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Anger over council's low-traffic plan

Former boss of Cycle Enfield among those critical of latest scheme

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

Enfield Council has extended a public consultation on its latest cycling proposals after a furious backlash from local residents, councillors and parliamentary candidates.

The local authority last month revealed its plans to create a series of low-traffic zones across the borough, closing dozens of roads to motor traffic to try and stop rat-running and reduce pollution by persuading people to leave their cars at home for short journeys.

An area in Palmers Green will be used as a six-month trial for the scheme as soon as next spring, but residents living in roads now

dubbed the 'Fox Lane Quieter Neighbourhood' reacted with fury at a public exhibition – with one branding it “a disaster”.

It was only after several election candidates for Enfield Southgate began writing to the council demanding more time to consider the scheme that a public consultation was extended, until Sunday 22nd December.

Residents fear plans to block 16 road entrances – only allowing cyclists and pedestrians to enter – will funnel traffic into surrounding roads, worsening congestion and pollution in shopping streets such as Green Lanes. The council argues overall car use will decline, as happened in Walthamstow where a similar project saw total

traffic fall 16% after the first year, despite increases of up to 11% on surrounding main roads.

Mel Kirkland from Derwent Road told the *Dispatch*: “It’s a disaster. My wife shops at Morrisons but now she’ll need to drive almost up to Southgate and back to get there.”

Eleanor Grey-Parsons, another Derwent Road resident and cyclist, said: “I appreciate the sentiment on climate change but I think they need to look at this properly. I don’t want to live in an enclave.”

The quieter neighbourhoods scheme is the latest proposal from Cycle Enfield, the council’s ‘Mini Holland’ project that won £30million from Transport for London (TfL) in 2014 and has so far seen several miles of cycle lanes installed

in the borough, including those on Green Lanes which have been nominated for a top transport award.

However, a previous attempt to reduce traffic in the Fox Lane area was abandoned earlier this year. The former boss of Cycle Enfield, Southgate Green councillor Daniel Anderson, admitted large ‘planters’ previously installed at road entrances had failed to deter drivers – and now says he is also sceptical about how the new road closure plans will work.

“There are major concerns,” Cllr Anderson told the *Dispatch*. “If there was a simple solution we would have done it before – the reality is it’s very complex. I am not

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opposed to the principle of it but you have to have more evidence and support from the community to make it work.

"The plans were published only a few days before the exhibition and ward councillors weren't even invited. That's not the way to bring people with you."

Fox Lane is the first of eight low-traffic neighbourhoods set to be introduced across Enfield. Other zones include streets surrounding Connaught Gardens in Palmers Green; Fernleigh Road in Winchmore Hill; Bowes Park; streets around Bush Hill Road; the

Firs Lane area; plus parts of Edmon-ton Green and Enfield Highway.

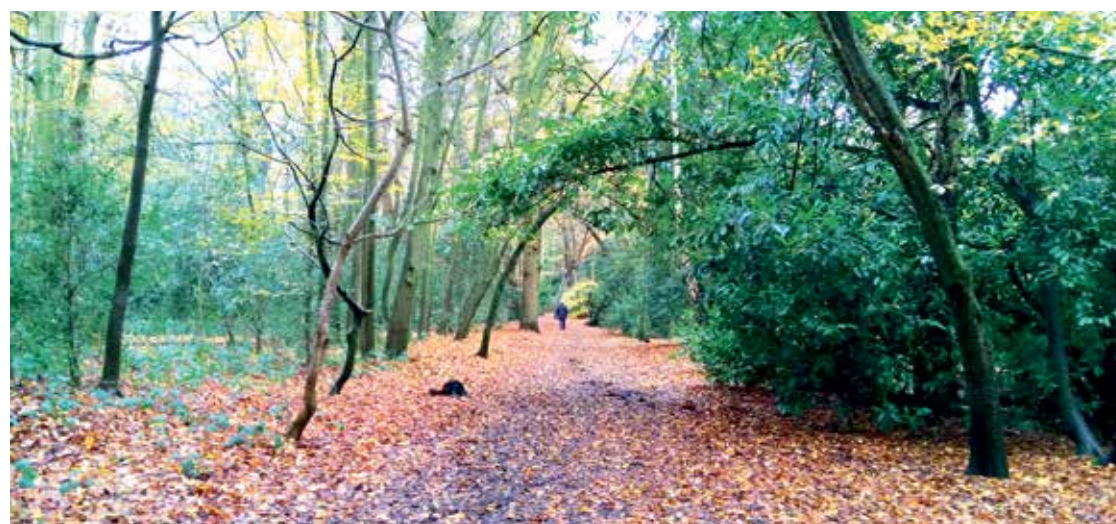
Not everyone is against the plans, however. Tom Parry lives in Old Park Road, part of the Fox Lane neighbourhood, and told the *Dispatch*: "We get cut-through traffic and by blocking one end you can stop that. I think, ultimately, this will make life slightly less convenient for car drivers but my main concern is for my young children."

