

NEW WHIPPS CROSS HOSPITAL - UPDATE

■ The hospitals planning applications for the new hospital were approved by the Waltham Forest Council planning committee on 24 November 2021.

The planning applications are now with the Mayor of London for final approval early next year. We are working closely with the national New Hospital Programme team to finalise our Outline Business Case. The demolition works are virtually, and the iconic chimney demolition marks the way.

More information about the wider redevelopment plans can be found on our website bartshealth.nhs.uk/future-whipps.



ILFORD LABOUR RAM THROUGH DEVELOPMENTS DESPITE RESIDENT OBJECTIONS

■ The Labour Controlled Council continues to refuse to engage with residents over planning applications, and has done so since it changed the rules on residents and Cllrs calling in planning applications and put the decision solely in the hands of the Labour Chair of Planning with no account taken of resident's feelings and concerns. As shown in decisions at Regency Court ignoring residents



down these applications on grounds of poor design, technical grounds and impact on transport, highways. The council could use Article 4 regulatory powers to protect local amenity and wellbeing of an area. However, thanks to the Ilford Labour Councils incompetence in meeting its statutory performance measures on housing delivery, one of the worst in the country this option is not available."

Conservative Team Member **Shafi Choudhury** said "Despite dealing with this incompetence we will keep campaigning on behalf of residents to get their views heard."

However, your Conservative Cllrs continue to request that potentially damaging planning applications are brought to planning committee so that residents can hold them to account and will keep doing so.

Conservative Cllr **Suzanne Nolan** said "We will keep fighting for local democracy. Openness and transparency are crucial in planning so that residents are first to be considered in applications. They do not have to just accept what is given to them by Ilford Town Hall."

Conservative Team Member **Preeti Rana** said "There are grounds to turn

LACK OF COUNCIL SERVICE

■ It is now 4 years since the borough elections in 2018 and still one of the most common complaints to your local councillors is the lack of services and the impossibility of contacting anyone at all at the Council, either by phone face to face or emails.



Questions go unanswered, residents feel ignored. Whether it is recycling, grass and hedge cutting, street cleansing and lighting

South Woodfords cleanliness has deteriorated to such a level that some residents are taking matters into their own hands, picking up litter, broken bottles, and glass.

If they do get a response are told it will take ten working days to deal with, that it not acceptable when the matter is urgent especially when it concerns Social Services, anti-social behaviour.

Residents of South Woodford deserve a much better service. The Local Conservative action team Cllr

Suzanne Nolan, Shafi Choudhury and Preeti Rana will continue to pressurise and battle the Labour Council who cannot even get the basics right to provide services for our local area and its residents

We continue to meet with officers, and get many problems dealt with, but find that so much of the resources are focused on the south of the borough.

Cllr **Suzanne Nolan** said "it is a continual Uphill struggle to get work done. Residents of South Woodford deserve so much better and we will continue to fight for our residents and a better quality of life.

CROSSING HERMON HILL

When speaking to residents around Cranbourne Avenue and surrounding area raised with us the problems danger and difficulty faced when crossing Hermon Hill towards Falcon Way to access the subway by Parents when taking children in the area to and from Snaresbrook School and also by commuters when going to Snaresbrook Station.

Conservative Action Team member **Preeti Rana** said." It is an important issue to look at the difficulties in crossing at this point. Especially with all the concerns raised by residents about speeding traffic on Hermon Hill. We will press the Council to look at all options for improving safety when crossing at this point in Hermon Hill."

If you support this idea can you please fill in our online petition/survey at <http://www.cwgca.org.uk/hermanhillcrossing>

OUR THANKS TO MICHAEL DUFFELL

■ We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Cllr Michael Duffell for all his work in the ward, and who for personal reasons is stepping down as Councillor next May.



Particularly for his work on the Planning Committee and General Purposes Committee and continual pressure on the Council on behalf of residents.. We wish him well in the future. Michael can still be contacted on michael.duffell@redbridge.gov.uk

NEWS FROM YOUR LOCAL CONSERVATIVE ACTION TEAM
Shafi Choudhury, Cllr Suzanne Nolan, Preeti Rana



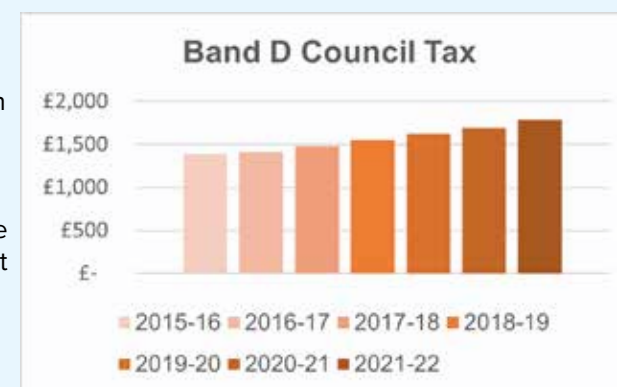
YOUR MONEY

■ Once again, the Redbridge Labour Council are proposing to increase the council tax. This year by 2.99% on top of the 4.99% increase they have imposed every year since 2014 leading to a massive increase of over 40% since 2014.

This on top of yet another increase proposed by the Labour Mayor of London which will increase the contribution by every band D household by £32. Despite these continual increases in Council Tax, have the services and investment in South Woodford improved? The streets are not swept regularly, the roads in South Woodford are in a dreadful condition with potholes, increased litter and last year's flooding. No staff to answer phones or queries from residents. Lack of enforcement officers and planning enforcement officers to help residents.

Conservative Cllr **Suzanne Nolan** said "The quality-of-service residents receive from Redbridge is the biggest source of complaints we receive from residents. Particularly the state of cleanliness in our roads, nobody at the Council answers queries, lack of enforcement. This is poor service and does not represent value for money for our residents who see all the funds spent in Ilford with lack of investment in South Woodford.

