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WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH WESTFIELD?



When we're out meeting residents we are frequently asked what is happening with the much-delayed Westfield-Hammerson rebuild of the Whitgift Centre.

Since Labour took control of Croydon Council in 2014 there has been frustratingly little progress. During the time the Conservatives controlled the council (up to May 2014) we managed to end the 'turf war' over which developer was going to do the redevelopment, by persuading them (working with the then-Mayor Boris) to do it together, grant planning permission for the scheme and initiate the compulsory purchase process.

Since Labour took over the council in 2014, progress has been very slow. Both our council and the new Labour London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, have delayed the process by changing their minds over what they want to get from the development. As a result of the delays and rising costs of construction, the scheme came close to collapse before Christmas. However, the Government has stepped in with £15M of additional funding for parts of the scheme, which saved the day.

Next up the council has to initiate the Compulsory Purchase Order before that expires in the autumn. We understand that this is now imminent, thanks to the scheme's financial viability having been secured by the government assistance.

We are glad that the scheme finally looks as though it is going to happen, although we are disappointed that Labour's umming-and-aahing has delayed it so much. We now need the council to get things moving swiftly - and a Conservative council after the elections this May is the best way to guarantee that!

COMMUNITY ACTION

Thank you to local residents and others who turned out for our Addiscombe Action Day. Whilst the weather was decidedly chilly the response was far from cold!

Our team spoke to hundreds of residents across the new ward of Addiscombe West to find out what needs doing.

The recurring theme is that Labour is not listening to residents' concerns. This applies to borough-wide issues such as their Local Plan, the threat to Croydon's valuable green spaces, delivery of Westfield, re-opening of Fairfield, the 20mph speed limit and local issues such as CPZs (Controlled Parking Zones), fly-tipping and the traffic mis-management system.



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ISSUES ON TURNPIKE LINK

We recently had the opportunity to meet the trustees of the Turnpike Hill Estate. Their primary aim is the continued improvement of the Estate and the well-being of its residents.



Issues raised included additional security and accessibility measures and general anti-social behaviour often committed by outsiders.

We promised to keep in regular contact, liaise with Safer Neighbourhood Teams and offer our future support in any way we can, particularly if elected as their local councillors on 3 May.

CONTROLLED PARKING ZONES

After listening to residents on the doorstep, feelings are clearly running high in the roads consulted on the introduction of a CPZ. The majority of respondents in Rymer, Stretton and Vincent Roads opposed its introduction but it seems that Labour is still pushing ahead, despite their pledge "It will not be imposed on any roads that vote against the proposals".

With this in mind we organised a petition of residents in the roads to get this decision overturned. If you'd like to keep up to date with news on the CPZ debacle e-mail us on addiscombewest@conservatives.com or phone us on 020 8660 0491.



Progress on 'The Glamorgan' - We supported local residents and campaign groups to get the Glamorgan listed as an ACV (Asset of Community Value). The new owners want to demolish it and replace with flats. The community wants to save it and make it a community pub for all. Well now we have some good news. The Glamorgan has been listed as an ACV giving it additional protection from development. Well done to all concerned!



Conservatives to launch 'Fly Tip Busting' teams

Nothing ruins an otherwise pleasant street more than unsightly rubbish and fly tips – and you don't need to be an expert statistician to see that it's been on the rapid rise in recent years!

If the Conservatives win control of Croydon Council on May 3rd, we will introduce 'Fly Tip Busting' teams to proactively patrol the borough looking for fly tipping, major litter problems, graffiti and areas where council contracts for maintenance are not being properly implemented.

While it's great that so many residents play their part in reporting fly tipping, it's time for the Council to get proactive in dealing with it.



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