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Carters Steam Fair came to Priory Park for a final time in July. Read the story on pages 8 and 9 Credit Zoe Norfolk

Councillors approve plan for thousands of new Tottenham homes

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

High Road West scheme has attracted significant controversy but previously won backing from the residents of Love Lane Estate, which is now set to be demolished

Plans to knock down hundreds of homes and businesses in Tottenham to make way for a huge regeneration scheme have been approved by councillors. The High Road West development, set to create thousands of

new homes opposite Tottenham Hotspur Stadium, was waved through by Haringey Council's planning subcommittee in July. Conceived after the 2011 riots as a way of improving the area, the scheme – a partnership between Haringey Council and developer Lendlease – involves bulldozing existing homes and business space to transform the area west of the High Road into a series of towerblocks that could rise, at their highest point, to 29 storeys. Haringey Council says the development will bring "substantial" public benefits, including up to 2,929 new homes, of which at least 500 will be for social rent. It will also create parks, commercial space, a new library and a learning centre.

But businesses and residents' campaign TAG (temporary accommodation group) Love Lane, have slammed the scheme, claiming it will put homes and livelihoods at risk. Peacock Industrial Estate – home to more than 50 small firms to the north of White Hart Lane – will be knocked down to make way for new flats. Decades-old family businesses in White Hart Lane and Tottenham High Road also face demolition. South of White Hart Lane, the 297 flats in the council-owned Love Lane Estate, built in the 1960s, will be bulldozed. Last year, the council secured £91million of City Hall funding to boost the number of social-rent homes on the High Road West

scheme from 145 to 500, enabling it to offer a new home to all eligible Love Lane residents. Businesses could be given premises within the new development, and support will be offered to help firms that need to move elsewhere. But many residents and businesses fear the promises will not be kept or will be watered down as the scheme is built in phases over ten to 15 years. Local firms have also complained that their existing freehold properties will be replaced by leasehold units and have demanded like-for-like replacements. High Road West was deferred by the planning committee in March this year following a last-minute objection from Tottenham Hotspur

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A mural of Spurs player Son Heung-min, by the graffiti artist Gnasher Murals, on Stoneleigh Road in Tottenham **Credit** Stephen Furner

AN INTRODUCTION FROM THE EDITOR

HELLO AND WELCOME TO ISSUE 10. If 39 degree heat wasn't proof enough, summer is officially here, and it's set to be an action-packed time in Haringey. On page 12, our community reporter Olivia Opara explores how Tottenham rapper Guala is gearing up for the UK's largest Latin festival, coming to Finsbury Park this month; on page 10, Hannah Cox highlights the circus skills workshops

at Jacksons Lane Theatre this August, and on page 13, Chloe Ruthven discusses her pop-up summer school for children aged 7–18, and how it's encouraging 'critical literacy' among young people. July saw the iconic Carters Steam Fair visit Priory Park for the final time. If you missed it, head to pages 8 and 9 for our conversation with Zoe Norfolk. The Muswell Hill-based photographer joined Carters for its last outing, and

discussed her project with *HCP*. Thank you to everyone who came to our event in July – we appreciate your support and suggestions immensely. If you have a personal experience, letter, story idea or photograph you would like to submit for our September issue, please send it to hcp@socialspider.com by Monday, 15th August. I hope you enjoy the issue!

Alice Kemp-Habib

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“We’ve earned the right to be a part of this development”

Football Club, which raised concerns over heritage, a lack of employment space, and the safety of crowds moving through the development on their way to and from the club's stadium. Speaking during the committee meeting in July, planning officer Philip Elliot told councillors the issues raised by Spurs had been addressed.

Speaking against the plans, Paul Burnham, from campaign group Haringey Defend Council Housing, pointed out the civic centre's own panel of experts had raised concerns over the scheme's density and the light levels reaching lower flats.

A ballot of Love Lane residents held last year came out narrowly in favour of redeveloping the estate. But Paul claimed residents had been given “false promises about rehousing” that had “already been broken” because 360 of the proposed council homes would only be delivered in “ten to 15 years' time”.

Alex Tryfonos, who runs Chick King in Tottenham High Road, slammed the “injustice” of the scheme, which he said had “cast a dark shadow” over people's

lives. He added: “Our mental and physical wellbeing will never be the same again. No human being should be subjected to this. We have earned the right to be part of this development and remain where we are.”

Richard Serra, head of planning at Tottenham Hotspur FC, described the scheme as “disrespectful to the aspirations and hopes of our local community”. He warned it would lead to a net loss of 300 jobs and claimed crowd safety issues had still not been properly addressed.

Representing businesses in Peacock Industrial Estate, Faruk Tepeyurt claimed the scheme was “racist and discriminatory”. Asked to retract the claim by Labour councillor Reg Rice, he refused, saying businesses, many owned by ethnic minorities, had been left out of meetings with landowners and developers, and their alternative plans for the site had been “belittled”.

Supporters of the plans also addressed the committee. Bilad Dhoof, chair

of Love Lane Residents' Association, said the existing buildings suffered from disrepair, and the redevelopment would reduce antisocial behaviour. She added: “A lot of local people wanted the Love Lane scheme to go ahead and [are] asking me how soon work will be happening.”

Enid Henry said she wanted the new homes to be built “as soon as possible” and that she was “looking forward to the new facilities”.



Suzanne Wolfe, independent tenant and leaseholder adviser for Love Lane, read out supporting comments from three local residents, which included concerns that current estate tenants were suffering from overcrowding and other problems that would be solved by the regeneration.

Bek Seeley, managing director at Lendlease, said the replacement council homes would be delivered “early in the scheme”. She added that Lendlease had consulted with businesses over four years and was “committed to finding the best possible outcome for businesses”

individual circumstances, including relocation within the site or nearby”.

Addressing crowd safety concerns, Bek said there would be more space to “accommodate fans more safely”. She added: “This scheme will make many things better for the communities who live and work there, and we are ready to move forward with building works later this year.”

During the course of the meeting, committee members raised a number of concerns over the scheme, including the potential for community and leisure space to be lost and doubts over council housing delivery.