Deputy council leader Ian Barnes says the upcoming road closures trial will only become a permanent change if it "improves the situation for local people and works for local businesses" and

feedback will be taken on board.

Cllr Barnes added: "This is not a cycling scheme, it is about improving quality of life. Residents have long complained about the volume and speed of traffic. Low-traffic neighbourhoods are part of our long-term strategy to reduce traffic overall which should lead to environmental improvements. We are currently receiving valuable feedback and anticipate revisions to this proposal; a key theme so far being concerns around entry and exit points for the the Lakes Estate."

Find out more about the plans:
Visit cycleenfield.co.uk/quieter-neighbourhoods



Fears over future of Whitewebbs

BY JAMES CRACKNELL

Fears are growing over the fate of one of the borough's best-loved parks after Enfield Council invited commercial bids for "alternative leisure proposals" on land that includes ancient woodland.

It was reported in spring that the council was seeking to lease the 42-hectare Whitewebbs Park Golf Course to a private provider as it was struggling to cover its costs, but the *Dispatch* has now learned that a further 55 hectares of "adjacent land" was also included in the offer. Marketing materials for a 25-year lease beginning in March 2020 suggest the area could be used for disposing of up to 200,000 cubic metres of "inert material" that would "assist with redevelopment".

The council has since confirmed that it has received 18 expressions of interest in the Green Belt site. Some include proposals to close the 87-year-old golf course – designed by former Open Champion John Henry Taylor – and use

the land for other commercial activities. Suggested uses include a leisure centre, outdoor gym and bike track, although the council has encouraged "creative" ideas.

Local resident Sean Wilkinson, who regularly walks his dog in the woodland, says he cannot understand why the council has decided to include the whole of Whitewebbs Park in the lease.

"It is a beautiful piece of ancient woodland," he told the *Dispatch*. "It forms part of a suite of Green Belt land from Forty Hall Estate to Hilly Fields. What could you put there that will make a lot of money?"

"What really made me angry was when they described the ancient woodland as 'adjacent land'."

Hoping to quell growing unrest from local people, the council issued a statement last month which ruled out using the site for landfill. It said: "The proposals include a number that propose retention of golf... Other proposals do not include golf but propose other leisure uses and/or rewilding of the landscape, nature or wildlife reserves and

other woodland pursuits.

"None involve clearing the site to create a landfill. Some proposals involve the import of soil to remodel the golf course. As part of our assessment we would consider the scale, suitability and impact of those proposals. Any proposal based simply on importing soil would not be acceptable."

Whitewebbs faces competition from nearby golf courses, despite offering an 18-hole round for as little as £8.50. Although the council claims it is losing money on the course, it has not revealed how much it receives in rental income from the Toby Carvery and Whitewebbs Café businesses which also operate in the park.

The *Dispatch* has also seen an email from a local councillor, Hass Yusuf, who told a resident that "it would be very easy for the council to actually sell off Whitewebbs and wipe out our budget deficit – but that won't happen".

Once a shortlist of bidders is drawn up the council says it will "engage with members and stakeholders" before a final decision.

