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High Road West development vote postponed until after election

Last-minute objection to major scheme submitted by Tottenham Hotspur FC prompts regeneration vote deferral

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER & LUCHIA ROBINSON

A decision on a major regeneration scheme set to transform Tottenham has been postponed following last-minute opposition from Spurs. Councillors in Haringey were due to vote on whether to approve the High Road West (HRW) development last month, but a decision is not now expected until June. The scheme, planned for sites opposite Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, would see a number of existing buildings, including 297 flats on the Love Lane Estate, knocked

down to make way for up to 2,929 new homes in blocks of between two and 29 storeys. Under the plans, up to 564 homes would be for council rent, enabling eligible Love Lane residents to be rehoused. Residents on the estate narrowly gave their backing to Haringey Council's redevelopment proposals during a ballot held last year, but housing campaigners subsequently called for a re-run of the vote and an independent inquiry into allegations that council officers had put pressure on residents and collected votes. In January, Haringey cabinet members ruled out an inquiry and gave their backing to a report stating that the council had "not received evidence relating to misconduct

by officers" that would warrant an independent review of the ballot. In a report to the planning sub-committee, council officers recommended approving the HRW scheme. But during last month's committee meeting, chair Sarah Williams revealed the council had obtained legal advice because of the "volume and lateness" of objections received in this "exceptional" circumstance. Hundreds of objections from residents, businesses, and campaign groups in the area, included mutual themes of freehold land grabs, a negative impact on quality of life, and the loss of employment and community as a result of forced displacement out of Tottenham. An objection from Martin Dossett,

director of DW General Wood Machinists Ltd in Tottenham High Road, said the planning proposal "has the potential to close down our fourth-generation family business that has traded on the same site in Tottenham since forming in 1948". He added: "We are wood machinists that employ skilled local people, and we supply to both other local businesses, [...] and to the wider trade in London and surrounding counties. We also have a trade counter that sells machined timber to the local public and have a very good relationship with many. If we are forced to move away, this is going to have a negative impact on these long-established relationships."

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New Moon
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AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE EDITOR

HELLO, WELCOME TO ISSUE 6.

A shock objection by Spurs to a major regeneration scheme in Tottenham has led to a deciding vote on the proposal being deferred until after the local election (front page).

On pages 7–10, we take a look at the elections taking place on 5th May, providing you with insights into the main political parties in Haringey and their plans for the borough.

A network of community food initiatives across the borough has launched; pooling together resources and experience in efforts to ensure that no one in Haringey goes hungry (p.12).

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Signed: Ugur Guccuk Dated: 24th day of March 2022

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Dated: 23rd day of March 2022
Signed: Mr Riccardo Amabile

North Mid leads the way with new blood testing programme

North Mid introduces life-saving testing for Hepatitis B and C in A&E

A new testing programme designed to detect blood borne viruses has launched at North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust.

The tests will detect patients living with Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C or both and will be part of the routine blood tests patients attending the A&E department receive.

North Mid is one of the only hospitals in London to now be routinely testing all adults in A&E for HIV, Hepatitis B and C.

The Hepatitis B and C pilot will be built on the existing infrastructure of the HIV testing pilot which has since been made permanent in North Mid's A&E. The successful pilot identified 23 patients unknowingly living with HIV, who would otherwise have had a delay in diagnosis.

The new pilot is an important step for North Mid as the hospital serves a local population with a very high prevalence of Hepatitis B. In 2016, the hospital

had the fourth highest number of Hep B reports out of all London hospitals. London also has the highest rate of acute Hepatitis B infections in the UK.

The introduction of routine testing will increase early diagnosis rates in each borough, contributing to improving the healthy life expectancy of the population served by North Mid.

It will provide additional opportunities to detect Hep C, as 80% of patients are asymptomatic and more than 80% go on to develop chronic infections and liver related complications. Patients that are found to have

either virus will then receive long-term support from clinicians at North Mid.

Dr Emily Cheserem, consultant in sexual health and HIV at North Mid, said: "Introducing routine testing for Hepatitis B and C allows us, as a hospital, to target both viruses which affect our local community.

"Early detection of the viruses is key as patients are commonly unaware of their disease until complications and health problems in later life. It's a fantastic move for North Mid and will mirror the success of our existing A&E HIV testing programme."



Credit: Stephen Furner

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Covid-19 infection control reduced in mental health wards during second wave of pandemic

New research shows that the impact of Covid-19 among older service users aged 65 and over, and those with dementia in NHS psychiatric wards was reduced during the second wave of the pandemic (December 2020 to February 2021), when compared to the first (March to April 2020).

The research published in *BJPsych Open* last month looks at data from 16 wards in five NHS mental health trusts, collected by a team of clinicians and academic writers including Dr Lauren Huzzey, consultant old age psychiatrist at Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust.

Dr Huzzey was supported in data collection at the trust by Dr Kate Doukova, Dr Insaf Hamid, and Dr Sonal Thakkar. The researchers found improvements in infection control measures on older adult psychiatric

wards, including routine testing of patients and staff,

isolation of patients on admission, and availability of PPE between the first and second wave.

This approach, in addition to a policy of placing equal value on mental and physical healthcare, helped lower infection rates and reduce the number of deaths.

Dr Huzzey said: "We were delighted to be involved in the study highlighting that treating mental and physical healthcare as equally important, delivers real results for patients.

"It is vital that services across the country take part in research that involves older members of our population with mental health problems."



Dr Lauren Huzzey

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Broadwater Farm redevelopment backed by residents

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Plans to redevelop a Tottenham estate can move forward after Haringey Council's proposals were backed by residents.

The planned regeneration of the Broadwater Farm Estate won the support of 85% of residents who voted on the scheme, although only 55% of those who were eligible to vote took part in the ballot.

It will provide 294 new council homes; 242 to replace homes set to be knocked down and an extra 52 to help meet the local demand for social housing.

The council drew up plans to regenerate the estate, which was built in the 1960s and 70s, after structural faults were found in the Tangmere and Northolt blocks, putting them at risk of collapse. Strengthening the unsafe buildings was deemed "extremely costly".

Under the plans, the two unsafe blocks will be demolished, along with the Stapleford North block, the enterprise centre and the medical centre. The redevelopment will see blocks ranging from three to nine storeys high built on the site, providing new homes, a modern health and wellbeing centre and affordable workspaces.

Ruth Gordon, cabinet member for house building, placemaking and development, said: "It's fantastic to see residents vote yes and overwhelmingly back our plans for the delivery of high-quality, safe and genuinely affordable accommodation."

"I am proud of the schemes we are

85% of residents who voted backed the demolition of the Tottenham estate



Broadwater Farm Estate

Credit: Stephen Furner

undertaking to deliver a new generation of council homes, and I'm delighted residents agree the Broadwater Farm plan is a worthy addition."

Cllr Gordon described the proposals as "resident-led" and

pledged to continue working with residents to ensure they "benefit most from the opportunities the redevelopment will bring".

The vote took place because Greater London Authority rules state that regeneration projects

"I am proud of the schemes we are undertaking to deliver a new generation of council homes"

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involving the demolition of homes must have the backing of a majority of residents before they can receive funding from City Hall.

Residents currently living on the estate and those who were rehoused from Tangmere and Northolt blocks were able to vote on the proposals. The council says all Tangmere and Northolt tenants will be able to return to a new home once they are built, with priority for the remaining homes given to residents on the estate.