A CGI of the High Road West development

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Council leaders complain over ‘racist’ police training module

The leaders of both Enfield and Haringey councils have complained to the Metropolitan Police Service (MPS) over what they claim is “negative racial stereotyping of people of Turkish heritage” in a training course.

Enfield Council leader Nesil Caliskan and Haringey Council leader Peray Ahmet wrote a joint letter to borough commander Caroline Haines over reports in the national press in July that trainee detectives were shown videos containing offensive racial stereotypes.

The Met Police has now withdrawn the specific training module but the two council leaders have demanded “reassurance” that there will be no other similar videos used as part of officer training courses and that the force “reflects” on the approach being taken.

The pair wrote: “Enfield and Haringey are home to significantly large populations of people from Turkish-speaking backgrounds. The news that prejudice towards the Turkish-speaking community in London could be manufactured through training of detectives in the force is a concern to both of us and our residents.

“While we note the training module(s) that caused such offence have been withdrawn, it is disappointing that an academic team, with operational input from the Metropolitan Police,

Leaders of Enfield and Haringey councils say Met Police training tool discriminated against people of Turkish origin, reports James Cracknell

developed, approved, and delivered such a prejudicial and racist piece of ‘training’ in the first place.

“The training course did not limit itself to racism directed at people of Turkish origin but also devised inappropriate and unnecessary scenario building that would offend huge sections of our Asian and Middle Eastern communities too.

“This ill-conceived approach to training threatens all the work we and our partners are doing with you to create greater community cohesion and resilience.

“One can only imagine the discomfort trainee officers from ethnic minority backgrounds must have felt when viewing this offensive material as part of a degree-level course in policing. It would give the impression to many of our residents that we still have some way to go before we have a police force that is truly representative of the

communities in London.”

In a separate statement, Eren Emin, chair of the Turkish Police Association, said that following the initial concerns raised he had been working in “close consultation” with the Met and would be “releasing a statement of our findings along with new structures moving forward to ensure these mistakes do not reoccur.”

A Met Police spokesperson said: “The case study was used for the first time across September/October 2021. As with all of our learning inputs, they are continually reviewed to maximise their effectiveness. This includes surveying all recruits. Whilst no initial issues were highlighted via the recruit surveys in respect of the case study, subsequent feedback was received by a small number within the lecturing team regarding the level of complexity and the potential for

misinterpretation in the delivery of the material to ensure that sensitive, diversity-linked subject matter was appropriately framed and culturally sensitive.

“As a result, each university was given delegated authority to adapt the case study locally using their professional judgement and understanding of their local lecturing team capability in order to ensure that any risks of misinterpretation were removed.

“More broadly, in late 2021, work commenced on the development of a new case study linked to wider changes to the overall structure of the degree holder entry programme for detectives and recognising that all case studies have a natural shelf life as the Met continues

to evolve and adapt to keep pace with and stay ahead of changes in criminal activity in its efforts to keep Londoners safe.

“In order to further strengthen the existing governance process, it is now standard practice that all new training material developed for use with Met officers/staff is put through the MPS learning and development community reference group who have a remit to test, challenge and shape our thinking in relation to training content and approach.

“All recruits joining the Met via the degree holder entry programme for detectives from May 2022 onwards, will complete the newly structured programme.”



▲ Peray Ahmet



▲ Nesil Caliskan

Council to spend up to £25m on buying Wards Corner land

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

A new approach to the redevelopment of the Seven Sisters Indoor Market site has been agreed by senior Haringey councillors.

The local authority will buy up land at Wards Corner as part of a plan to provide council homes and retail space, pledging to work with residents, businesses and local partners on a new design that complements the market.

It follows the decision last year by private landlord Grainger to drop plans to demolish buildings at Wards Corner and build 196 new homes. The scheme had been opposed by many traders at the market – also known as The Latin Village – who feared it would put their livelihoods and culture at risk.

During a meeting in July, cabinet members decided to end a development agreement with Grainger and acquire its property and land interests at the site. The council will also buy up other land at Wards Corner to enable its alternative



Seven Sisters Indoor Market occupies much of the Wards Corner site

Councillors agree way forward for council’s alternative plan for future of Seven Sisters Indoor Market

plan to move forward, although the market itself will remain under the ownership of Transport for London (TfL).

The cabinet report pledges to “deliver on the aspirations” of a “community plan” designed to restore and improve the market.

Ruth Gordon, cabinet member for house building, placemaking and development, told the meeting: “The ambition we have got for

this area is to be creating on that corner site [...] space for workspace [and] space for retail, to give some confidence to the businesses that there is a future for them on that site, and also, in no small measure, to provide social housing council houses on that site as well.”

Councillors ruled out a short-term “comprehensive redevelopment” of the site in favour of a longer-term scheme deemed to

be more financially sound. However, the report acknowledges that even this option comes with “significant medium-term risks” if improvements are slower than expected or if “a viable delivery strategy cannot be identified”.

The cabinet report earmarks a budget of £24.7million to buy up the land and develop a draft scheme, along with other minor spending on the properties over a five-year period. This will be funded by borrowing, and it could leave the council with a debt of almost £6million if the scheme falls through.

Speaking during the cabinet meeting, Peter O’Brien, the council’s assistant director of regeneration and economic development, said taking a longer-term approach could allow the council to access alternative sources of funding, such as Heritage Lottery grants.

Cabinet members also agreed to all eight recommendations made by a panel of councillors following a scrutiny review of the market’s future. These include a commitment to support a partnership board that would be set up by TfL to balance the needs of traders and the community.

Report reveals scale of cuts to children’s services in Haringey

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Spending on early help for children in Haringey has almost halved following a decade of central government funding cuts, a new report reveals.

Early intervention spending by Haringey Council on measures such as children’s centres, youth clubs and tailored support for substance misuse fell by £12.4million in real terms between 2010/11 and 2020/21, a decrease of 48%.

Per child, it marks a reduction of almost £140 over the ten-year period.