Two decades in 'temporary' accomodation

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Twenty-one years – that is the longest period a local resident has spent in temporary accommodation waiting to be housed by Enfield Council.

The shocking figure emerged at a meeting last month of the overview and scrutiny committee, as councillors discussed new plans to tackle the borough's housing crisis. Committee members gasped as it was revealed by Nick Martin, the council's head of temporary accommodation, under questioning by Labour councillor Achilleas Georgiou.

Nick said: "21 years is our longest so far. The average stay in temporary accommodation is two-and-a-half years."

Nothing more was revealed about the case.

Temporary accommodation – which can include homes owned by private landlords, housing associations or the council – is meant to be a short-term fix while local authorities find suitable long-term housing for people who have become homeless. But with available homes in short supply, people are having to spend longer periods in temporary accommodation.

Enfield had 3,410 families in temporary accommodation as of April this year – the second-highest number in England. The main cause of homelessness in the borough is the loss of a tenancy held with a private landlord, according to a recent report by think-tank The Smith Institute.

Council bosses now plan to intervene early to stop residents losing their homes and work with landlords to provide people with long-term tenancies. The aim is to ensure there are no households in temporary accommodation for more than six months, while saving the council £1million per year.

The committee also discussed the practice by neighbouring councils – including Barnet and Haringey – of placing people on housing waiting lists into Enfield. Conservative councillor Edward Smith warned it was "almost impossible to stop private accommodation being gobbled up by other local authorities".

Joanne Drew, director of housing and regeneration, replied: "It is absolutely true we are a net importer of residents. It is a major concern for us, and we have been lobbying the government about that issue. Really, the only way around this is some legislation or requirement to stop boroughs doing this. We need the government to help us with that."

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Lollipop warden campaign

Petition launched to restore school crossing patrol

BY SIMON ALLIN, LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

Campaigners are calling for the return of a lollipop warden outside a primary school to keep pupils safe on a busy road.

A petition has been set up calling on Enfield Council to bring back the school crossing patrol at Hazelbury Primary School in Hazelbury Road, Edmonton.

Many of those commenting on the petition warn “reckless” and “aggressive” drivers are putting youngsters’ safety at risk. Parents of children attending The Latymer School, which is also in Hazelbury Road, have also signed the petition.

The council scrapped school lollipop wardens last summer to help save money in the face of an ongoing budget squeeze. But campaigners say crossing patrols are “vital in ensuring road safety” – and their petition has attracted more than 700 signatures so far.

The campaigners say: “As a school community, it is clear that we are concerned about the safety and wellbeing of our children in the surrounding roads of the school during the beginning and end of the school day.

“While we urge all car users to be safe when collecting or dropping off their children, I’m sure you would agree that having a lol-

lipop warden was vital in ensuring road safety for pedestrians.

“Our pupils have expressed their own concerns and are keen to exert their right to attend school in a safe way and feel that this should be supported by all adults.”

A council spokesperson said: “The council has invested heavily in recent years to improve road safety around schools, with the implementation of 20mph zones and zebra crossings, but a combination of significant spending cuts and an increase in pressure on services means the council has to make difficult decisions on where it spends its budget.

“Only a few schools had a crossing patrol and, with the measures in place, children continue to be able to travel safely to and from these schools.

“Enfield Council and our schools are committed to doing what we can to promote healthy, active ways of getting to and from school, but the ultimate responsibility for ensuring children are safe while travelling to and from school is, and must remain, a parental one.”

Read the school crossing patrol petition:

Visit change.org/p/enfield-council-bring-back-our-lollipop-warden-to-ensure-pupil-safety-for-the-schools-on-hazelbury-road



All Enfield’s school crossing patrols, including this one in Church Street, Edmonton Green, were axed by the council at the end of last summer term **Credit** James Cracknell

Get gardening this winter

Richard Harmes, head gardener at Myddelton House Gardens, on what his team are up to over the colder months



Richard Harmes is head gardener at Myddelton House Gardens, which is free to visit and open all year round

Many people don't realise quite how much there is to do in a garden during the early winter period.