The ballot was the second of its kind in Haringey. The first, held last year, was on the proposed demolition of Tottenham's Love Lane Estate to make way for the High Road West regeneration scheme. It saw 55.7% of residents back the council's plans, with 69.4% of eligible voters taking part in the ballot.

Bob Hare, planning spokesperson for the Liberal Democrat opposition group, welcomed the "clarity" provided by the "emphatic result" of the Broadwater Farm ballot but said the "modest" turnout suggested many residents had doubts about the proposals.

He added: "It also underlines the importance of fully supporting residents that will have to move to temporary accommodation during the long processes of demolition and rebuilding."

"The council must also ensure that more than lip service is put into continuing engagement with all residents of Broadwater Farm during building works that cannot be other than highly disruptive."

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Martin added: "[...] If we are forced away and do actually find another site to move to, we will then be in a position of being like a brand new business throwing away over 70 years of skills and trying to start from fresh, recruiting and training new staff in a new area."

Of the varied objections included were letters from Tottenham Hotspur Football Club raising concerns over the impact of the scheme on the area's heritage, a lack of focus on employment, an underprovision of community spaces, the safety of crowds moving through the development on their way to and from the club's stadium, and several other issues.

Spurs chair Daniel Levy wrote that the application has "fundamental flaws", is "vague" and is "self-evidently rushed."

Levy added: "The proposals before you [...] do little to uplift the lives of people living in the area. It fails those it should be helping [...]."

Rob Krzysowski, the council's

assistant director of planning, building standards and sustainability, said that after taking legal advice the authority needed to address the points raised by the objections and ensure the committee had time to "give proper consideration to those points and officer advice."

He said officers had changed their recommendation to a deferral of the decision. Nine committee members voted to defer the item until a meeting in June, with two abstentions.

Speaking after the meeting, Paul Burnham, from campaign

group Haringey Defend Council Housing, described the deferral as "fantastic", as it comes shortly before the local council elections on 5th May.

Haringey Defend Council Housing has raised concerns over the design of the scheme, the Love Lane Estate ballot, gentrification, the timings of the delivery of council homes and other issues.

"This gives us time to take the arguments into the elections," Paul said. "In June, there will be a new set of councillors. There are lots of councillors standing

"There is time to debate all the issues in the elections and challenge the candidates about what they are going to do"

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down, and we don't know how many seats Labour and the Liberal Democrats are going to get.

"There's going to be a new cabinet and a new planning committee, and there is time to debate all the issues in the elections and challenge the candidates about what they are going to do."

A spokesperson for Lendlease, the developer behind the HRW proposals, said: "We're disappointed that consideration of the application was deferred but remain committed to working with the local community, and providing support for Haringey Council, on a scheme that will help re-energise this proud and historic area of London by delivering vital new and affordable housing, jobs and open space."

Campaign group Peacock Industrial Estate, a community of business owners whose businesses are at risk because of the HRW scheme, tweeted: "The current Lendlease proposal exploits public and privately owned small business resources with no benefit to any of us."



The queue outside Tottenham Hotspur's job fair in February Credit: Susan Dyer

BY SHAKIRA DYER

Tottenham Hotspur job fair provides employment opportunities for locals

A jobs fair held at Tottenham Hotspur Stadium attracted more than 2,000 local people, providing job opportunities for many.

The event, hosted in February by Tottenham Hotspur Foundation (THF) and the Department of Work and Pensions, was the first jobs fair held at the stadium to help people back to work following the coronavirus pandemic.

The pandemic has led to an increased number of people in the borough claiming Universal Credit – a rise of 27,000 from February 2020 to March 2021, according to the Office for National Statistics.

As of 2020, more than half of Haringey's population aged 16–64 have an above college qualification (NVQ 4 and above), exceeding the average in Britain. However, 31% of people in Haringey, regardless of age, are

still unemployed.

Fifty employers including Google, HSBC, Greggs, and Tottenham Hotspur itself, took part in the jobs fair as a means of providing work opportunities for residents.

"It's hugely important to us as a club that we do all we can to help our community recover from the impact of the pandemic"

Tara Terawie from THF said: "There were a number of jobseekers who were offered jobs on the spot and are now going through relevant reference checks before beginning their new careers. A whole host of roles were on offer from traineeships and

apprenticeships, to graduate and management level positions.

"Job seekers also had the opportunity to speak to employers about the job-seeking process more generally and seek advice on CV writing, interview best practice, and learn more about the working culture within a range of well-known and successful businesses."

"We know that unemployment levels have risen sharply in Haringey over the course of the pandemic, so connecting local people with good quality jobs is more important than ever. It's hugely important to us as a club that we do all we can to help our community recover from the impact of the pandemic, and events such as these enable us to build on our commitment to jobs in Haringey."

Tottenham Hotspur is holding another jobs fair on Tuesday, 5th April, in partnership with Stansted Airport.

Senior residents plant a tree for the Queen's Jubilee

Residents at Protheroe House, One Housing's senior living scheme in Tottenham, planted a cherry tree in their sensory garden to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

2022 marks the Queen becoming the first British monarch to reign for 70 years. The senior residents were first in the local area to plant the tree, known as Prunus Amanogawa or 'Flagpole Cherry', to celebrate the occasion, as part of the 'Queen's Green Canopy (QGC)' Jubilee initiative.

The QGC encouraged members of the public to enhance the environment by planting a tree during the official planning season between October and March. The initiative will



Captain Baker, Ruth Hutchinson and John Capling – Jubilee tree planting

commence again this coming October.

The cherry tree, is perfect for smaller urban gardens, providing flowers and food for bees and birds throughout the year, as well as fragrant cherry blossom in spring for

the residents to enjoy.

The location of the tree is pinned to an interactive map to mark the event.

The Deputy Lieutenant for Haringey, Captain Peter Baker (Royal Navy Reserve Officers Decoration) attended the ceremony on behalf of the Queen.

On the day of the tree planting ceremony, Captain Baker, said: "I look forward to seeing the tree on the interactive map and to watch it grow in the coming years. It was a pleasure to meet you all and see the amazing work you do for your residents."

The QGC will dedicate a network of 70 ancient woodlands across the UK and identify 70 ancient trees to celebrate the Queen's 70-year reign.

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Signed: T Hudson

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- Sale of alcohol solely for customers to drink within the premises with the consumption of food between the hours of 12:00-18:00, Monday-Saturday and 12:00-16:00, Sunday
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CROUCH END

Controversial plans for Crouch End green space approved

A petition against the scheme has been signed by 1,700 people

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

A PLAN TO BUILD COUNCIL housing on a “much loved” Crouch End green space used by children and their families has been approved.

Haringey Council won permission to build nine new homes next to existing flats in Ramsey Court, Park Road, during a meeting of the authority’s planning subcommittee last month.

The scheme will see six flats built on green space to the south-east of the existing Ramsey Court block, with three terraced houses planned for parking bays and adjoining green space in Barrington Road to the north.

The council says the development will help to provide “a new generation of council homes” with seven units available for council rent and the remaining two for market sale.

But the scheme has come up against a raft of local opposition, receiving more than 150 written objections during a public consultation. On top of that, an online petition urging the council to scrap the plans has gained 1,700 signatures.

During last month’s meeting, opponents claimed the scheme conflicted with key local planning policies designed to protect open space, as well as the council’s pledge to tackle climate change.