The residents deserve better and we will continue to work to achieve the best deal for the residents of South Woodford and see the council tax residents pay spent in South Woodford."



ULEZ – Labour’s contempt for disabled residents!

Redbridge Labour had voted against the need of our Disabled Residents in November 2021 at the full Council Meeting.



They rejected Conservative proposal of ensuring disabled people with blue badges get the same reasonable adjustments provided for ULEZ as for the Congestion Charging Zone. Currently blue badge holders are exempt from the Congestion Charging Zone, but there is no exemption provided for disabled people inside ULEZ.

ULEZ punishes them second time. Our local hospital is inside the ULEZ zone, so if disabled residents need to go to the hospital twice a week, they face a £25 charge and parking charge in the hospital!"

Conservative Team Campaigner, **Shafi Choudhury** said "Disability is one of the causes of poverty, and therefore it is completely unacceptable to impose new barriers upon the movement of disabled people given the fact only about a third of London's tube stations are step-free. It is astounding that they can exempt all the diesel black cabs and approve a four-lane silver town tunnel, which will create more pollution than an exemption for disabled blue badge holders and their carers.

Whilst Sadiq Khan is asking people on low income, pensioners and people with disability to get rid of their car! Absolute hypocrites! "

Although there will be a 3-year exemption for those with blue badges, it ONLY applies to those with a VEHICLE TAX EXEMPTION., but if not registered tax exempt will not!! Many vulnerable people, care & health workers, and family carers will be forced to pay the £12.50 a day charge every time they use a car.

Conservative Cllr **Suzanne Nolan** (who seconded the motion) said "Redbridge Labour's failure to support our most vulnerable residents is disgraceful and the London Labour Mayor's plan would have a significantly detrimental impact on thousands of disabled people"

Conservative Team Member **Preeti Rana** said "Labour's new financial barriers to disabled people will reduce access to care and support for the most vulnerable in our society, on top of the failed LTN road closures,

GET INVOLVED!

If you would like to join us on the campaign trail speaking to residents, then get in touch



Introducing your Conservative Action Team

Shafi Choudhury



I am a Tech Entrepreneur who passionately believes in unlocking human potential. I have experienced the struggles of life – filling shelves at Tesco, working for the British Rail, the wonderful NHS and people with disability.

I owe my life to the NHS – had it not been for the NHS and its wonderful doctors and nurses I would not be here. Hence our Ai (Artificial Intelligence) company is working with the NHS to save resources and lives. I was a School Governor quite a while ago and had seen how good education could either change a life or a bad one could destroy a life. I have moved from Newham to Redbridge bit more than a decade ago and have seen how the area gradually started going downhill under Labour. I feel passionately about seeing our local community thrive – I will campaign tirelessly to ensure residents voices are heard loud & clear and the Labour controlled Council does not impose Ilford -centric policies in South Woodford with their arrogant and ignorant planning policies.

Suzanne Nolan



I have lived in the area for 40 years I have two daughters, both educated in Redbridge schools, and two grandchildren. I have had the privilege of serving the residents of Snaresbrook Ward and currently South Woodford Ward since my election in 1998. I have held many senior positions in the council including as a member of the Cabinet.

At present I am the Conservative spokesperson for Health Scrutiny and will continue to fight for more beds in the new Whipps Cross Hospital and better transport links. Worked for greater flexibility for appointments for blood testing, especially at Heronwood and Galleon Wards, this has now been achieved thanks to continued pressure from myself. I am a member of the Police Ward Panel, South Woodford Society, and the South Woodford Business Partnership and my GP's patient group. I am passionate about protecting and enhancing the character of South Woodford and I will fight for the many interests of my residents to the best of my ability.

Preeti Rana



I have been living in South Woodford for 8 years, all together lived in Redbridge for 15 years. I hold a Masters in Distributed Computing Systems from the University of Greenwich. After a career in IT, I worked with Hackney Council Planning department. I am now an Entrepreneur running a marketing business.

Experience with a council has given me a deep understanding of issues. I love serving the community and society. I actively seek opportunities to serve for the common good. I am involved in social work and several charities, including as an NHS volunteer during the pandemic. I am eager to create a safe, clean and enjoyable environment. I am keen to ensure our children benefit from the finest education. Safety is key for our children and women. I will continue to implement initiatives to mitigate crime. It is critical to keep our environment clean and preserve the character of our beautiful South Woodford. I will work tirelessly for our ward to be a bridge between residents and council.

REPORTING

BACK...

...from The Ward

In the pandemic your Conservative team of **Cllrs Suzanne Nolan, Michael Duffell, Preeti Rana** and **Shafi Choudhury** have continued to be very busy on your behalf and holding the Council to account

- ✓ Continued to have street meetings with the police and residents the last one was held in Cadogan Gardens. Also attending ward panel meetings with the police to raise issues and set local priorities for the police.
- ✓ After Council failed to respond to complaints about lack of a street sign have managed to get new road sign erected in Osprey Close.
- ✓ Pressing to get the ugly tarmac repair on the High Road bridge over the A406 removed and the mosaic tiles reinstated.

ONSLow GARDENS PARK

After years of pushing the Council for improvements to Onslow Garden Park – we are delighted to see a few new instalments, including the gate to deter anti-social behaviour.

after numerous requests, but we're happy to finally see the gate installed and the new improvements to the Children's playground

We would like to see further investment in the area and will continue to push for this in the townhall.

It's been a struggle to get the Council to listen to us



CONTACT US

We are continuing to deal with issues at all times and we hope to start our surgeries again very soon. If you wish to contact your Cllrs and action team, please do so at



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