If the weather is mild, for example, weeds will often continue to grow and herbaceous plants can struggle to reach full dormancy. At Myddelton House Gardens in Enfield, we work hard to keep on top of

these things.

This is because the mid-winter kicks off with an abundance of snowdrop bulbs all over the gardens, including in the beds and borders. Such is our display of these wonderful bulbous plants that we hold a very successful snowdrop sale every year – the next one takes place on Saturday 25th January 2020.

Snowdrops are swiftly followed

by scilla, narcissi and of course, crocuses. Edward Augustus Bowles, one of Britain's most famous self-taught gardeners, lived at Myddelton House and was known as 'the crocus king'!

We begin pruning our climbing roses in November, as the presence of sap makes the stems more flexible when training them to form a beautiful fan. This task can easily go into December, but as a rule we like to get them done before Christmas. Planters and beds are planted with a mix

of tulips and spring bedding plants such as forget-me-nots.

There are lots of other jobs to be done during early winter, which I have listed below. You may see our gardeners doing some of these if you visit Myddelton House Gardens in the coming months. A gardener's list of duties may never seem to get done – but there is no other job I would rather do!

For more information about Myddelton House Gardens:

Visit visitlee valley.org.uk/myddelton

Garden jobs for winter:

- Finish the autumn tidy up of leaves from lawns, ponds and flowerbeds;
- Cut back herbaceous perennials;
- Dead-head pansies, viola and cyclamen to encourage more flowers;
- Prune deciduous trees such as birch, laburnums and Japanese maples to avoid bleeding;
- Finish winter bedding if soil isn't frozen;
- Plant evergreens if it's not too wet;
- Plant bare-root plants such as roses;
- Re-cut and shape lawn edges to save work in early spring;
- Check winter protection on tender plants periodically, especially after a storm;
- Provide some food and fresh water for birds;
- Prune climbing roses, installing new wires and supports where necessary;
- Apply netting over vegetables in the kitchen garden and remove the remains of old crops.

Funding for the community

Enfield Connections has launched its latest round of 'Community Chest' grant applications

BY LAURA SPENCER

Local organisations or community groups based in Enfield can now apply for funding from Enfield Connections to support their project's growth and positive impact on residents.

Whether you're an individual with an idea that needs a financial kick-start to turn it into a reality, or a fully-fledged organisation that would like a boost of support to reach a wider audience, this grant is available to you.

Enfield Connections is a local information and advice service for Enfield residents. It aims to improve people's wellbeing and

mental health through signposting and providing support.

Successful applicants will put forward a project which fits with the ethos of Enfield Connections. The grants are available to Enfield-based projects which aim to improve resident's abilities to make informed choices about health and wellbeing and reduce social isolation through providing support and information.

Angela Greaves, the programme manager for Enfield Connections, is looking forward to seeing the application forms come in. She said: "The endless possibilities of how this money will end up helping our community is extremely exciting.

"It is a privilege to not only support local projects with this grant, but also know that the money will leave a positive mark on the larger community."

The four previous winners of the 'Community Chest' are currently in the midst of their projects. They include an organisation that improves the nutrition of people affected by multiple sclerosis, a project that helps people with learning difficulties to get involved in different and new activities, a company that supplies care and information for individuals who struggle with managing their wellbeing, and a scheme that provides support to women feeling isolated or depressed.



The application form went live on Friday 29th November and the deadline for submissions is Friday 20th December.

Apply for a Community Chest grant:

Email info@enfieldconnections.org
Visit mylife.enfield.gov.uk

Why residents' associations still matter

Helen Osman on Winchmore Hill Residents Association's relaunch

Winchmore Hill Residents Association (WHRA), founded 60 years ago, has recently been relaunched with a new committee keen to rebuild the organisation. Why bother? Surely online forums and social media have taken over their role? I would argue that residents' associations are as vital now as they have ever been.