The figures were published in July alongside a report, *Stopping The Spiral*, that warns of a “vicious cycle” in which councils are forced to spend more on later-stage crisis support, leaving more children and young people exposed to risks like exploitation, neglect and mental ill-health.

Investment in early intervention support by councils in England fell from £3.8billion to £1.9bn during the ten-year period, the report reveals.

At the same time, government funding available to councils for children’s services

is estimated to have dropped by 22%, from £10.4bn to £8.1bn, with the poorest local authority areas often forced to make the biggest cuts to early support services.

Meanwhile, spending on crisis and late intervention services such as support for children in care and child protection soared by more than a third, from £6bn to £8.2bn, driven by a 24% rise in the number of children in care.

But in Haringey, spending on late intervention also fell, dropping from £75.3m to £55m. It came as total spending on the borough’s children’s services department was slashed from £104m to £68.9m. The council’s government grant funding was cut by £124m during the ten-year period.

Zena Brabazon, cabinet member for children, schools and families, said the report painted a “bleak but accurate picture of the current funding situation in children and young people’s services”.

She added: “It’s clear the government has abandoned its levelling-up agenda, continuing to provide more funding to better off areas and ensuring the least well-off suffer the most from austerity.”

Cllr Brabazon said the impact of government austerity had been “disastrous” for



Credit Piron Guillaume/Unsplash

young people, adding: “The system needs a radical reset, but the Conservatives have no vision and no ambition for our young people. The government might not care but in Haringey we do, our children need the opportunity to achieve and thrive and that starts with properly funding services for children and young people.”

Stopping The Spiral was commissioned by The Children’s Society, Action for Children, Barnardo’s, National Children’s Bureau and the NSPCC, and is based on research by Pro Bono Economics. The charities are calling for the next prime minister to meet the recommendation made by the Independent Review of Children’s Social Care to invest a minimum of £2.6bn in

children’s social care.

Cllr Brabazon said that last year the council invested an extra £6m into children’s social care, which comes alongside £1.5m of funding for Rising Green Youth Hub in Wood Green and an extra £1m for special educational needs and disabilities.

She added: “Haringey Council has seen increased numbers of families seeking these early intervention services, largely due to the cost-of-living crisis and the ongoing impacts of the pandemic. Despite the huge challenges we face, we won’t let our young people down.”

A government spokesperson said: “We have made an additional £3.7bn available to councils this year alone to help them deliver key services and support families.

“We are backing families with better and earlier access to services that keep them safe and healthy, by expanding a network of family hubs all over England and increasing investment in the supporting families programme, which is helping to keep up to 300,000 families together safely and provide loving homes for children. This comes ahead of widescale reform to the care system through our response to the independent review of children’s social care.”

Row over 120-year-old tree continues

The London plane has been occupied for over 70 consecutive days

BY ALICE KEMP-HABIB

THE BATTLE TO SAVE A 120-year-old tree in Crouch End has reached new heights.

The London plane on Oakfield Road – which insurance companies claim is damaging nearby houses – has been occupied for upwards of 70 consecutive days at the time of writing. In July, 72-year-old Eldridge Culverwell, councillor for Stroud Green, joined the campaign by chaining himself to the tree with a bike lock. “I’m absolutely appalled that the council has intentions of felling this tree,” he said in video footage from the day. “We’ve got to think of our next generation, our children’s children and the birds and the bees and the insects.”

The tree is at the centre of a bitter row between locals, the council and insurance companies.

For over a decade, residents from two houses on Oakfield Road have been petitioning

their insurers to pay for £400,000 worth of underpinning and repair work caused by subsidence. In turn, the insurers (Allianz PLC and Aviva) say the

tree is the problem, and have shifted responsibility onto the council. In response, protestors visited Allianz’s HQ to hand a letter to UK CEO Colm Holmes in July. The letter was not accepted.

“It’s a game for them,” Cllr Culverwell continued. “They’re making money, holding the council to ransom, holding residents to ransom”.

Campaigners from Haringey Tree Protectors say that 200 trees across the borough are threatened by insurance claims, including 33 trees on just two roads in Stroud Green. The protest is ongoing following a public meeting between councillors and campaigners in July.



Cllr Culverwell chained himself to the Oakfield tree in July



Lauren Saint-George

Tottenham mother shook baby to death hours after social worker visit

Lily-Mai Saint George was found with rib fractures and a serious head injury in 2018

BY ALICE KEMP-HABIB

THE MOTHER OF A TEN-week-old who died in 2018 has been found guilty of infanticide following a six-week trial at Wood Green Crown Court.

Lauren Saint-George – of Belmont Road, N15 – inflicted fatal head injuries, 18 rib fractures, a

leg fracture and severe bruising on her daughter, Lily-Mai Saint George. The attack happened hours after a visit from a social worker, during which Lauren was told that she would have to go into residential care if she wanted to keep her daughter.

Less than a week prior to her death, social services had transferred sole care of Lily-Mai to her parents, Lauren and Darren Hurrell, both 25. This came despite warnings from staff at Barnet Hospital, who said that

she was at risk of neglect.

The ‘infanticide’ verdict means the jury decided that Lauren had killed her daughter, but was not fully responsible for her actions because of the effects of childbirth. The 25-year-old was found not guilty of murder, manslaughter and child cruelty, and will be spared jail time, with the judge saying she has “suffered enough already”.

Lily-Mai’s father, Darren, was cleared of child cruelty.

Haringey Council recognised for youth engagement efforts

Haringey wins big at the RTPI Awards

BY OLIVIA OPARA

Haringey council has been recognised for its collaborative work with young people.

On 14th July, the local authority received The Chair's Award at the the Royal Town Planning Institute Awards (RTPI).

Credit Olivia Opara



The award recognises the joint work between the council's Planning Service and Youth Advisory Board, to ensure that young people's views are reflected in the new Local Plan, which sets the rules for how Haringey should develop over time. The Youth Advisory Board is a youth-led consultancy that facilitates projects and offers paid training and work experience for young people in the borough.

