



GRETA BACKS TORIES

Councillor Greta Sohoye has resigned from the Labour Group on Croydon Council and said she was delighted to be joining the Conservatives.

Cllr Sohoye, who has represented the Bensham Manor Ward since 2002, said "I have for some time been considering my position in the Labour Group. I believe the Conservative Party has changed and is a party that welcomes, and provides opportunity, to all sectors of the Community. I contrast this with my own experience within the Labour Group, where ethnic minority councillors are



marginalised and ignored by Tony Newman and his leadership team. I believe that my constituents in Bensham Manor will benefit greatly from the re-election of a Conservative Council and that is why I have taken this decision after more than 30 years in the Labour Party."

Welcoming Cllr Sohoye to the Conservatives, Bensham Manor Action Team Member Matin Talukdar said "People all across Bensham Manor are telling us that they like the look of the Conservative Party under David Cameron and we are delighted that Greta has joined us".

Delivering public services in Croydon

Labour is misleading people by printing, in its leaflets, that the Conservative Council is spending £450 million on a new office building. It's not true, and they know it. What is true is that Taberner House needs either replacing

or major refurbishment. Our proposal is to use the Council's Urban Regeneration Vehicle (URV) to construct a new building, using the profits it makes from other developments to pay for it. The Council will borrow the money

to fund it **BUT** the cost of borrowing will be met by the income from the other developments.

The facts about our plans and Labour's are these. We have worked out the relative costs of a major

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Green supports Jason



Karen Moran, a former Green Parliamentary Candidate for Beckenham, has jumped ship and joined the Conservative Party.

Karen said: "The Conservative Party has changed and Jason Hadden embodies that change. That's why I am delighted to pledge my support for him and his campaign to be the next MP for Croydon North."

She added: "Why waste a vote voting for the Greens when you can vote for change by supporting Jason?"



Live on air!

Jason Hadden recently helped set up a free *pro bono* legal advice centre at London Bridge to help people who can not afford a lawyer and is also the radio lawyer on LBC 97.3, each Monday night providing free legal advice to the listeners of London

Visit Jason's website for the latest news at www.jasonhadden.co.uk

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

Jason Hadden, Conservative Parliamentary Candidate for Croydon North has, following public support, launched a major anti-crime campaign across the constituency.

Jason is also supporting Croydon Council's campaign to get more police officers on Croydon's streets in order to boost the borough's fight against crime and anti-social behaviour.



Jason's 'Enough is Enough' campaign, supported by posters in over 200 shops, calls for less paperwork for police officers - to allow more police on the streets - and proper transparency on criminal sentences. Jason is concerned that some violent offenders are being let off with cautions and prisoners are being released from jail before minimum terms are served. Jason said: "Under Labour, too many offenders just seem to get away with it. It's time things changed."

Residents and businesses are being urged to sign a petition - online, by text, or by filling out postcards at libraries - which the council will present to Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, on behalf of the people of Croydon.

Although Croydon is the largest London borough, and a major transport hub and retail centre with a large night-time economy, it has only been allocated the eighth highest number of police officers. This is far less

than some boroughs with significantly less crime. Jason says "I'd urge all residents to get behind this call to the Mayor."

To sign the petition, text MORE POLICE, followed by your name, first line of your address and postcode to 60660.

Alternatively log on to www.croydon.gov.uk/morepolice to sign online or fill in a postcard, which can be found at all Croydon libraries. You won't need a stamp.

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refurbishment of Taberner House, the cost of a new building using our URV and the cost of Labour's plan to both refurbish Taberner House AND open three new District Offices. Our option is by far the cheapest, **with the net cost to the tax payer being almost nothing.**

The new hub will be environmentally sustainable and much cheaper to run. The new service hub is not 'luxury offices for bureaucrats', as Labour claims, but a place for the public to come in order to use all public services: police, health service, the

council and many others.

Bensham Manor Action Team member, Kazim Walji, says "As Conservatives, we understand finance and how to get value for money. In the long run, the new hub will offer best value and better services".

RECYCLING DOUBLES

Last year Croydon achieved a recycling rate of over 36%, compared to a pathetic 16% when Labour was in power.

All of Croydon North now has green garden waste, cardboard and plastic bottle recycling collection. In contrast, the previous Labour administration only rolled this out in a couple of small areas as a pilot project. The Conservatives have made this permanent, whereas Labour could not achieve this level of recycling in the 12 years they were in charge of the Borough. In addition, street-cleaning in our area has been improved and all blocks of flats in Bensham Manor will be getting recycling facilities by March.

Cllr Greta Sohoje says "If your blocks of flats have not got recycling facilities or your street needs sweeping, please let us know."

Fly-tipping is another concern residents have reported to us. Greta says "Over the next few months we will be working with the Police to catch the people who are fly-tipping."



Can we help?

Please use this form to tell us about any local issues that we can help deal with

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Please cut out and return to:
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Would you like to help your local Conservatives?

- I can deliver some newsletters near my home
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- I can make a donation to help fund future campaigns
- I can display a poster at election time

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