



Clementswood

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King George Hospital Services Still Under Threat

Soon the local Health Trusts will be publishing their draft plans for their selected option to reorganise local health services, which could mean drastic cuts at King George Hospital, including A & E provision. The Independent Treatment Centre (for minor elective surgery) will be retained, as this centre is commissioned to provide service to the NHS centre by the local PCT and not the hospital trust, as in all probability will the maternity unit. These cuts are a result of ignorance and neglect of NHS by 13 years of Tories and last 10 years of Labour governments. The Labour MPs who voted for Foundation Hospitals and Social Care Bill since 2003, resulting in these cuts, are now lobbying to save hospitals in their own constituencies with the public pressure and realising that they may lose their seats at the next election. Hypocrisy at its height!

The consultation period starts next month. The Liberal Democrats condemn and oppose any cuts to our only local hospital.

**Support us to send
a strong message to the
Secretary of State for Health
by signing the following petition**

STOP THE NHS CUTS PETITION

To Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State for Health
I/we the undersigned urge you to halt the proposed cuts to our local NHS Hospital King George.

Name (s).....

Email/Tel.....

Address.....

Please return this form to Councillor Irfan Mustafa,
141 Woodlands Road, Ilford, Essex IG1 1JR

The Liberal Democrats may use this information to contact you from time to time on issues we feel may be important. If you do not want to receive this information please place a tick in this box

Tory Administration raises Council Tax and makes cut in vital services

Tory Administration raised the Council Tax for 2007/08 by 4.98% one of the largest in London. On top of it, the Administration proposed cuts in vital services and increase in charges:

- Cuts in staffing and services in Environmental Health, Crime Reduction and Trading Standards.
- Cuts in elderly care provision by proposed changes to the Adult Social Services Eligibility Criteria.
- No funds for provision of play equipment for 13 - 16 year olds in 2007/08 budget.
- Increase in parking and permit charges.
- Ceasing the funding for the crèche at the Mildmay House Learning Centre.

Tory Administration is blaming all this on
Council's poor settlement from Labour

Council plan to sell off our car parks & allotments

The Tory administration wants to sell car parks, allotments and green spaces. Liberal Democrats on behalf of the residents have expressed their deep concern at the Council's land sales programme, which aims to raise Approx. £150 million. Sites being sold include popular local allotments and other open spaces, well-used car parks, as well as other Council property. The consequential damage to the local environment, community and economy will be impossible to reverse if the Council's programme goes ahead. Decisions on the future of these local assets are being taken behind closed doors and with the minimum of public consultation.

Please sign the petition put to the Prime Minister to support the campaign by logging at the following link:

<http://petitions.pm.gov.uk/LBRlandsales/>

Liberal Democrats deliver their promises

Since the election, Councillor Irfan Mustafa has raised issues concerning Clementswood ward in the Council and Area 6 Committee. He is working hard for the residents by scrutinizing the Council's work being part of the Committees on Environment & Community Safety, Planning & Regeneration and Health.

More details on page two.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS AN INDEPENDENT VOICE FOR CLEMENTSWOOD

NO TO ID CARDS

In November Liberal Democrats put a motion to NO ID Cards for Redbridge Council. The motion was passed with support from Conservatives despite the Labour Group voted against it.

According to Government estimates the scheme will cost £6 billions, whereas independent predictions are as much as £18 billions. The estimated cost of each ID card is between £220 to £300. Liberal Democrats have opposed this scheme on national level and want the money to be spent on better policing and security measures.

If you want more information on this issue please join Redbridge "No2ID" campaign supported by the Redbridge Liberal Democrats.

Loxford School Gets £38m

Good news for our young people is that our local secondary school, Loxford School of Science and Technology, has received £38 millions to completely rebuild by 2009 providing a modern and well-equipped inspirational school of the future.

Councillor Irfan Mustafa serves as a LEA Governor on Loxford School Governing Body and said "I will work with the governing body and the Headteacher for the success of this project, which will provide excellent educational facilities for our future generations".

USEFUL NUMBERS

We list here some useful numbers for local services

Abandoned Cars	020 8708 3946
Fly Tipping	020 8708 5512
Graffiti	020 8708 5512
Pest Control	020 8708 5716
Street Cleansing	020 8708 5515
Street Lighting	020 8708 3946
Park Police	020 8708 3868
Safer Neighbourhood Team (Clementswood)	020 8721 2027

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South Park

Liberal Democrats fought to improve the condition of the South Park and forced the Council and the Area 6 Committee to provide funds. In November, the Area 6 Committee agreed to supply and install multi play items for under 13's children area worth £10,000; surface treatment, relining of tennis and basket ball courts with structured coaching courses for young people.

Park Road

Residents of Park Road during the election asked planting trees on their road. The good news is that it has been secured through Area 6 Committee to plant more trees on both side of the road costing about £11,000.

Albert Road Congestion

Long standing problem of road congestion near the St Alban's Church, Albert Road Mosque and Hindu Temple was resolved by Councillor Mustafa. After consultation with local residents and users, Councillor Mustafa persuaded Area 6 Committee to reject the proposal of putting double yellow lines and approve a one-way system scheme. The proposal is to make one-way system between Woodlands Road and Cleveland Road with double yellow lines on the corner of Cleveland Road and of Mildmay Road. This was the preferred option by all users.

This proposal will be implemented soon which will result in smooth movement of traffic and good access for emergency services.

AREA 6 COMMITTEE

Future Meeting of Area 6 Committee will be held on Wednesday, 25 April 2007 at 7.15 p.m. at Ilford Central Library.

If you wish to raise any issues about Clementswood ward, you can contact me or attend the Area 6 Committee and use your right to speak under item 'Have Your Say'.

If You Wish to Contact Your Local Councillor Irfan Mustafa

You can write to him C/o Redbridge Town Hall, Ilford, Essex IG1 1DD

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Every second Friday of the month between 5.30 – 6.30 p.m.

If you wish to help or join Liberal Democrats and the Focus Team of Clementswood, Please contact Councillor Irfan Mustafa on the above address.