Over 15,000 Haringey residents engaged in developing the Local Plan, with more than 350 of them being young people under the age of 18.

Councillor Adam Jogee, the cabinet member for economic development, jobs and community cohesion, said: "I'm delighted that our work to ensure that Haringey's young people play a role in developing our Local Plan has been recognised with such a prestigious award."

The planning consultancy Sphere25 also received an award for 'best project'. This came in recognition of its work on Olive Morris Court in Tottenham – London's first modular housing development for rough sleepers, which supports 32 homeless people in the borough.



250 new street trees planted across Haringey

BY CASSANDRA OLIVER

'Trees for Streets' hopes to plant 250,000 new street trees nationwide in the next ten years

Have you noticed any new trees in your area? If not, you soon might, because residents of Haringey have been pioneers in a new, national scheme designed to fill our streets with trees.

Our 'Trees for Streets' scheme allows people to sponsor the planting of new, semi-mature trees in urban areas. We launched the campaign in 2021 and aim to plant 250,000 new street trees nationwide in the next ten years. We're part of the national urban tree charity Trees for Cities and the scheme is funded by DEFRA's Green Recovery Challenge Fund and City Bridge Trust.

Trees have the power to transform our

neighbourhoods. Not only are they needed to help combat climate change, but they also bring so many more amazing benefits that can be enjoyed immediately: a positive effect on our mental and physical health, reduced air pollution, protection from flooding and the creation of shaded areas, to name just a few.

Plenty of people have taken the opportunity to add some green to their streets. A brother and sister from Tottenham sponsored a new tree in memory of their late parents; local businesses have given back to the community by sponsoring trees; residents of Lynnmoor Road in Fortis Green raised enough to plant the length of their street, and those on Albany Road in Finsbury Park planted nine new trees. The ward councillors for West Green even crowdfunded enough to plant trees outside six primary schools – a way for the whole community to thank teachers and support staff for all their invaluable work during the pandemic.

So far, over 250 trees have been funded by Haringey residents, and requests keep coming in every day. The council's tree

experts have planted varieties like cherry, crab apple, hawthorn, whitebeam and sweet gum, which are perfect for attracting birds, bees and other wildlife. The new trees are already around 4m high and are sturdy, low-maintenance and suit local conditions. Some volunteers have taken on the responsibility of watering these trees, too, which is crucial to help them get established.

If you'd like to get involved, it's really easy to do with our app. Just select the location where you'd like to plant a tree and make a sponsorship request. We'll forward it to the tree experts and let you know when your request has been confirmed. Demand is high, so we recommend getting your request in early to get your tree planted in the coming planting season – we don't want anyone to miss out!

We've been blown away by the community spirit in Haringey and we're grateful to every single individual who has got involved so far. We can't wait to see what's yet to come!

To sponsor your own street tree, visit: treesforstreets.org/haringey

Tottenham Green Pool to slash prices

BY ALICE KEMP-HABIB

Fusion Lifestyle has promised to lower prices and improve cleanliness following a campaign by locals

Fusion Lifestyle has promised to deliver major changes at Tottenham Green Pool following a campaign by the local residents network ACORN Haringey.

The fitness operator – which runs Tottenham Green Leisure Centre – has reduced the cost of an adult swim to £5.75 (it was previously £8) and reintroduced its £1 Junior Swim programme. Funded by Haringey Council, this lowers the price of a swim for children under 16 from £2.70, and will run throughout the summer holidays.

In addition to this, Fusion will introduce more 'family swim' and 'fun and wave'



Members of ACORN at the protest in June
Credit ACORN Haringey

sessions over the holidays. A spokesperson added that the company "intends to continue providing more of these family swim sessions in September". Cleaning hours will increase significantly from 32 to 96 hours per week, too, while the pool and facilities will be more regularly maintained.

In 2019, four people were rushed to hospital following a chlorine gas leak at the pool. In the years since, the leisure centre has been heavily criticised for its poor hygiene standards and high price points, among other things.

The proposed changes come following a mounting campaign spearheaded by ACORN. In June, demonstrators gathered outside the leisure centre to demand better affordability, management and maintenance. This was followed by a meeting between Fusion management and ACORN in July.

A spokesperson for the residents network said: "The commitment from Fusion to slash prices, increase 'family swims' and cleaning hours as well as maintenance is a great step in our campaign to save Tottenham Green Pool."

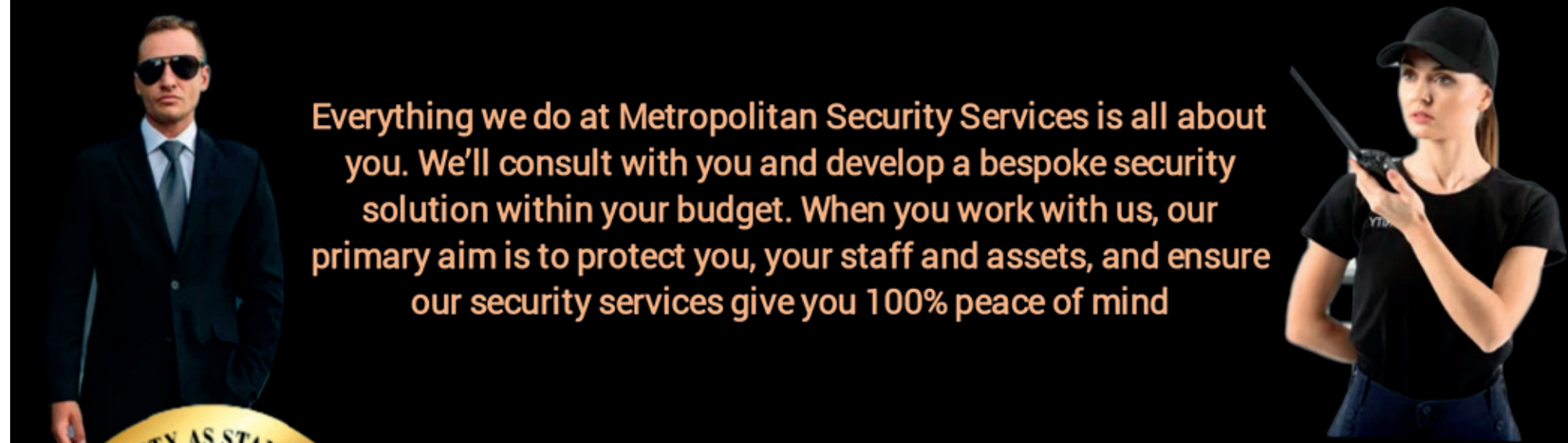
"After hundreds of locals signed our petition and many joined us in our protest outside the pool last month, Fusion had no choice but to listen to us and promise the much-needed improvements. Now we have to keep a close eye on the facility and make sure the change actually happens, or we'll be right back making ourselves heard."

