



# LOWESTOFT COALITION AGAINST THE CUTS

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## ‘CONSULTATION’ VERDICT IGNORED: ‘GREEN LIGHT’ FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL CLOSURES

- The plan is to cut £4.3m per annum from the budget. “It is not about cuts,” said Andy Evans, “but about spreading best practice.” He said he had no idea how many patients Health East would be responsible for in ten years time.
- All parts of the NHS and social care are facing big debts and cuts. The lead consultant in the James Paget’s A&E,

Duncan Peacock, said: “The reality is we need more beds not fewer.”

- Lowestoft Coalition Against the Cuts was joined by trade unions, the Green Party, the Labour Party, the Socialist Workers Party and others. We will continue to oppose these plans and will oppose further cuts to the NHS and social services that are being planned.

A large demonstration took place before the HealthEast meeting on November 5 that effectively ignored the result of its own ‘public consultation’ and gave the green light for cuts in local NHS services and closures of hospitals in Southwold and Halesworth.

land in Halesworth available for another. It is not about privatisation, said CEO Andy Evans. “I believe passionately in the NHS”, said Dr John Stammers, Chair of Health East.



- Thousands attended consultation meetings: only 21% voted to close the hospitals. Dr Stammers dismissively said, “Only a tiny percentage of our quarter of a million patients voted to keep the hospitals open”. No patients voted for John Stammers as chair of Health East.

***We didn't vote for these cuts and this is our alternative\*...***

End tax dodging believed to cost £150 billion a year

Tax the rich

Stop the disastrous foreign wars, expenditure on weapons of mass destruction and invest in green jobs

Stop the bankers paying themselves obscene bonuses

Levy a Robin Hood tax on bank turnover

\*Resolution passed at LCAC launch rally - 2 March, 2011

### WHAT YOU CAN DO...

- Support LCAC by joining our leafleting every Saturday, 11-1pm, in the town centre precinct, outside the Britten Centre.
- Join our email list - keep up to date with activity in your area.
- Forward this leaflet and pass it onto friends and workmates.
- Want to know more? We can supply a speaker for your group or trade union branch.

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Here and overleaf are some images from the demonstration and a few of the main points from the meeting:

- The NHS turned estate agent and bought land for a private care home in Reydon; it made

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