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**Reigate Central
& South Central
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LOCAL LIBERAL DEMOCRAT ACTIONS & SUCCESSES

Our thanks to all those that attended our meeting on the traffic and parking problems in the **Linkfield Street area**. All who were there agreed the meeting was a fruitful contribution towards traffic management. We also received many replies to our questionnaire. Armed with your responses Council officers are currently considering the next steps. We Liberal Democrats will continue to involve local residents in meaningful public participation.

Physical restrictions on the Railway Bridge on **Lower Bridge Road** is being implemented. Hopefully this will stop HGV traffic using this route.

The long awaited zebra crossing outside the Parish School in **Blackborough Road** is now designed and is due to be constructed shortly.

We are continuing to press for improved street lighting in **Oakdene Road, Evesham Road, and Eversfield Road**.

The new office development on the former

Bus Garage on **Lesbourne Road** included plans for an underground car park, which would have had a detrimental environmental impact on the residents of The Close. Councillors Jane Kulka and Liz Pinn worked with local residents and Council officers to get the plans changed. The new plans will be much better environmentally and will allow for greatly improved screening from the new office building.

One of the benefits of the development will be new traffic lights at the junction of **Lesbourne Road** and **Bell Street**, providing a safer crossing for local residents, and improving road traffic management.

Yet more office developments in Reigate, especially in **London Road**, are a real cause for concern. They bring more traffic at peak times and, because of new Government parking standards even more of our residential roads in Reigate are used as car parks. Liberal Democrat Councillors will be pressing the Council to formulate imaginative plans to ease

LIB DEMS DEMAND BETTER FUNDING FOR HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS - NOT TAX CUTS

The Labour Government should abandon its plans to cut a penny off income tax in April and release much needed funds for Health and Education.

Gordon Brown says he has plans to improve health and education in the future, but in fact he is putting tax cuts first even though further crises are hitting our hospitals.

East Surrey Hospital, our own local hospital, has had its own share of problems over the past few months. Much of these must be attributed to chronic under-funding.

Seven out of 10 parents would be prepared to see income tax increased to fund improvements in schools, according to latest opinion polling results.

A survey carried out for the Times Educational Supplement revealed that 83% of parents do not believe the Government is spending enough on Britain's schools.

Only two out of 10 said they thought education standards had improved since the general election, with 62% believing they had stayed the