A further meeting between residents and Fusion Lifestyle management is scheduled for August, to ensure that targets have been met.

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Farewell to the fairground

After 40 years of fun, Carters Steam Fair is embarking on its final tour. Local photographer Zoe Norfolk came along for the ride

BY ALICE KEMP-HABIB

In March, photographer Zoe Norfolk arrived at the Carters yard in Maidenhead for day one of her latest project – capturing the iconic steam fair as it traveled around London and the South East. The series took on new meaning in April, when it was announced that 2022 would be the

fair’s last ever tour. “There were grown men with tears in their eyes,” says Zoe, of the moment that fairground manager Joby Carter broke the news. “Some of them have worked at Carters for years.” Carters was founded in 1977, when Joby’s parents – John and Anna – bought the Jubilee Steam Gallopers that remain a focal point at the fair.

They continued to add rides to their collection, which Anna restored, eventually creating the world’s largest vintage travelling steam fair. John sadly died in 1999, after which Anna, Joby and his siblings took over. In the years that followed, Carters became an annual staple in Priory Park. But this July, the fairground came to Crouch End for the final time.

The closure is particularly significant for Zoe, who has lived in Muswell Hill since the mid-nineties. “I took [my son] to Carters when he was small,” she says. “I’ve taken a picture of him in front of the poster every year – from when he was in a buggy, to when he was a moody teenager, and finally this year, as he goes off to uni.”



2005, Zoe’s son, William, at Carters over the years



2009



2015

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Jay and Angel taking a break

Cosmin adding lighting rails to the dodgems



Priory Park, after the fair had left



Zoe has visited five locations with the fair since March, documenting the set-up and pack-down process. “It took a while for [the fairground staff] to get used to me. But when they knew it was being sold, suddenly the project became important, because they knew I was recording something that will be gone forever.” Her images are vivid and bright, capturing the brilliance of Carters’ meticulous paintwork (Joby is an expert in traditional signwriting and can be credited with maintaining the fair’s unique aesthetic). But they are intimate too – an

endearing look at people that make it all happen. The Carter family are looking for a new owner and permanent home for their rides. Meanwhile, the steam fair will visit eight more locations in the coming months, with Zoe in tow. The most poignant photograph so far is perhaps the most simple: a set of deep tyre marks in the grass where the octopus ride once stood. “I was very keen to get that shot. There was a sense of loss. Like, it’s gone now and it’s not going to come back.”

For more information: Visit carterssteamfair.co.uk

“There were grown men with tears in their eyes”

Five minutes with Hannah Cox

The joint CEO of Jacksons Lane Theatre on Turkish grocery stores and Tottenham Marshes

Where do you call home?
Tottenham, although I've previously lived on Green Lanes, Turnpike Lane and in Finsbury Park.

Which shops do you rely on?
I love all the Turkish grocery stores on Tottenham High Road for great fruit and veg, and excellent pastries. Fieldseat Café on Tottenham High Road is my go-to for a coffee, and I'm slightly obsessed with the cheese boxes from Wildes Cheese, at least some of which I give away as gifts.

Best meal you've had in the borough?
There are so many it's hard to choose, but I've had many happy evenings devouring delicious pizzas at San Marco by Bruce Grove Station. I used to love the 'Tottenham Social' pop up nights at Craving Coffee, too.

Where do you go for a good time?
The Beehive pub in Tottenham – it's a winner every time and the bar staff are amazing. Or, for after work drinks, The Boogaloo on Archway Road.

Why do you love Haringey?
I love Haringey for the culture, the food, the amazing sense of community and the art on every street corner. There are so many beautiful murals across Tottenham.



Credit Emma Hare

Where do you go for a moment of quiet?
Tottenham Marshes is the perfect place for a quiet stroll. You can feel lost in the countryside there.

Where in the borough would you recommend for a first date?
Go for coffees and cakes at Prestige Patisserie, try True Craft, on West Green

Road, for cosy pizzas and beer or sip delicious cocktails paired with Japanese food at Brouhaha on Green Lanes.

What's your one rule for life?
Find the fun.

Where do you get your culture fix?
Jacksons Lane of course – for brilliant contemporary circus performances and an amazing family theatre programme – plus the lovely A La Mesa café which serves really good coffee. I've also been to brilliant music festivals at Blue House Yard and community events at Living Under One Sun café in Down Lane Park.

What should HCP readers be watching right now?
I'm currently watching *Sherwood* by James Graham which is the most incredible and gripping drama based in Nottinghamshire, and also *Big Boys* by Jack Rooke which is a comedy but might make you cry.

What are you working on at the moment?
During the summer holidays we're running circus projects for young people all over the borough, including the launch of a new circus summer school in the final week of August. We're also preparing for our autumn season, which includes a wide range of family shows, an incredible contemporary circus programme and more creative opportunities for older members of the community to take part in. Visit jacksonslane.org.uk

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ARTS & CULTURE

Celebrating the past, present and future of Broadwater Farm

A group of young creatives is challenging negative perceptions of the Tottenham estate

BY OLIVIA OPARA

A creative collective is aiming to change the narrative surrounding Tottenham's Broadwater Farm Estate.

Lost Blocks Collective – made up of young adults from the area – hosted an exhibition titled *City in the Sky* in July, including artwork from locals as well as archive materials documenting the estate's history.