In this fractious political climate, residents' associations can speak out for their local communities because they represent the quiet majority, not just a vociferous online minority, however good their intentions might be. If you have a browse around the websites of residents' associations all over the country and beyond they will state that they want to "develop a good community spirit", "lobby on issues and concerns of people living in our area" and "help residents get to know each other" as well as other worthy aims.

Surely these objectives are as valid now as when these community groups were first set up, often decades ago? While the internet and all its various communication channels are great for helping to spread the word, it doesn't replace the immense value of bringing people together in person, who can use their collective local knowledge, concern for their community and willingness to work collectively, to give local residents a voice.

What's more, the internet can be utilised to make residents associations even more effective; to alert people to what's going on in their local patch and bring people together. For example, residents can be encouraged to set up neighbourhood WhatsApp groups to spread the word about the bad stuff, such as security alerts, but maybe also get people together for social activities and campaigns.

Any successful community group needs a core of committed and enthusiastic people to take the lead. In the case of residents' associations they are often the people 'in the know' – who understand what is great about where they live; what needs fixing; and who know lots of local people.

But no residents' association can be truly successful if it isn't inclusive and doesn't try to encourage as many people as possible to join. They tend to be made up of people who are retired, who no longer have to care for children, and have the time to devote to their local community. This is still true, but is also changing.

Many of the people who are volunteering to support the relaunched Winchmore Hill Residents Association are younger, with busy lives and families to care for, but understand the importance of giving a little time to work with neighbours and other local residents to protect their community now and for future generations. The old adage – 'power to the people' – still holds true.

Find out more about Winchmore Hill Residents Association:
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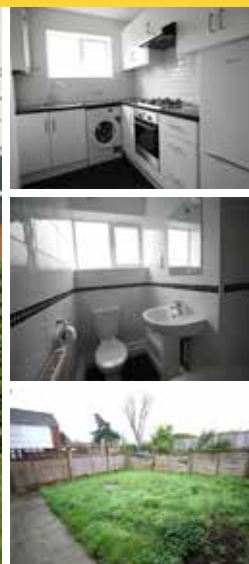
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Could you be a gamechanger?

Bountagu and UnLtd are looking for people who could make a difference in the community



Radiant Cleaners, a social enterprise cleaning company, is an UnLtd award winner

Local residents group Bountagu Big Local have teamed up with UnLtd, the foundation for social entrepreneurs, to bring a range of funding and support to Edmonton.

Bountagu Big Local's mission is to get local people working together to create a positive and lasting difference to the area. The name 'Bountagu' captures the Bounces Road and Montagu Road area situated in Lower Edmonton, N9.

In 2013, Bountagu was awarded £1million over ten years by the Big Lottery Fund and became part of the 'Big Local' initiative, managed by Local Trust, which provides funding to 150 areas across the country and helps them to "transform and improve" people's lives.

In October 2019, Bountagu Big Local unveiled a new action plan, with four key priorities; children and young people, people over 50, the environment (including outdoor spaces and community safety) and developing opportunities for local people. Working with UnLtd, they have unlocked a new stream of funding for people

who live, work or create a positive impact in the Bontagu area.

Between January 2019 and December 2020, the initiative will release £50,000 in awards to local people through a competitive application process. There are two main awards open to residents; the 'Try It Award' is worth £500 and is aimed at people with the passion and determination to test an idea and see if it works. The 'Do It Award' is up to a maximum of £5,000 and is aimed at people who have already done some testing, research or work on their idea to see if it has potential.

In making these awards the four key things that UnLtd and Bountagu will be looking for is:

1. What is the problem you're trying to address?
2. What is the difference you want to make?
3. How will you make money to keep it going, as a business?
4. Who will your idea benefit?

Since January 2019, UnLtd and Bountagu have already made five

awards, tackling issues such as emotional resilience, helping people move into work, flexible childcare, low-cost or no-cost tuition for young people, and loneliness affecting people in later life. Over the coming months you can read their stories here in *Enfield Dispatch*.