Council planning chiefs claim the scheme will improve the quality of the remaining open space, with a new communal garden planned for the site. In a report to the committee, they wrote that the loss of open space “is not significant” and would be “outweighed by the provision of affordable housing”.

Lea Govender, speaking on behalf of Ramsey Court residents, told the meeting the proposed enhancements would not provide adequate compensation for the loss of existing amenity

space, adding that the scheme would “massively impact” residents’ wellbeing.

Pippa Connor, Liberal Democrat councillor for Muswell Hill, also spoke against the plans, claiming they failed to align with several of the council’s own policies.

But Ruth Gordon, cabinet member for housebuilding, placemaking and development, urged the committee to support the plans. She said the scheme would include three-bedroom family homes at “genuinely affordable council rents”.

Two Liberal Democrat committee members voted against the plans, but the scheme was approved when the six Labour committee members voted in favour of planning officers’ recommendation to grant permission.

How the completed scheme in Park Road is set to look



MUSWELL HILL

Flats approved for conservation area in Muswell Hill

Local MP ‘extremely disappointed’ by lack of affordable housing provided within development site

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

A PLAN TO BUILD TEN FLATS IN a conservation area in Muswell Hill has won permission despite providing no on-site affordable homes.

During a meeting of Haringey Council’s planning subcommittee last month, councillors approved an application by developer Fortis Green Jersey to build six flats and four mews houses at 109 Fortis Green.

The scheme will involve demolishing the car wash and repair centre that currently occupies the site, which lies within Fortis Green Conservation Area, and building a three-storey block with basement car parking.

There were 49 objections submitted to the council during a public consultation on the plans, including one

from Hornsey and Wood Green MP Catherine West, who wrote that she was “extremely disappointed” by the lack of affordable homes.

Under London-wide planning policies, developments of ten homes or more should contribute to affordable housing provision. But planning officers wrote that an assessment submitted within the plans showed affordable housing was not financially viable on the site, noting that the developer had agreed to pay more than £277,000 to help build affordable homes elsewhere.

Committee members criticised the council’s failure to publish the financial viability assessment in full and the level of funding provided for affordable homes.

Labour’s Reg Rice said more affordable homes should be built in the west of the borough. Liberal Democrat

leader Luke Cawley-Harrison said the scheme would have been “a great opportunity to provide affordable housing in a part of the borough that has very, very few affordable houses”.

Under questioning from councillors, planning officers said the density of the scheme was in line with London-wide planning policies. Officers also assured the committee they would publish the viability assessment in full and look to ensure the money for affordable homes was spent in Fortis Green ward and the west of the borough.

Cllr Cawley-Harrison called for the application to be deferred until the committee had the chance to see the full viability assessment, but the majority of Labour members voted against this proposal. The plans were subsequently approved, with seven committee members voting in favour and two abstentions.

HIGHGATE

Council defends Parkland Walk bridge replacement

Trees would need to be felled in order to accommodate new bridge in Highgate, says council

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

COUNCIL BOSSES HAVE DEFENDED A decision to chop down trees as part of work to replace a bridge in Highgate.

Three more trees are set to be felled to create a new bridge over Stanhope Road, in addition to two that have already been taken down.

The bridge is part of Parkland Walk, a 4.5-mile pedestrian and cycle route between Finsbury Park and Muswell Hill that forms London’s longest local nature reserve.

An online petition urging Haringey Council to scrap its planned bridge design and “instead create something genuinely green and forward-thinking for our beloved wildlife corridor”, has so far gained more than 2,300 signatures. It warns the removal of trees will lead to a loss of wildlife habitat and a “hugely valuable asset” in the fight against climate change.

“Removal of trees will lead to a loss of wildlife habitat and a ‘hugely valuable asset’ in the fight against climate change”

The council faced criticism last year when dozens of trees were felled as part of separate bridge repair works on Parkland Walk.

The Stanhope Road bridge replacement works were discussed during a meeting of the environment and community safety scrutiny panel last month. According to the council, the bridge needs replacing because it would not be economically viable to repair it and guarantee a 120-year lifespan.

Simon Farrow, the council’s interim head of parks and leisure, told the meeting that the abutments holding up Stanhope Road bridge were “in a progressive state of failure”.

He said work to remove the abutments would involve removing the roots of one of the trees. Because the new bridge needs to be taller than the existing structure to meet highways standards, he said the council needed to create a new access ramp, which would add between 0.5 and 1.25 metres of soil on top of the roots of the trees.

The Stanhope Road scheme is part of an eight-year project to renovate or renew the seven Parkland Walk bridges maintained by Haringey Council.

Yvonne Say, a Labour committee member, said one of the key reasons behind the planning committee’s decision to approve the scheme was that the new ramp would make Parkland Walk more accessible for wheelchair users.

Haringey administration overview: 2018–2022

BY LUCHIA ROBINSON

The last local election in 2018 saw Labour retain control of a borough it has ruled continuously since the 1960s – but lose six seats to the Liberal Democrats in the west of Haringey.

Joseph Ejiofor was elected council leader after two rounds of voting by Labour councillors. He was previously deputy leader under Claire Kober, who had resigned from the leadership spot in February 2018.

The Haringey Labour manifesto pledged to build a fairer borough by extending council tax relief to 100% for Haringey’s least well off, delivering 1,000 new council rent homes, becoming a Living Wage employer, and providing a free school meal for every primary school child – all by 2022.

A coordinating member of Labour’s (pro Jeremy Corbyn) national campaign group, Momentum, Cllr Ejiofor pledged to bring public delivery services in-house, to reduce violent crime, invest in youth provisions, and form a ‘fairness commission’ for communities to engage in decision-making dialogue.

Within months of becoming leader, Cllr Ejiofor scrapped Kober’s flagship £2billion Haringey Development Vehicle (HDV) – a joint regeneration venture with developer Lendlease that put hundreds of council homes at risk, proving highly controversial.

Redevelopment remained an area of contention as a planning agreement remained in place with Grainger, the developer appointed to redevelop Wards Corner, Seven Sisters. This scheme involved building 196 homes, as well as



Former Haringey Council leader Joseph Ejiofor

demolishing and repositioning Seven Sisters Market, also known as the Latin Village, to a nearby site. Met with a lot of local and international opposition, a ‘community plan’ to regenerate the Latin Village, retaining its Wards Corner location was developed by market traders, businesses, and residents as an alternative to the council’s plan.

With many commentators labelling Cllr Ejiofor’s administration the first ‘Corbyn Council’, fractions within Haringey Labour would become more apparent.

The Lib Dems warned of “continued Labour infighting” when in 2020, Zena Brabazon, the then cabinet member for children, education and families, was dismissed from the cabinet for the second time in 18 months, after the council was heavily criticised by a High Court judge following a child protection case.

Cllr Ejiofor’s three-year leadership came to an end last May when he was

ousted as leader in an internal vote.

Labour councillor Peray Ahmet, who had previously been sacked from Cllr Ejiofor’s cabinet on New Year’s Eve in 2018, won the backing of her followers to become the new council leader.

Newly in post, Cllr Ahmet said her aim was to fulfil the 2018 Haringey Labour manifesto by taking a people-first approach, involving the community in decision making, tackling violence against women and girls, prioritising early years support, and bringing “unity to the Labour group”.