"This exhibition was about more than just Lost Blocks Collective, it was about celebrating the true beautiful history of Broadwater Farm while acknowledging her scars," said Elliesse Kaaouachi, a founding member of Lost Blocks.

Together, the collective aims to highlight untold stories while celebrating the diversity, culture and history of the community. Past projects include a podcast series – *The Voices of Broadwater Farm* – through which residents were invited to share their experiences and aspirations for the future of

the estate. In February, Lost Blocks also held a week of creative skills workshops for young people in Haringey, hosted by industry professionals from the area.

"It's about changing the narrative and hearing from the people that live in Tottenham and on Broadwater Farm, rather than just the narrative in the media," said Minoya Patkunam, a member of the collective. "It's also about owning the narrative."

Broadwater Farm Estate has long been associated with crime and disorder, a negative stereotype that stems from the 1985 riots, which erupted following the death of Cynthia Jarret (a Black woman who died of heart failure when police raided her home). In order to challenge the stereotype, Lost Blocks worked with local artists and residents to bring *City in the Sky* to fruition.

Giovanni Rose (known for his poem *Welcome to Tottenham*) wrote an original piece about the estate, which was performed at the exhibition's opening night.

Meanwhile, the visual artist Wendy Charlton contributed pieces from her PhD project, *The Farm – Narratives of Home*, which follows four residents on Broadwater Farm as they explore local histories and lived experiences.

City in the Sky also included contributions from students at The Wil- low Primary School, who created paper models of all twelve blocks on the estate (including Tangmere and Northolt – which are due to be demolished). The students were asked to share their thoughts on what the new blocks should look like, and encouraged to showcase their ideas through the models.

Micheal Watson, another founding member of Lost Blocks, said: "We wanted to show people what the estate was like, what the estate is like and give people an idea of what the estate is going to be like in the future."

For more information: Visit lostblockscollective.com

BY OLIVIA OPARA

Guala goes back to school

The Tottenham rapper returned to his alma mater as part of LatinoLife's outreach scheme

This July, Tottenham rapper Guala returned to his former school, Woodside High (previously White Hart Lane), in a bid to inspire young people through music.

Guala (real name William Landazuri) ran two workshops at his alma mater, during which students from years nine and ten learnt about song structure, writing lyrics and how to explore identity through music. Students were also treated to an exclusive premiere of unreleased music as well as a mini performance and Q&A with the rapper.

This comes ahead of LatinoLife in the Park, the UK's largest Latin festival, set to take place in Finsbury Park this August. As part of LatinoLife's outreach programme, Guala is delivering workshops in schools across Haringey, Hackney and Enfield in a bid to teach students about Latin music and culture.

Guala is a pioneering artist who fuses hip-hop, reggae-ton, grime and Afro-swing. He became the first artist signed to Warner's UK-based Latin label Candela Records this year. His song, *You're Not There*, was the first ever Spanish grime track to be played on BBC Radio 1Xtra.

"Going back to Woodside felt like home," said Guala of the workshops. "It felt really good to give back to the younger people of the community and to be appreciated."

Born in Ecuador, Guala and his family relocated to London when he was eight years old. He attended White Hart Lane Secondary School, then Park View Academy and started writing music aged 14. Guala's passion for music stems from his DJ father, whose record collection ranged from salsa to Afro-swing. Growing up in Tottenham, he was also influenced by the likes of Skepta and Danja. "I started writing because I felt like I had a story to tell," he said.

Guala ran into trouble during his late teens: "London street culture makes you think that you have to be the baddest, the bully, the strongest," he said. He was kidnapped aged 18 due to being gang-affiliated; it was a dark moment, but music ultimately helped him to turn his life around.

Now, Guala is using his experiences to help young people. Alongside his career in rap, and his work with LatinoLife, Guala is a behavioural mentor and music teacher at a North London school. "I can relate to a lot of young people who have been through similar life hurdles," he says. "I went into youth work because I would have loved to have had a youth worker by my side."

The rapper proved a hit at Woodside High, with year ten student Ryon calling him "inspirational".

"It was fun to find out that he raps in both English and Spanish. He has an amazing flow and beat," said Ryon.

The rapper will be taking his workshop to Oakland Secondary School in Hackney and AIM in Enfield this September. LatinoLife in the Park is coming to Finsbury Park on the 20th and 21st of August. For more information visit latinolifeinthepark.com



Guala wants to inspire young people through music Credit Alfie Chan

Festival

The Jamaican Day Extravaganza Family Festival
Saturday, 6th August, 12pm–9pm
New River Rugby Field, White Hart Lane N22 5QW

Celebrate 60 years of Jamaican independence with live performance, competitions and funfair rides. The day is hosted by DJ and MC Bobo El Numero Uno.

Entry £7 for adults, £3 for children between 5–16 years.
Visit bit.ly/3b48RPY

Music

Singing V&J Ensemble
Every Wednesday, 6:50pm–8:30pm
St Andrew's Church, Alexandra Park Road, Muswell Hill N10 2DD

The V&J Ensemble is looking for new members! Run by local musicians Verónica and Jérôme, they perform a classical repertoire in French, English and Latin.

Entry two free trials. Then, membership available per month, term or year
Visit veronicaandjerome.com/v-j-ensemble

Poetry

The Poetry Lounge
Wednesday, 3rd August, 7:30pm–10:30pm
The Boogaloo, 312 Archway Rd, Highgate N6 5AT

The Poetry Lounge is an open mic night which celebrates London's community of writers and spoken word performers. A great event for lovers of literature, and home to the capital's first limerick slam.

Entry £3
Visit bit.ly/3PpZw3W

Craft

Pickled Pepper Books Summer Workshops
2nd–17th August
10 Middle Lane, Crouch End N8 8PL
Session length: 2 hours – drop-off

Pickled Pepper Books in Crouch End is hosting a range of summer activities for children aged 5–11. From hand sewing and collage to watercolour painting and comic creation.