Joel Attar is an UnLtd award manager working with Bountagu on the initiative. He told the *Dispatch*: "We're trying to spark a culture of social entrepreneurship in the Bountagu area. Our mission is to find, fund and support people with enterprising ideas that benefit the community. We call these people social entrepreneurs."

To find out more about this opportunity and if you could be eligible, you can come to any one of the upcoming open events listed on the opposite page. If you'd like some help to develop your idea, there are also two workshops designed to help. Participants can join with no need to register – just be sure to check whether you live or work in the Bountagu area or have an idea that can make a difference here.



Stephen Addison, founder of Box Up Crime, a social enterprise for youth engagement



Layton Jones runs Salvaged Creation Wales, which takes scrap, unused objects and nature to create beautiful things



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	Weds 22 Jan 7-9pm	St Peter's Church Hall, Bounces Road
Developing your idea (Workshop)	Sat 25 Jan 1-3pm	Westbourne Hall, Eastbournia Ave. N9 0RU
Info Sessions	Weds 12 Feb 10am-12pm	The Ark Montagu Road N9 0UR
	Mon 17 Feb 11am-1pm	Edmonton Green Library (First Floor)
	Thurs 20 Feb 6-8pm	Centre 14, Claverings N9 0AH
Developing your idea (Workshop)	Tues 25 Feb 7-9pm	Green Towers Community Centre N9 0TE

Edmonton includes Ponders End and Bush Hill Park as well as all of Edmonton. It ranks highly for deprivation; as a constituency it has the eleventh highest proportion of children living in poverty. Edmonton has been a Labour stronghold since 1997. It voted 54.5% to remain in the EU at the 2016 referendum. Also standing here is independent candidate Sabriye Warsame, who could not be contacted.

Edmonton

James Hockney



Conservative Party

I live in Edmonton; it is my home. Currently I serve as an Edmonton councillor [in Bush Hill Park ward] and am bringing up a young family. Working hard all my life, including setting up my own business, I appreciate independent businesses in Edmonton are the backbone of the local economy. My wife's family came from Bangladesh to Enfield in the 1980s and set up businesses, creating jobs and investing in the economy. I appreciate the wonderful and diverse community that Edmonton has. Some of the key local issues that I have been pressing on include:

- Tackling A10 speed racing. We have seen serious injury accidents and fatalities on this road. I have spoken to residents who have had cars losing control and going through brick walls at the front of their homes. I have been campaigning for an average speed camera network.
- Opposing Labour-run Enfield Council's bin collection cuts. These are a core service and the administration has failed to listen to residents.
- Supporting education provision. Having a young family, I appreciate the importance of investing in our education system. Indeed, I was the first person in our family to go to university, securing a law degree with honours.
- Recruiting more police. The Conservatives have committed to recruiting 20,000 more police across the UK. This is vital in turning the tide against knife crime and burglary in Edmonton.
- Our family have been served by North Middlesex Hospital for decades; I am passionate about record levels of NHS investment. Bringing up a young family and being the first person in my family to go to university, securing a law degree, I appreciate the need to support our local education provision.

Benjamin Maydon



Green Party

Being from Edmonton myself, I know a Green voice would make all the difference. Campaigning for local elections has helped highlight the issues facing Edmonton. I would raise awareness of toxic air in London's streets, social deprivation and inequality, increasing violence and lack of youth services. Vote Green for the environment; a mass extinction is happening now and it has to be stopped. While the other parties argue about the environment and prioritise a messy Brexit, the Greens are the only party with realistic policies to take action on climate change. Vote Green for clean air; increasing pollution from the A10 and A406 is a major problem for our old and young people. The planned bigger Edmonton incinerator would make this problem much worse and needs to be challenged by a strong Green voice. Vote Green for local issues; Edmonton suffers from high levels of knife crime. A Green MP would stop the gangs' profiteering by making harm reduction, not incarceration, the aim of drugs policy. I work in a local school and know the importance of restoring youth services for young people. Vote Green for social justice; we're living in extraordinary times. Greens, with policies such as universal basic income, making homes cheaper to heat, and four-day week, move with the times. Vote Green for Europe; Greens stand for a 'people's vote' on Brexit. I believe Brexit would be catastrophic for our environment, jobs and people of Britain – we need to be given a final say. As your MP, I will fight for what matters to you; excellent free healthcare; decent affordable housing; reliable clean transport; dealing with toxic air; tackling social deprivation and inequality; keeping youth services open. I care for Edmonton's people because I am one of the people!