Divisions in the party had come to the fore the day after Cllr Ahmet was elected leader, when former chair James Chiriyankandath quit the party claiming that rival Labour councillors had opposed all that Cllr Ejiofor’s administration had strived to achieve.

In August 2021, Grainger decided to pull out of the agreement to provide 196 homes at Wards Corner. Cllr Ahmet said she supported the

community plan for Seven Sisters Market, publicly urging TfL (owner of the market site), to work with traders to co-produce the project.

The developer-led plan had faced longstanding opposition, and Grainger’s announcement to step back from the development, was claimed a “huge victory in the fight for a fairer city” by the campaign group, Save Latin Village.

The future of the 2,600-home redevelopment proposal, High Road West



Haringey Council leader, Peray Ahmet

(HRW) continues to court controversy. The scheme proposes to regenerate the area around Tottenham Hotspur Stadium; this involves demolishing the 297-home Love Lane Estate, in White Hart Lane.

Although the Love Lane Estate residents who voted in the deciding ballot last September, backed the planned demolition of the estate by 55.7%, a re-run of the vote was requested amid allegations of intimidation and vote collecting. Some councillors subsequently demanded an independent inquiry into the way the mandatory ballot was conducted – but the review was ruled out.

The decision to approve the HRW scheme has now been postponed until after the election, in June, following mounting local opposition.

In December 2021, Cllr Ahmet called for a review of the North London Waste Authority’s proposal to expand its current facility in Edmonton, citing concerns over pollution. She was the first leader out of the seven North London councils involved to do so.

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2022 Ward Boundaries



Ward	Councillors to elect
Alexandra Park	2
Bounds Green	2
Bruce Castle*	3
Crouch End	3
Fortis Green	3
Harringay	3
Hermitage & Gardens*	2
Highgate	3
Hornsey	3
Muswell Hill	2
Noel Park	3
Northumberland Park	3
Seven Sisters	2
South Tottenham*	3
St Ann's	2
Stroud Green	3
Tottenham Central*	3
Tottenham Hale	3
West Green	3
White Hart Lane	3
Woodside	3

* New wards for 2022



Haringey Council leader, Peray Ahmet (centre) with Labour team

Labour focusing on the environment and social justice

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Haringey's Labour group plans to work closely with residents to deliver a "big agenda around social justice and climate justice" if it is re-elected in May.

Labour aims to build at least 3,000 council homes during the next decade and continue its work to slash the borough's carbon emissions.

Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service ahead of the local elections, group leader Peray Ahmet said "working collaboratively" would be "front and centre of all we do". She added: "It is about putting residents at the heart of that, and also making sure that whatever we do is co-produced alongside our residents."

Four years ago, the Labour group set out several ambitious pledges in its election manifesto, including commitments to deliver at least a thousand new council homes by 2022 and to provide a free school meal for every primary school child. Describing the 2018 manifesto as "quite a radical departure" from previous Haringey Labour manifestos, Cllr Ahmet admitted that neither of those pledges had been met.

"The thousand council homes we have not delivered, but we are off to a good start" she said. "We have a couple of hundred that we have built, but we have permissions for many more as well."

"But it was an ambitious target, one that, considering we hadn't set up the basics at the time, was – I don't want to say too ambitious – but one thing we have to be clear on is for

the next four years we certainly will continue the ambition, and in fact it will be over 3,000 council homes over the next decade."

Cllr Ahmet, who took over leadership of the group and the council in 2021, said Labour's 2022 manifesto would also focus on improving the quality and safety of housing in the private rented sector. It will also emphasise "placemaking" – ensuring new developments have adequate facilities such as playgrounds, schools and health provision, and that they address the needs of people who already live in the borough.

The Labour leader said the "green agenda" would be "front and centre of our whole manifesto", with the group keen to promote the message that climate justice is a matter of social justice. The council's climate action plan aims to make the borough carbon neutral by 2041.

Environmental pledges will include a focus on creating "20-minute neighbourhoods", which Cllr Ahmet said would involve making sure essential services and shops are "a short walk or bike ride away", and "cutting down unnecessary car journeys where possible".

Three low-traffic neighbourhoods are set to be introduced following the election, after being delayed to ensure exemptions to improve access for those with disabilities are in place "from the outset" according to Cllr Ahmet.

There will also be a continued focus on reducing youth crime and youth violence through early intervention measures.

While the Liberal Democrat opposition group is calling for a £46million revamp of the Grade 2-listed civic centre to be scrapped, Cllr Ahmet defended the scheme, saying the council's staff and community "deserve a place they can be proud of".

She added: "We're not just building a hub that will house our offices and have no access for the public – this is a building for Haringey and our population."

The civic centre project is designed to be self-financing, meaning the council should recoup the investment, and Cllr Ahmet said the authority was already investing in youth provision. A new youth hub is set to open in Wood Green this summer.

Since Cllr Ahmet became leader last year, the council has continued to face criticism over its handling of the High Road West development, a regeneration scheme set to provide nearly 3,000 homes in Tottenham after demolishing 297 existing flats on Love Lane Estate.

Residents of the estate narrowly backed the council's redevelopment plans in a ballot held last year. Campaigners subsequently called for an independent inquiry into allegations that council officers had put pressure on residents and collected votes, but senior councillors gave their backing to a report stating that the authority had "not received evidence relating to misconduct by officers" that would warrant an independent review.

Cllr Ahmet said any complaints should have been submitted to Civica, the independent organisation that oversaw the ballot, and added: "If there is any evidence of any wrongdoing, then someone should submit that, but a couple of tweets from seasoned campaigners isn't evidence of any wrongdoing."

The Labour group leader said the High Road West scheme would deliver around 500 council-rent homes and facilities for the local community, including a new playground and library. "One of the things we absolutely have to focus on is getting those things right, because essentially it is really important for the people who live there and will live there."

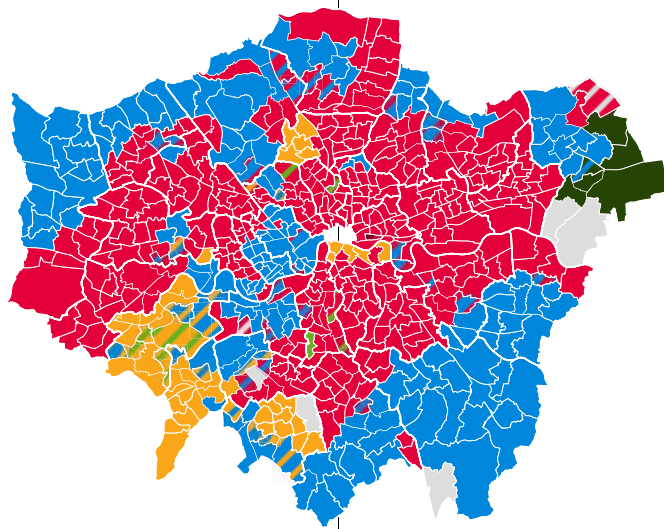
Cllr Ahmet recently pledged to hold an independent investigation into the council's property dealings following concerns

some transactions had suffered from a lack of oversight. The authority has been accused of wasting millions on the purchase of former nursing home Cranwood House in Muswell Hill and former office block Alexandra House in Wood Green. She said she hoped the findings of the "extensive" investigation would, subject to legal issues, be published in full, and underlined her commitment to "getting our processes right" around property transactions.



