north of Clifton and Redland, Westbury Park, SeaWalls and Sneyd Park as well as visitors to the Downs."

The Downs Committee, chaired by Liberal Democrat Lord Mayor Jos Clark, agreed to work with local campaigners to support their proposal.

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