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Conservatives oppose housing intensification in Shirley

The current Labour council has made no secret of its view that the suburbs of Croydon are ripe for 'intensification' – code for filling an area with vast amounts of inappropriate housing – and Shirley is one of the four target areas Labour want to saturate with flats.

From Shirley Oaks Village to Longheath Gardens, we have been working with residents' associations to oppose plans that would change the character of the area and remove precious green space. Although there has been some notable success, the true agenda of the Labour council remains clear and only by electing a Conservative Council on May 3rd can we hope to save the character of our community.



"Everyone agrees that building houses can be a good thing," says Cllr Sue Bennett, "but they have to be in keeping with the area and built in places where there is the infrastructure to support them."

A solution to garden waste chaos

Labour's decision to cut free green waste collections has angered Council Tax payers in Shirley – and seen recycling rates plummet across Croydon.

If a Conservative Council is elected on May 3rd, we will organise 'green waste days' in key district centres – including Shirley – where residents can bring their green waste for free disposal at regular

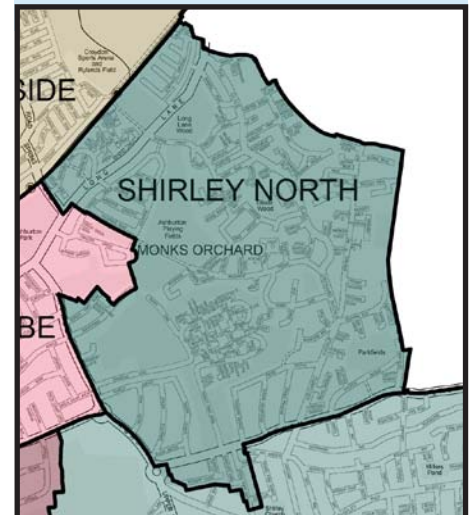
intervals in the summer, meaning that people won't have to face the crowds in the recycling centres in the summer months.

Together, these measures will be good for residents, good for gardens and crucially, good for our precious environment.

All change for Croydon's Ward Boundaries

The independent Local Government Boundary Commission has made a number of changes to Croydon's ward boundaries to take effect from the Council elections taking place on 3rd May this year. The Council is currently run by **Labour** but Shirley North could help change that in May.

The new Shirley North ward contains the eastern half of the old Ashburton ward and that part of the current Shirley ward north of the Wickham Road. To balance elector numbers a few roads south of Wickham Road are also included.



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Fighting for our green spaces

Labour's 'Local Plan' has removed protected status for 31 green spaces across Croydon, including Metropolitan Open Land status for land in Shirley Oaks Village and left Parkfields Recreational Ground only protected by more general policies. The land in Shirley Oaks Village is a vital amenity for the local community to walk their dogs and local children to play.



Longheath Gardens and Tollgate have also been targeted by this Labour administration meaning that residents who have lived with pleasant green space now see their quality of life being eroded because of inappropriate development. We believe that everyone should be able to enjoy beautiful green spaces.



Although some of the damage has already been done, we pledge to protect these spaces if a Conservative council is elected and not to allow developments on them.

"Ensuring that everyone has access to a park or green space has been a principle of town planning for generations," says candidate Gareth Streeter. "For Conservatives, this isn't just a nice sentiment – we're going to fight for our green spaces."

Labour's idiotic extra bin imposition



Everyone wants to protect our precious environment. However, when the Conservatives had control of the council we managed to achieve excellent recycling rates without inflicting cumbersome wheelie recycling bins on every resident.

Labour's plan – despite huge local opposition – is to insist that people in Shirley place another large and unsightly wheelie paper-recycling bin outside their home. For some households that will be their fourth wheelie bin! What is particularly daft is that it will only be for paper, which many people say they don't produce that much of. Conservatives recognise that this is not the solution and will look to create a more flexible solution if they win the council election on May 3rd.

Cllr Richard Chatterjee says, "Fly tipping has certainly gone up on Labour's watch – and recycling has gone down – but these cumbersome bins are not the answer. We have listened to residents and will find a better solution."

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