In October last year, an Ofsted report highlighted "significant areas of weakness" in Haringey's special educational needs and disabilities (Send) service. Cllr Ahmet said there was a "recognition that we need to work with parents" to improve the service, which had "really started to make some changes". She added that the council needed to bring agencies such as schools and health services together to address needs.

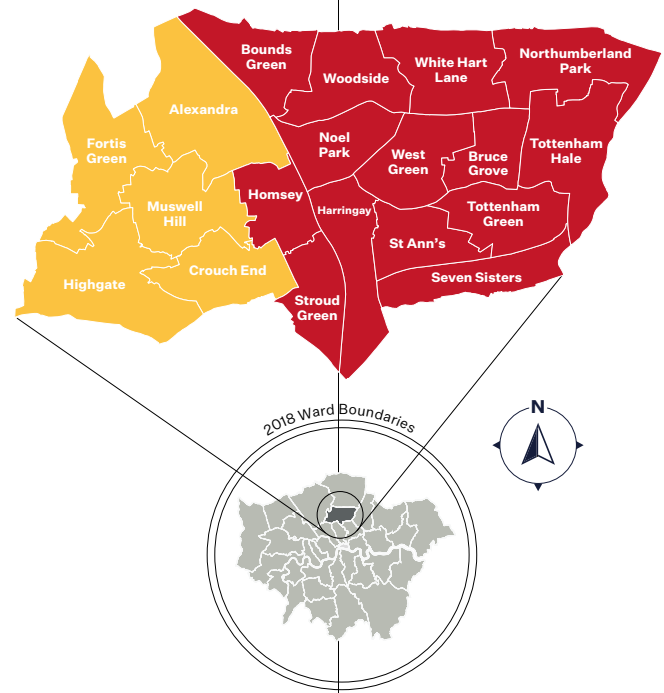
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2018 London Election Results



2018 Haringey Election Results

Leader			
Joseph Ejiofor		Liz Morris	
			
Labour		Liberal Democrats	
Leader's Seat			
Bruce Grove		Highgate	
Seats won			
42	6 ▼	15	6 ▲
Popular Vote			
112,980		47,137	
57.3%	7.2% ▲	23.9%	3.1% ▲



BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Haringey's Liberal Democrat group is planning a radical shake-up of power if it wins control of the council following the May election.

The borough's biggest opposition group wants to change the way the council is governed from a cabinet system to a committee system, devolve power to residents and make it easier for people to access council services.

Group leader Luke Cawley-Harrison says the cabinet model, which concentrates power in the hands of the leader and a small number of cabinet members, is "not fit for purpose".

The Liberal Democrats also plan to invest more in environmental measures and youth services, build a wider range of housing, and scrap a costly revamp of Haringey Civic Centre in Wood Green that it has dubbed a "vanity project".

Speaking to the Local Democracy Reporting Service ahead of local elections on 5th May, Cllr Cawley-Harrison said the cabinet model of local governance "leaves the majority of councillors, whether opposition or backbench, locked out of decision-making".

"We think the leader and cabinet model is just not fit for purpose," he explained. "In a borough like Haringey, where there is such mistrust in the council, and this feeling among so many people that there is very little engagement, the reality is with the leader and cabinet model you have ten or eleven councillors making the decisions for everyone across the whole borough."

"We just don't think that has worked well. We would like to see the model changed entirely."

Under the committee system, decisions are made by groups of councillors from each party on the council represented in proportion to their overall council membership.

The Lib Dems plan to set up area committees that would include residents, ensuring they have a "constitutional voice in decision-making within the borough". These committees would have financial backing so they could spend money on improvements to their area.

A further plan is to put customer service centres in each of the borough's town centres, allowing residents to access information and council services.

Cllr Cawley-Harrison acknowledged the council had recently been "ambitious" on environmental pledges but said his group wanted "far more investment in environmental issues" such as active travel, tree planting and "generally greening the borough".

He added: "We would like to see a much more rapid rollout of active travel infrastructure. That is not just cycle lanes, it is far better pedestrianisation of our existing town centres [and] looking at whether we have opportunities to widen pavements."

Part of the plan to tackle climate change would come through ensuring every report includes an assessment of the decision's impact on the environment, which Cllr Cawley-Harrison said would

"We think the leader and cabinet model is just not fit for purpose"



Haringey Lib Dem leader, Luke Cawley-Harrison (front, left) alongside the rest of the Lib Dem team

Lib Dems plan civic centre shake-up if they win power

lead to a "slow growth of environmental improvements to the borough".

The Lib Dems intend to scrap the current council charge for garden waste collections, claiming it has failed to boost recycling, and ensure every council-maintained road has a 20mph speed limit. As part of the North London Waste Authority, the party would continue to press for a review of the new Edmonton incinerator project, in order

to establish whether there are cleaner and more environmentally-friendly alternatives.

A key Labour group pledge ahead of the last set of local elections in 2018 was to "deliver

at least a thousand new council homes at council rents by 2022". Although the council claims to be on track to have begun construction of 1,000 homes by March this year, Cllr Cawley-Harrison said residents would have expected the homes to be built.

He added that the Lib Dems would be unlikely to set an "arbitrary number" of homes for the council to build by a certain date, warning this would put "advance pressure" on the authority that could affect the quality of the schemes being delivered.

Cllr Cawley-Harrison said a Liberal Democrat-led council would take a "far more rounded, pragmatic approach to house-building" that would ensure a "full range of affordable housing offers made available in developments across the borough".

At the same time, the group plans to

improve the quality of the existing housing stock, particularly Homes for Haringey-owned properties that are "just not up to the standard you would expect".

The Labour administration's budget, which was approved in March, included a £46million revamp of the Grade 2-listed Civic Centre in Wood Green. Cllr Cawley-Harrison said his group would scrap the scheme and reinvest the money saved in youth services, which could include opening a new youth centre.

The Liberal Democrats currently have 15 seats on the council, all representing wards in the more affluent west of the borough. Cllr Cawley-Harrison claimed several policies, including the planned improvements to housing, would benefit those living in the east.

He added: "We would also like to look at a new dementia hub, most likely in the east of the borough. That would bring public health benefits to an ageing population."

The Lib Dem leader said the group's planned area committees would benefit parts of the borough that are undergoing the most change, allowing people to have more of a say on large regeneration schemes such as High Road West in Tottenham.

"That is going to bring significant change to the area, and we want to make sure it is for the benefit of the area", he explained. "Area forums and area committees [...] would benefit the areas that are undergoing the most change and give them the voice to curate what they most want to see from these developments."

For more information about the Lib Dems in Haringey: Visit haringey.nationbuilder.com

LOCAL ELECTION

Conservatives pledge to oppose LTNs in Haringey



Conservative candidate, James Barton
BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

The Conservatives in Haringey are pledging to oppose low-traffic neighbourhoods (LTNs), crack down on fly-tipping and reduce crime.

The Tories do not currently hold any Haringey Council seats but are planning to field candidates in every ward in the

borough for the local elections on 5th May. Local candidate James Barton said the Conservatives would invest more in knife-crime prevention programmes, youth centres and police numbers. They would also install more CCTV cameras to catch fly-tippers and introduce free bulky waste collections.

James rejected claims that central government funding cuts had forced the council to close youth centres. Citing the controversy over Alexandra House, an office block that was bought by the authority in 2020 for more than double its market value, he claimed the council “could have cut back on waste and served the youth of the community”.