Tickets £20
Visit pickledpepperbooks.co.uk

Art

Collage Voices Summer Art Camp
8th–11th August, 2pm–5pm
McQueens Theatre, 4 Coburg Road, Wood Green N22 6UJ

Children aged 8–14 will work with a variety of mediums over the course of three days, producing their own work to exhibit at Collage Arts' Wood Green space.

Free Entry
Email voices@collage-arts.org

Disco

RollerNation Family Jam
Every Saturday 12pm–2:30pm and 3pm–5:30pm
117 Bruce Grove, Tottenham N17 6UR

Dress up and have some fun at RollerNation in Tottenham. Saturday afternoons are family friendly, with a live DJ playing chart hits and refreshments available at the bar. Open to children aged 5–14 years with accompanying adults.

Tickets £10 with skates included
Visit rollernation.com

Market

Tottenham Night Markets
Saturday, 13th August, 5pm–10pm
Tottenham Green, Philip Lane N15

The Tottenham Night Markets are back by popular demand. Expect street food, craft beer, kids discos, local art, and dancing to music courtesy of the Post Bar until 10pm.

Free Entry
Visit tottenhamgreenmarket.co.uk

Dance

Latin American folk dance lessons
Saturday, 13th August, 1:30pm–3pm
Sophia House, 19 Antill Road, Tottenham N15 4AQ

Open to Haringey residents over the age of 50, students will learn traditional Latin American dances such as the cumbia, merengue and Sanjuanito. Booking is required.

Free Entry
Visit tottenhamgreenmarket.co.uk

Photography

'The First Photo' exhibition
Until 7th August, 9am–5pm
Wood Green Library N22 6XD

A touring community art exhibition showcasing more than 100 participants' pinhole photographs, created during Pinhole London workshops.

Free Entry
Visit pinholelondon.org

Exhibitions

'Mental Hygiene' by Kate Gibb
Until 20th August
Jealous Gallery, 27 Park Road, Crouch End N8 8TE

Palm trees, golden sunsets and warm, hazy mornings – Kate Gibb's prints were made for the summer months. Best known for creating album sleeves for The Chemical Brothers, you can catch her solo exhibition at Jealous North this month.

Free Entry
Visit jealousgallery.com

To submit an event email hcp@socialspider.com by Monday 15th August



Cooking with Rose at Grow Tottenham

Pop-up summer school comes to Tottenham

A new summer school is encouraging young people to think critically, writes organiser Chloe Ruthven

Two summers ago, during the height of the first lockdown and in the wake of George Floyd's murder, a group of Haringey residents met weekly on the grass of Lordship Recreation Ground. Overlooking Broadwater Farm Estate, it is a place of historical and ongoing resistance to racism and police brutality. The aim of our meetings was to discuss racism, and specifically to hear about the experiences of Black Tottenham folks. We were young and old, from all races, classes, cultural heritages and beliefs. It was one of the most enlightening experiences that many of us had encountered, and perhaps one of the most accidentally radical spaces I had partaken in. The friendships and projects that came out of that summer are all too often labelled 'unteachable'.

Rose Dakuo and Emma Djilali were two people I met there. We quickly formed

a community organisation – Homegrown in Tottenham – based on our shared commitment to serve the area's Black community, and our combined years of experience working with young people.

Rose, of West African heritage, has been running community projects in Tottenham for decades. Under the name of Language Fun Club, she taught languages and cookery skills, providing a community hub for children and families to support one another while making food.

Emma, of Algerian-Canadian heritage, is a youth worker who most recently provided support to young people being criminal-

ised in North London. Meanwhile I am a white Londoner, and have been employed as a pastoral teacher since 2000. Through my work, I teach critical literacy and emotional intelligence to children who are all too often labelled 'unteachable'.

This summer, we are running a six week pop-up school for children aged 8–17, at



Local women at Grown Tottenham

through food preparation.

The pop-up school will take place every Saturday from 23rd July through to 27th August, from 11am–5pm. Students will also be provided with lunch and two hours of maths and English tuition.

For more information Call Emma 07468 385 964 Call Rose 07940 574 134

My vision for a new Wood Green



Plans for a brand-new town centre to the west of Wood Green High Road, involving the demolition of a swathe of buildings, were dropped in 2018, and a new Wood Green Area Action Plan (WGAAP) is said to have been 'emerging' since then. So the crowds still tramp up and down the High Road, between the shops strung out along it and the bus stops and stations. The air pollution generated by the eleven bus routes and other motor traffic (not all sorted by going electric) is more than five times higher than the WHO guidelines, and those worst affected by this hidden killer must be the crowds massing around the fruit and veg stalls on street corners. They surely deserve a more suitable market area.

Behind the library there are still, however, the vacant areas mentioned in the WGAAP – under-used service yards and half-empty car parks (in addition to the six floors of parking space on the roofs of the Mall and Morrisons). If pruned, these would have potential for use as a market area. In turn, this would connect with the council's shift in emphasis from trying to attract 'big retail' to community uses. Funding for a community garden on the roof of an underused car park has already been granted by the mayor of London, and medical services will be offered in the Mall.

Resident Annabel Gregory outlines her proposals for Wood Green town centre – and launches discussion group to explore the topic

These vacant spaces could be merged into a larger open area if the underused arcade that sprawls around the library were removed. This would leave space for a covered market near Morrisons, with open fruit and veg stalls along the back wall of the library, sheltered by a pent roof.

At the other end of this open area, the closed box of the Mall could be opened up with windows and doors. In particular, its main entrance should be moved from its current dark, poky,

polluted position under the bridge, round to the end of the building, where it could open onto tables and a play area, with a cafe on the upper floor with a view over to Ally Pally.

This transformation would be helped if the squat, brick building lying between the library and the Mall – which houses Ezra's Kitchen and a money exchange – could be removed. This would open up the market area to the High Road for pedestrians, while also allowing more

space for the existing east-west cycle route linking Tottenham and Hornsey.

