

FULWELL & HAMPTON HILL NEWS

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Green Party



**YOUR COUNCILLOR
CAROLINE WREN**

ST CLARES BUSINESS PARK TO GO AHEAD

On 11th October, a decision was taken at the Council's Planning Committee which will see this controversial development go ahead after many years of resident resistance. It will include 98 homes (ranging from 1-5 beds) and refurbished business premises.

Clearly a brownfield site like this one is ripe for development and the new St Clares may well provide much-needed affordable homes, more customers for High Street businesses, and a high standard of eco conscious development (for example, using air source heat pumps instead of gas heating, and improving the biodiversity of the site).

However, it will cause neighbouring homes to be overlooked by many new properties, and this decision is bad news for many residents.

Caroline was one of the speakers who tried to have the application refused again.

Caroline said: *"I have always felt the proposed development was overbearing and too densely packed, and my thoughts go out to those who will be affected. I hope they can take some comfort in the knowledge that it has been worthwhile putting up a strong resistance: this latest planning application for the site has been improved compared to earlier versions. The development will be less high, less dense and more environmentally friendly as a result of residents, Councillors and local associations who have put up a fight. We should be proud of the way that we've stood up for ourselves as a community."*

Proposed view of the Commercial building and Windmill Road Entrance



May 2022

April 2023

Proposed view from within St Clare residential zone



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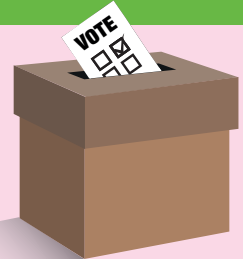
COUNCIL STANDS UP TO THAMES WATER

Your Council has made a strong statement that they intend to resist the proposals from Thames Water to 'abstract' clean water out of the River at Teddington and replace it with treated sewage. Caroline joined other Councillors in voting to say that Thames Water should be looking for alternative ways of delivering our water needs. For example, by fixing more of their leaking pipes which lose around 24% of the clean water they supply.

Caroline says *"As a private company, Thames Water has shown itself to be incapable of managing our water and sewerage safely, sustainably and efficiently. Their top priority is shareholder dividends. They've been fined more than any other UK water company for dumping sewage illegally, so how can we trust that this plan will keep our river safe for humans or wildlife?"*



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CAROLINE WREN: WORKING TO GET THINGS DONE IN FULWELL & HAMPTON HILL

FOODBANK ST MICHAELS CHURCH WILCOX RD

St Michael's Church, in collaboration with The Trussell Trust, now runs a Food Bank on Wednesday afternoons 2pm-4pm. Donations, with the exception of fresh food, are very welcome and can be left in the box just inside the Church door on a Sunday morning. The full address is St Michaels Church, Wilcox Rd TW11 0SP and is near to Fulwell station and several bus routes.

COMMUNITY SPACES

Richmond Council has been working with partners from the voluntary and community sectors to introduce a network of community spaces for residents in need, whether for company, a hot drink, possibly a hot meal or advice. In some cases, there may be a small charge. You can find details on Richmond Council's website

https://richmond.gov.uk/services/cost_of_living_hub/community-spaces

SCHOOLS TO BE OFFERED CHEAPER ENERGY BILLS

One of Caroline's priorities has been to see what help we can offer our schools as they struggle to cope with the rising cost of bills. She has raised this issue several times since being elected. Through her role on the Finance Committee she has been able to support Council Officers who have found a way that our Borough's state schools can join in with the Council's own energy contracts – allowing them to benefit from fixed, lower prices.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

- **PARK ROAD TRAFFIC JAMS:** Caroline worked with Council officers who carried out changes to the traffic light timing, improving flow of vehicles through the busy crossroads between Park Road and Hampton Hill High St and shortening the wait at busy times.
- **POLICE LIAISON GROUP:** this quarterly meeting is a chance to meet your local police. Caroline has previously raised dangerous driving, an unsafe building site, fraudulent doorknocking. Come along on 7th Dec (7pm, Greenwood Community Centre) or ask Caroline to raise queries on your behalf.
- **SAFETY IN WINDMILL ROAD:** Something urgently needs to be done about pedestrian safety, yet the Council's proposed scheme was not good enough and residents rejected it. Caroline worked with Council officers & Living Streets campaigners to improve the scheme. New plans are in progress.

ABOUT CAROLINE WREN

Caroline has been your Councillor for 18 months. She is an active member of the community, responds to residents' needs and gets things done. On the Council she is the official opposition on the Finance Committee and keeps a sharp eye on the budget.

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