This year, the Labour-run council has set out plans to introduce LTNs in Bounds Green, St Ann’s and Bruce Grove. But James said the Tories would remove any existing LTNs and “oppose their implementation anywhere in Haringey”.

Designed to stop rat-running, boost walking and cycling and improve air quality, LTNs use bollards, planters and cameras to close streets to through traffic. Similar schemes already rolled out in Enfield have faced significant

opposition from some residents, who claim they have increased congestion and pollution on surrounding roads.

James said: “Where I am standing in Bruce Castle ward, people are very strongly against [the LTN], and I have come across similar sentiments across Tottenham.”

“I know they are in the early stages of implementation here, but everyone is very familiar with what has happened in Enfield, what a disaster they have been, and I think they are incredibly unpopular.”

LTNs are a key part of the council’s plan to make the borough carbon-neutral by 2041. James said the local Conservatives were “very environmentally conscious” but thought LTNs were the wrong way to go about tackling climate change, although he did support more ‘school streets’ and 20mph zones.

Since 2018, the council has been delivering on Labour manifesto pledges

to build 1,000 new council homes and offer 100% council tax relief for the least well-off residents. James said the Conservatives would “certainly want to invest in council housing and affordable housing” but would not commit to targets he claimed were “politically imposed for radical left-wing reasons”.

Addressing the so-called ‘partygate’ scandal over allegations of rule-breaking gatherings at Downing Street during the Covid-19 lockdowns, James said the prime minister still had the support of local Conservatives.

“We still back Boris, and I feel that with the events happening in the world at the moment, with Ukraine and generally the cost of living, I think it is more of a media furore and Twitter issue than a major issue.”

“It hasn’t come up on the doorstep once since we have been canvassing. It has been more about local issues.”

“Where I am standing in Bruce Castle ward, people are very strongly against the LTN”

BY SHAKIRA DYER

Young performers explore the formation of our borough

Inclusive theatre and performing arts company, Haringey Shed is exploring the formation of Haringey in its new play, *The Merger Mystery*.

Thirty young people, aged 11–16, have devised the story, which is loosely based on the merger of the borough boundaries in 1965.

Directed by Ibrahim Farouk-Sesay, who is making his directorial debut with Haringey Shed – *The Merger Mystery* touches on the split between Tottenham and Wood Green, and the idea that various Haringey wards didn’t get along.



“*I looked into why it was called Haringey, and that sent me down a rabbit hole, researching the local area*”

Ibrahim said: “It started off with me watching a video by Jay Foreman [Unfinished London] on YouTube, [where he explained] the reasons why the London boroughs had their different names.”

“Strangely enough, the one he has issues with, was Haringey. I looked into why it was called Haringey, and that sent me down a rabbit hole, researching the local area.”

“Being someone local, I’ve always wanted to know about the local history, creating something for young people to have fun and perform, but also to learn about the areas that they see every day and what they were like before.”

The young people were encouraged to

speak about places they know and recognise, with most of their ideas for the show coming from their own research, says Ibrahim.

Ashling Foat, participation manager at Haringey Shed, said: “We are so proud that Ibrahim has taken on this production.”

“He started at Haringey Shed as a young person, before becoming a volunteer and then making it onto our staff team as one of the greatest facilitators. As a performer, comedian and theatre maker it is an honour to see him leading our youth theatre.”

Haringey Shed’s *‘The Merger Mystery’* will be performing at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre on Friday, 1st April at 7pm, and Saturday, 2nd April, at 2pm and 5pm.

The Merger Mystery performers
Credit Haringey Shed

Four-day art festival to showcase local artists



Mayor of Haringey, Adam Jogee talks to artists at Citizens Art Market Credit Ed Quigley



Citizens Art Market Credit Ed Quigley

Art festival showcasing the work of local artists to take place in Wood Green

A four-day art festival showcasing the work of Haringey-based artists will be taking place this month.

The Citizens Art Festival will feature an art exhibition highlighting the work of 20 local contemporary artists, a series of free family art workshops, and an outdoor art market on the final day of the festival.

Taking place over four days, the festival involves approximately 50 artists in total, with the majority being from Haringey. The art exhibition will be located on a third-floor gallery space above the popular Oita Kitchen in Green Rooms, (Station Road), while the workshops and the final day art market will take place in the Blue House Yard, across the way.

Professional artists will lead workshop activities aimed at families, which include a Chinese calligraphy workshop, and a session on collage making and printmaking.

Citizens Art Festival is the creation of artist and photographer Edward Quigley and Antonis Christodoulides, who runs a custom framing and mounting service.

Edward launched a series of art markets in August 2020, and the festival builds on

the success of this. It is a natural next step in both Edward’s and Antonis’ work of supporting Haringey artists and wanting to help develop the arts scene in and around Wood Green where they both work.

There’ll be an eclectic range of art for sale from painters and printmakers, photographers and sculptors.

Edward said: “The festival marks the start of the Citizens Art Market programme of activity in 2022, so I can’t wait to be part of something really special.”

The event is part-funded by Haringey Council, with some support from local sponsors. The team behind the festival includes art marketing consultant Holly Collier, and intern, Karolina Zalaneite, a local fine art student.

Citizens Art Festival aims to contribute to the growth of Haringey’s thriving art scene, bringing artists and art lovers together; connecting them with families and local people – art for all citizens.

Antonis said: “I think it’s important to shine a spotlight on the things people are doing here, it boosts the area and shows aspiring artists, young and old, what they can achieve without feeling unappreciated in the face of many of the institutions that wave the wand at the more fortunate.”

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Tottenham community hub taking its outreach ‘sky-high’ with support of Spurs

Local community centre the Engine Room has announced the launch of its ‘Tottenham Ten’ initiative on the roof of the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium.

Former Spurs footballer and current club ambassador Michael Dawson joined community activists at the Dare Skywalk, celebrating the launch of the event which will take place on Saturday, 11th June.

The project is an inclusive 10k running event and 5k walk led by the Engine Room in collaboration with Tottenham Hotspur. Following a break as the result of the pandemic restrictions, the event is back and bigger than ever before, raising funds for the Engine Room’s essential community outreach, as well as inspiring young people from the Tottenham Hale area to get involved in their local community.

There will be 100 free places for 16–25-year-olds, allowing many young people the opportunity to participate and fundraise for any number of good causes.



Spurs ambassador Michael Dawson (left of centre) with the Engine Room team Credit Stephen Furner

Excited to see the launch of the project, and to be working closely with Tottenham Hotspur, the Engine Room’s Obi Onyido said: “This is a really exciting moment for us to be back delivering the Tottenham Ten. We are passionate about the togetherness

it brings in the community and given that we have lost out on two years due to Covid, it is so important that we can be back doing what makes a difference, and doing it to the full. “The Tottenham Ten is a fun, inclusive challenge that we

know really brings people together, and we are encouraging people of all ages and abilities to get involved and raise money for our work in the local community or their own favourite charity!

“Young people can make such a huge difference, whether that is helping to deliver sport or social welfare programmes – which are often targeted at helping other young people like themselves. This year, we want to encourage more young people into community activation and into the challenge of taking on a 10k!”

Spurs ambassador Michael Dawson, said: “We are delighted to support this fantastic local initiative which is all about bringing the community together – giving local people the chance to take part in a fun and inclusive activity while keeping fit and active. We’re looking forward to working with the Engine Room to put our full support behind the Tottenham Ten this summer.”

