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# News from Caroline Pidgeon AM

## Caroline at Pride



Caroline at London Pride.  
"London shows that equal  
rights matter for people  
living around the UK and the  
world," says Caroline.

## Fawcett Statue



Caroline attended the official  
unveiling of Millicent Fawcett's  
statue commemorating the  
fight for women's rights and  
especially the right to vote.

## Call to save Oxford St pedestrian plans

**Lib Dem London Assembly  
Member Caroline Pidgeon is  
leading calls to save plans to  
pedestrianise Oxford St, after  
Conservatives tried to block  
the scheme.**

Oxford Street is notorious for its  
pollution and high rate of traffic  
collisions. For years GLA Lib Dems  
have promoted plans to rework the  
street as a pedestrian zone to  
improve the shopping environment.  
Last year Mayor Sadiq Khan agreed  
to back the idea and developed a  
scheme that was put up for  
consultation. Now the plan seems  
doomed as Tory  
Westminster  
Council said it  
would block it.

But now London  
Assembly  
members are  
trying to get the  
plan back on  
track. Lib Dem  
Caroline  
Pidgeon AM has  
backed an  
Assembly

motion calling on Mayor Sadiq Khan  
to look at powers in the Greater  
London Authority Act 1999 that  
could revive the plan.

"Pedestrianisation has been shown to  
help shops by creating a pleasant  
public space where people will come  
to shop and socialise," said **Lib Dem  
Caroline Pidgeon AM**. "We also  
cannot overlook the reality that with  
Crossrail the crowded pavements of  
Oxford Street will become even more  
unpleasant. It is time to get real and  
grasp the huge opportunities that  
pedestrianisation can bring."

• What a pedestrianised  
Oxford St could be like



# Youth knife crime initiative

Caroline Pidgeon, LibDem London Assembly Member, has called on the Mayor to fund new youth workers in A&E as part of new initiatives to reverse recent rises in knife crime.

*"The steep rise in knife crime over the last few years must be reversed," she said. "For every young person that is murdered another 20 are admitted to hospital with knife wounds. We need dedicated youth workers, focusing on intervention and support for every knife victim, placed in all A&E departments across London."*



• Caroline has plans to combat rising knife crime



## Speaking out against Brexit

Lib Dem Caroline Pidgeon continues to make the case against Brexit in London.

This September she joined Lord Adonis against former Boris aide Daniel Moylan at a major Brexit debate hosted by the London Society.

*"Brexit is a key risk for London," said Caroline. "I am keen to put the case for a rethink, and for the UK to stay with our EU partners."*

# Action on timetable chaos

**Government failed to heed warnings of rail timetable chaos, says Lib Dem Caroline Pidgeon AM.**



• Government shares blame for rail timetable chaos

*"Not enough people in government and the rail industry would speak up to admit the new timetables would not work," said Caroline, Chair of the London Assembly Transport Committee. "This is despite warnings before the changes."*

*"I am pleased to see the timetable change planned for next December has been halted. But serious questions are needed of the Industry Readiness Board and government as to why they let things go so wrong this Spring."*

# Still Fighting 3<sup>rd</sup> Runway

**Lib Dem Caroline Pidgeon AM has re-committed to fighting the expansion of Heathrow Airport, despite Conservative and Labour MPs giving it the go-ahead.**

Lib Dem Caroline Pidgeon AM has secured backing from the London Assembly for her motion critical of the expansion. She said:

*"The case for a third Heathrow runway is based on a number of false claims, such as the myth that there is no spare capacity at other airports in the South East of England, or that long distance*

*international flights can only be via Heathrow.*

*But one absolute certainty is that a third runway will create noise disturbance for a further 300,000 people and add to higher levels of air pollution in parts of London where air pollution already exceeds illegal levels.*

*We can ensure we retain international connections without following the foolish option of the incredibly expensive third Heathrow runway. A third Heathrow runway comes at a huge price that is simply not worth paying for."*



• Caroline continues to oppose a 3<sup>rd</sup> runway at Heathrow