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with Fairfield (Croydon Town Centre)

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## Town Centre is stagnating due to Labour council

### **Westfield and Fairfield Halls delayed AGAIN**

Croydon Council's Labour Leader, Tony Newman, quietly confirmed at a Council meeting that **Fairfield Halls** was likely to be reopened next year - when it was scheduled to reopen this spring.

**Westfield/Hammerson's** much-needed scheme for the Whitgift Centre was first announced in 2013, when the Conservatives ran Croydon Council. Construction was meant to start this year, but since Labour took over in 2014 we have seen nothing but drift and delay. Fingers crossed construction starts in 2019 - but even that is not certain. With many formal agreements still yet to be in place this could be delayed yet further under our dithering Labour Council.

### **STALLED PROJECTS**

Taberner House site  
Westfield/Hammerson scheme  
St Georges Walk  
The Nestle building  
1 Lansdowne Road  
College Green

All should have been completed or started by now - **not one has started yet.**



**Our Labour-run Council has presided  
over the stagnation of the town centre.**

Long-planned major developments that would revitalise our tired town centre and deliver hundreds of homes have stalled because of the punitive conditions imposed by Labour.

Think of all the major developments that have stalled in the town centre since Labour took control of the Council in 2014.

Labour happily talks of much-needed homes, but actions speak louder than words. 31 parks and green spaces have had their protections down-graded and some 4,496 homes have failed to be delivered in the town centre.

It is estimated that this has resulted in £6.3m in lost council tax revenue - money that could have funded vital public services like his would make a huge difference to the funds available to spend on services for Croydon residents.

### **HELP SAVE MATTHEWS YARD!**

Back in October we wrote to Labour's Cllr Tony Newman to ask him to do all he can to save our precious Matthews Yard from demolition - we have yet to receive a reply and his Council has done nothing to help keep this local gem protected for future generations.

Despite this, nearly 6,000 locals joined us in signing the petition to keep this cultural hub open. Recently Matthews Yard was recognised formally as an 'Asset of Community Value' but the business trying to demolish the building in which they're based have now submitted a planning application to Croydon's Labour-run Council.

We will continue to do all we can to stop the destruction of Matthews Yard, but we need your help to stop it.

Visit [www.matthewsyard.com](http://www.matthewsyard.com) and look for the Save Matthews Yard link to find out how you can help **before 28th March!**



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*There's a lot going on in our part of the town, we've been working all year round to help residents with their concerns. If you need anything at all, please email [Fairfield@CroydonConservatives.com](mailto:Fairfield@CroydonConservatives.com) and we'll do our best to help.*

## Sort out street cleaning



All across Croydon town centre you can see chewing gum littering the pavements – some has been there for months. Croydon's Labour-run Council has chosen to sack 20 street cleaners. What does this say to anyone visiting our borough from outside? We've been fighting for our streets to be jet-cleaned urgently, and for our lazy council to take it seriously going forward.



## Saving green space

Croydon Labour's construction company plans to concrete over some of the limited precious green space in the town centre at the junction of Coombe Road and Edridge Road, right next to Ruskin House. We've been leading local residents in opposing this plan. We will always fight to protect our green spaces.

## Building on St John's Memorial Garden?

Across the borough, residents are rightly concerned that Labour has left 31 of our green spaces and parks with no local protection from development. Sadly, St John's Memorial Garden, next to the Croydon Minster, is on that list. Our green spaces are simply not safe whilst Labour is in charge of Croydon Council. We have pledged not to develop any parks and managed green spaces that are in Council ownership which find their protection removed.



## Tamworth Road estate

It's clear the Tamworth Road estate has been neglected by the Labour Council and allowed to fall into an unacceptable state of disrepair. As a result of our action additional street cleaning has been carried out, heaps of fly-tipping have been cleared away and the damaged gates and fencing is to soon be mended. We'll continue to push for more to be done.



## Skyscraper on Wandle Road

Labour's development company is proposing a 25-storey tower block on the site of the Wandle Road car park – 13 storeys taller than the next tallest block nearby. 128 flats require a lot of infrastructure, and with local parking already at a premium we're concerned that this cramped tower is not appropriate.

## Q-Park Club - Victory!

We led hundreds in opposition to a Council-sponsored initiative to have a club playing music until 4am in a cavernous concrete chamber under the Q-Park off Surrey Street. With hundreds of locals living close to the site, it was great that the owners chose to reduce the hours to 11pm – a much better plan that balances the local cultural offer with the needs of local residents.



## West Street rubbish

Local businesses have been leaving a huge amount of industrial waste at the rear of their properties on West Street. It is simply not good enough. That is why we have requested that Croydon's Labour-run Council urgently cleans the area and ensures the local establishments responsible are dealt with accordingly.

## Fighting for CitiScape



Philip Smith, one of our candidates, lives in the CitiScape building, which has been found to have the same dangerous cladding as Grenfell Tower. The Government told the building owner to replace it many months ago. Instead of fulfilling their obligation they are trying to get each resident to pay £31,300 to cover the cost. This is unacceptable. Philip has been helping local residents to fight this, and we'll continue to do all we can to ensure this outrageous attempt to avoid responsibility gets quashed.