For more information about the Tottenham Ten, or to sign up, go to: entrycentral.com/tottenhamten

To find out more about the Engine Room go to: engineroom.org.uk

BY LUCHIA ROBINSON

Community food network launched

Several food initiatives across the borough have united to form the Haringey Community Food Network (HCFN), – a cross-working support system that tackles food poverty and insecurity in Haringey.

With the mission to pool resources and expertise to assist residents experiencing hardship gain access to food, the community-led initiative celebrated its inauguration last month.

The collective launch follows individual on-the-ground community work supporting local households, prior to, and throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Formed of approximately 15 local food initiatives, including foodbanks, homeless outreach projects, and cooked food delivery services, the newly independent entity can now attract public funds that will be divided across all member groups.

As part of its co-design model of public services delivery, the HCFN works in collaboration with local people with lived experience of food insecurity, as well as Haringey Council, which helped support the coordination of the network.

Moussa Amine Sylla, a community organiser at the Selby Food Hub, said: “Our organisational aims are to make



sure that no one in Haringey goes hungry, and that they get access to healthy and culturally balanced food, especially those who are the least well off.

“We also aim to reduce food poverty and the need for foodbanks – as you can imagine, this

is a very ambitious endeavour.” The HCFN is campaigning to raise awareness of the causes of poverty, including the rising cost of living and unmatched salaries, as well as the hostility of the welfare state.

Moussa said: “The state of

welfare and the benefit system in this country is very hostile with the beneficiaries; the sanctions, and the rapid way of being put out of the system is utterly inhumane. Something needs to be addressed.”

Creating a more collaborative approach to developing social care within the community is pivotal to the HCFN, and this involves working alongside the local authority, regional authority, and national organisations whenever required, says Moussa.

He added: “I’d say the power dynamic is changing and local politicians are using the language of grassroots, community-led consultation more and more. They are actually involving the community in decisions, and it seems that it is a real change. However, the administration [process] is far from that.

“There’s still a top-down approach to many things and we have to struggle to get our voice heard, and to get what we think is the best, to actually move forward.

“But things are changing, and we hope that this collaboration – a new way of working, will enable us to create a cultural change within the administration of Haringey Council, which is really needed.”

“We also aim to reduce food poverty and the need for foodbanks”

Journey to Lapland

BY LUCHIA ROBINSON

Total Boxer founder raises funds for MS charity on husky dog trail

Matt Garcia, founder of Total Boxer in Hornsey, heads to Lapland this month to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Matt will embark on a husky trail adventure of Lapland, in northernmost Finland, over a five-day period, starting in Tromsø, Norway, and finishing up in Jukkasjärvi, Sweden.

With temperatures well below freezing, Matt will lead a team of huskies across the Arctic forests, covering a route approximately 270km long.

The journey will see Matt embrace the cold and snow, raising funds to help find a cure for MS, in memory of his grandfather who battled with the condition before passing away.

MS is a neurological disorder that affects the body’s central nervous system. More than 130,000 people in the UK have the condition.

Matt said: “It will be a true hands-on challenge and something I have never done before.



“Apart from the five hours a day of balancing on the sled and literally trying to hold on to my husky colleagues, I will be living just like the Laplanders; camping, cooking and tending to the dogs, all in constant icy, untouched nature at temperatures of -20C.”

Matt has been preparing for the challenge by training in the boxing

gym to condition his body strength, focus, and stamina.

To donate to Matt’s Lapland husky trail mission: justgiving.com/mattyapland

To follow the trip, visit: instagram.com/mattgarciauk

MS Awareness Week 2022 runs from 25th April-1st May. For more information about the condition: www.mssociety.org.uk

Signed, sealed, delivered

BY SIOBHAN DONNACHIE, LONDON RENTERS UNION

Haringey London Renters Union presents council leader with housing demands

Last month, members from Haringey London Renters Union (LRU) hand delivered a letter to Haringey Council leader, Peray Ahmet, asking the council to commit to its housing demands.

LRU has supported hundreds of renters in Haringey and elsewhere through legal advocacy, eviction resistance, landlord negotiation, and media pressure.

Haringey LRU membership represents approximately 500 renters in the borough. Members live in private,

social, and in temporary accommodation and are desperate for transformative change in their housing. LRU has around 5,000 members across the capital who are all asking councillors to promise to stand with renters in next month’s elections.

After decades of a housing crisis, now culminating in an acute housing emergency, renters in Haringey want their voices heard and for the council to promise local change. Haringey has one of the highest eviction rates in the country. In 2021, 357 households faced repossession claims despite an eviction ban, and Haringey has the third highest rate of people living in temporary accommodation in London.

The Haringey group is asking councillors to commit to delivering on five core demands: homes for people not profit; hold landlords accountable; stop gentrification and bring the rents

down; more accessible housing and support; and no borders in housing.

Councillors in the last election pledged a radical reshaping of the council’s approach to housing, in exchange for support of votes. Thankfully, the contentious Haringey Development Vehicle (HDV) was scrapped and the demolition of social housing was slowed. However, residents are yet to see the transformations they were promised in 2018 and are desperate for councillors to again pledge change, and more importantly follow through on this.

The emergency in housing is being experienced all over the borough; from severe disrepair issues, and skyrocketing rents, to harassment and negligence from landlords. It’s time for councillors to listen to the community they are representing and commit to delivering on these demands.

In the lead up to the election on 5th May, Haringey LRU will be pushing forward with its campaign, and will encourage all renters to join and use their resources to lobby their local councillors for change.



Haringey London Renters Union group Credit Sara Chitsek



Haringey London Renters Union presents list of demands to council leader, Peray Ahmet Credit Sara Chitsek

For information on the Haringey LRU demands and how to get involved, follow:

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Sanctuary for refugees

The UK government needs to take a non-hostile approach to support people fleeing conflict, writes Hornsey and Wood Green MP Catherine West

I recently had the privilege of meeting Marta, the mum of my constituent, who has finally arrived from Ukraine after being stuck for days in a Home Office bureaucratic nightmare. She considers herself one of the lucky ones; at one point she was told it could be May before her visa was processed. With my office’s help things moved a bit quicker but her story isn’t unique, and the UK government’s response to Europe’s greatest humanitarian crisis since the Second World War has been shamefully slow.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine, almost three million refugees have fled, overwhelmingly women and children, often carrying little more than a change of clothes. Some 1.5 million people have sought refuge in Poland, 200,000 in Hungary and almost 80,000 in Moldova, one of Europe’s poorest states.

Yet here in the UK, one of the richest countries in the world, we have issued 25,500 refugee visas from the 59,500 applications as of 29th March. The only country in Europe not to immediately offer a simple, sanctuary route, Johnson’s government is “world leading” in paperwork not compassion.

It’s long been a source of national shame that instead of seeking to help some of the most vulnerable people fleeing unimaginable horror, the UK under the Tories has sought to send back boats, stop unaccompanied kids from joining their families, push the cruel Nationality and Borders Bill through parliament and drive “go home” vans round London’s streets.

Whilst the British people have shown spirit and generosity, donating millions to the Disasters Emergency Committee, and crashing the finally launched ‘Homes for Ukraine’, website as over 100,000 people signed up in a matter of hours – Boris Johnson and Priti Patel have dragged their feet.