The layout of the covered market could be similar to that of market halls that have been rejuvenating town centres up and down the country – with stalls around the walls (complementing the shops in the existing Market Hall), surrounding an open central area full of tables, including a communal dining area. Diverse food outlets run preferably by local residents could be interspersed with other stalls, including those for mending, upcycling and sharing clothes and equipment. Workshops could be run in conjunction with the existing Community Hub in Caxton Road.

This open area could then be a focal point for shoppers at Primark and other big retail shops – which these days to cluster in and around the Mall, as well as for those attending the market or making use of the circular economy stalls. It would be within walking distance of the massive new developments in the Heartlands area, and would be within a few metres of the cultural quarter, with its new McQueens Theatre.

Businesses that are relocated would need to have the same rent/rates as they have at present, given that this is a communal space more than a commercial venture.

A group has been set up to explore these ideas – if you would like to join us, or otherwise comment on this proposal, please email NewWGMarket@gmail.com.



Credit Annabel Gregory

LETTERS

Rubbish behaviour

Dear HCP

As I am certain your readers are aware, Haringey is plagued by a fly-tipping epidemic. Residents — myself included — are frustrated. We are tired not only of brazen fly-tipping, but of one of the root causes of the issue itself; the council's unsuitable bin collections policy. Residential refuse bins are collected on a bi-weekly basis. This is inadequate — collecting bins on a weekly basis would much better suit the needs of residents. This unsuitable policy must also be a contributing factor to the motivations of fly-tippers.

I started a petition to urge the council to implement a policy of weekly bin collections. As it is a paper petition, myself and a few others have been canvassing to gather signatures. The general response from residents has been overwhelmingly positive.

Will our elected councillors listen to us and implement positive change? Let us hope that they do, because nobody else can.

Angelos Tsangarides
Tottenham

Money down the Tube

Dear HCP

Joanne McCartney expressing her commitment to the welfare of not only Haringey but also Londoners (HCP issue 8) and challenging the mayor is most commendable, especially regarding the financial efficiency of Transport for London (TfL).

However, I question TfL's operating budget relying only on fares. TfL, I believe, receives £4million or more annually from *Metro* and *Evening Standard* for providing

distribution outlets, in addition to what must amount to millions from its advertising space across its network.

That TfL needs additional sources of income, which mayor Khan seeks from the taxpayer, is certainly credible, but must beg the question of what will happen to it? Will it go to further finance £100,000 a year fat cats and the £355,000 pay packet of TfL commissioner Andy Byford (*Evening Standard* 30th June): none of whom, including mayor Khan, demonstrate any concern for TfL's fare and tax-paying users? It is high time that TfL underwent a government instigated investigation.

Michael Jones
Wood Green

Politics for the people

Dear HCP

One of Boris Johnson's many casualties has been effective local government. The tendency of voters to treat local elections as an opinion poll on the national government has meant many failing Labour councils have been spared the chop. Other casualties are the many decent independent, Green, Lib Dem and, even, Conservative candidates who missed out on being elected and being an effective opposition to those failing Labour councils because voters backed Labour to 'teach Johnson a lesson'. The London borough of Haringey is a prime example of this: poorly-run, failing local residents and in dire need of more non-Labour councillors. Our perverse first-past-the-post voting system doesn't help matters. From chopping down healthy trees and supporting the controversial rebuild of the Edmonton Incinerator, to pimping out our parks to the likes of Wireless, we can see that Haringey Labour isn't on our side.

Justin Hinchcliffe
Former councillor,
Haringey Liberal Democrats

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Helping Haringey beat the financial squeeze

Councillor Seema Chandwani – cabinet member for tackling inequality and resident services – discusses the council's new financial support helpline

Many Haringey residents have been facing financial hardship long before the cost-of-living crisis hit. We've had years of social security cuts, followed by the Covid-19 pandemic, and now the current inflation is just the icing on top.

The council is receiving increasing calls from people seeking help with their gas and electricity bills as energy prices continue rocketing. But also, residents who are finding it hard to afford food, clothes, and other household essentials.

I've lived in Tottenham for most of my life and I know from experience that it's residents in this area that are feeling the pinch the most.

At the start of the first lockdown back in 2020, only 8% of Haringey residents aged 16–65 were claiming Universal Credit (UC). This has shot up to 20% as of April 2022, with the highest rate of UC claimants found in the north-east of the borough.

Also, over 15,000 Haringey households were in fuel poverty before the pandemic, and soaring energy prices have pushed this number up even further.

According to a 2021 residents survey, 7% of our residents said there was a time within the previous twelve months when they were worried about not having enough food for their households. Those in Tottenham wards such as Northumberland Park, White Hart Lane,

Bruce Grove, and Seven Sisters were more likely to feel this.

As the cabinet member for tackling inequality and resident services, one of my top priorities is ensuring that all Haringey residents can easily access the financial support and services they need, especially during this current crisis.

Credit Haringey Council



“Residents in Tottenham are feeling the pinch the most”

That's why we've launched a brand-new financial support helpline, so residents can have direct access to someone who will help them improve their financial situation, from start to finish.

Depending on their individual circumstances, residents can get access to food and energy vouchers, receive help with claiming benefits, managing debts, and applying for grants, as well as support with

living costs and getting back into employment.

We've had the financial support team in place for just over a year now, and in that time, they have helped to reduce over £110,000 worth of resident debt and have helped residents to claim over £420,000 worth of benefits, some of

which they never knew they were even eligible for.

The new direct line means that residents who are experiencing money problems can get the support they need from our teams quicker and more easily, which is so important now, more than ever before.

Our sole aim is to help residents improve their financial situations and increase their incomes. As the financial support team's leader says, “it's not a transaction, it's a conversation,” and these conversations can result in real tangible financial solutions for our most vulnerable residents.

I am urging everyone who is experiencing money problems

right now, or those who know someone that is, to call our financial support helpline today, and see how our teams can help – 020 8489 4431.

We also have a range of available help and support, as well as a benefits calculator on our Haringey, Here to Help web page: haringey.gov.uk/HereToHelp

Seema Chandwani is a Labour councillor for West Green
Call 07930 505 342
Email seema.chandwani@haringey.gov.uk

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