It’s a repeat of last summer when I raised serious concerns about the government’s handling of the Afghanistan evacuation, following the Taliban takeover. I recently met with brave Afghan women, still living in hotels since they arrived here last August. They told me the struggles they were having even registering with a GP. The Tory “hostile environment” now embedded in access to public services.

Refugees fleeing unimaginable horrors deserve so much better, and I hope this public outcry becomes a turning point, shining a light on the situation facing refugees, not just from Ukraine but from around the world. We need an end to the hostile environment and far more urgency and political will to support those fleeing conflict who want to come to the UK.



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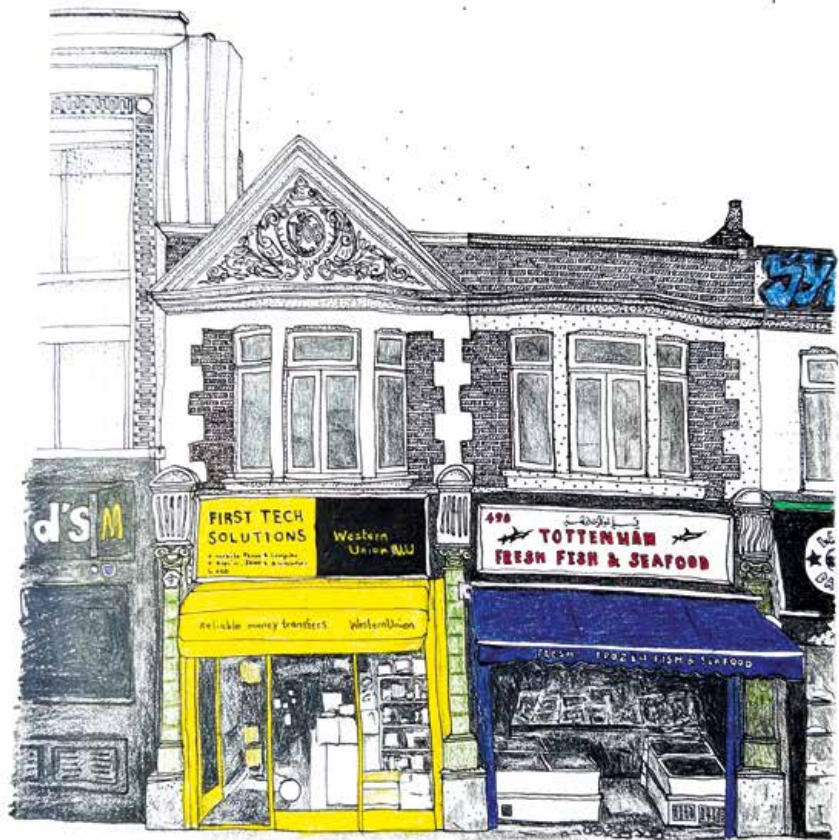
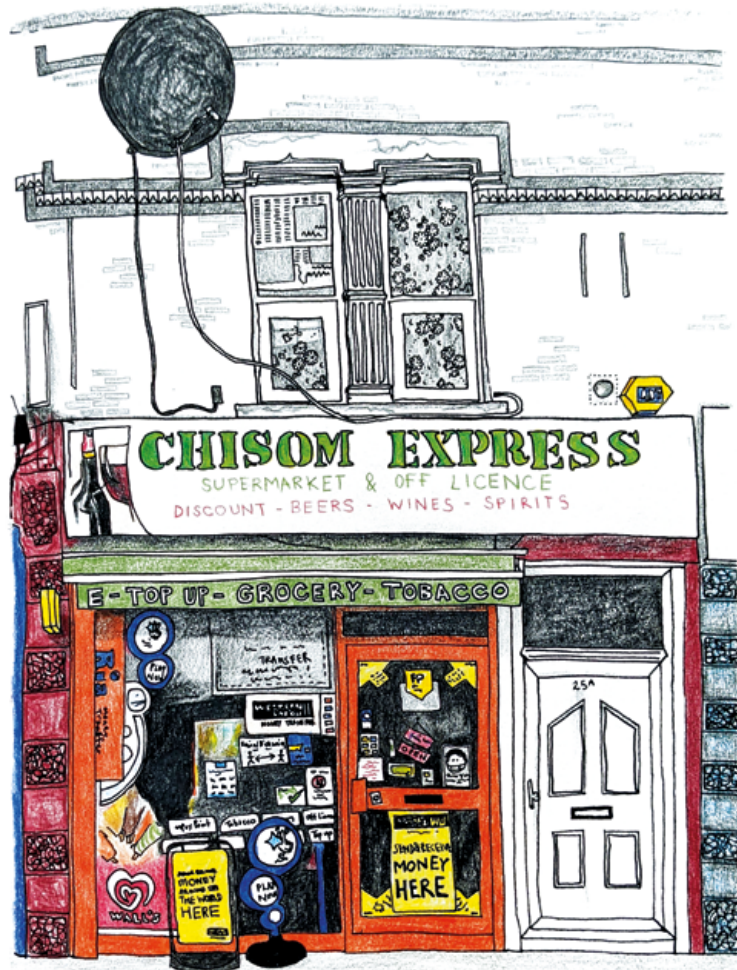
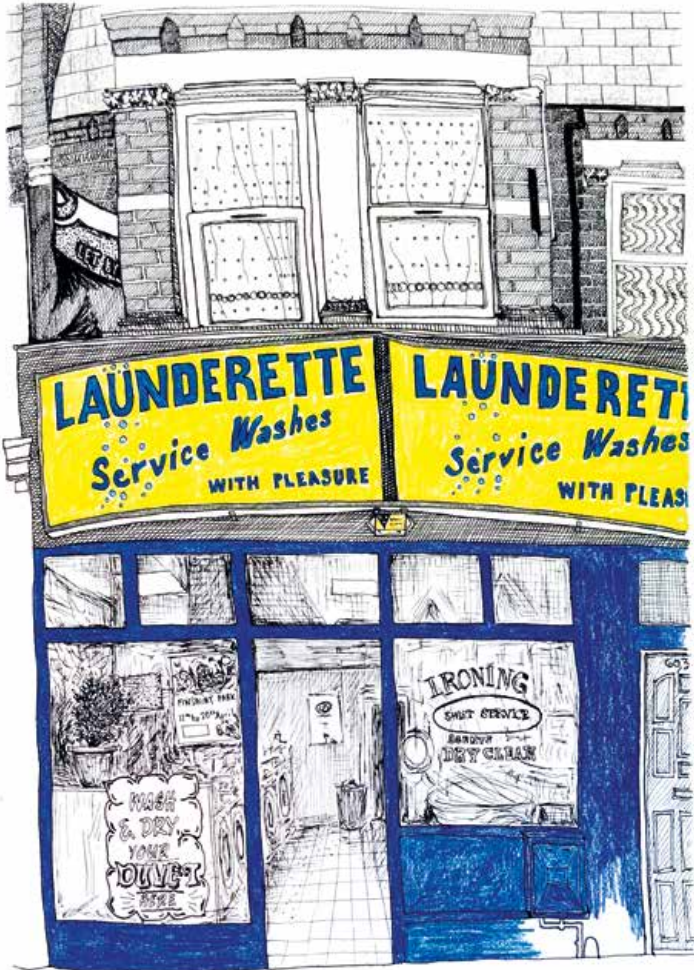
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