Kate Osamor



Labour Party

Since I was first elected in 2015, I have fought hard for the people of Edmonton. I hope you will now renew your trust in me. Our public services are under strain like never before. It cannot be right that public health spending averages £70 per person in Haringey and £104 in Islington, but just £48 in Enfield. North Middlesex University Hospital may be improving after a horrifying breakdown in care, but it is still not up to scratch. Under austerity, fewer police officers on our streets means knife crime remains a serious concern. If elected, I will keep campaigning for greater investment and better public services in Edmonton. You deserve a candidate who will take that fight forwards, who stands on the side of ordinary people. Edmonton is one of the country's most diverse constituencies. Over the past four years, as your MP, I've helped countless constituents with difficult immigration cases to navigate the Conservative government's 'hostile environment'. Just last month I met again with a local family who I've helped keep together and I'm delighted they're now flourishing. But it doesn't always end well; in 2018, before the scandal broke, I campaigned in the national press and in parliament for my Windrush constituents and helped to secure attention and action for their cases. We face a stark choice between Jeremy Corbyn's Labour and Boris Johnson's Conservatives. As one of the first MPs to nominate Jeremy back in 2015 and having served in his cabinet as shadow international development secretary, I am convinced that only a Labour government can tackle the acute challenges this country faces. Only Labour offer the people a final say on Brexit; a credible deal that protects rights within three months and a referendum within six. Only Labour are for the many, not the few.

David Schmitz



Liberal Democrats

This is the Brexit election and the Liberal Democrats are providing the most effective voice to those who wish to stop it. While the Conservatives are pushing Brexit, and Labour are dithering, we say outright that a 'people's vote' is our price for supporting any other party, and that if we win a majority we will just stop Brexit altogether. In the EU election the Liberal Democrats topped the poll in London and in Enfield we were the largest 'remain' party. Brexit, of course, is not the only issue. But it impacts on everything; on the environment, plans for us to become carbon neutral will count for little if other countries keep opening coal-fired power stations. Through the EU we get the diplomatic heft to engage with India and China and stand up to Donald Trump; on the NHS, improvements we need will be paid for from taxes on what the country earns. But does anyone believe we will earn more money if we plunge into the endless wrangling about trade with Europe which would follow if we left with Boris Johnson's deal? For years we have called for a regulated cannabis market in order to keep profits away from criminal gangs. This matters particularly in Enfield, where gang turf wars are the cause of so much death and misery. On the environment, we managed to bring in a green investment bank and increase power generation from renewables. We did this in the coalition government even though some Conservatives called it "green crap". Look at our manifesto; you won't be left wondering where the money comes from. Unlike other parties, we haven't lost touch with reality. Regarding myself; I am a barrister and live in Tottenham where I was a councillor. I look forward to serving you.

Sachin Sehgal



Brexit Party

In 2016 we were given a "once in a generation" opportunity to decide whether the UK remains in or leaves the EU; 17.4 million people voted to leave, the biggest democratic mandate in British history. However, three years later, Brexit has still not been delivered; a 'remain' parliament has continuously thwarted Brexit, ignoring the will of the people, and essentially told us our vote doesn't matter. What does this say for the state of our democracy? The Brexit Party is the only party willing to stand up and fight for the British people and the principle of democracy by delivering a 'proper' Brexit. We have become disenchanted with politicians; their breaking of promises and lack of integrity. I, like most Brexit Party candidates, am not a professional politician, but an ordinary working man. I teach economics and am also a local businessman, who has decided to take a stand. I can no longer sit back and watch the political establishment disregard us. I went to school locally and have worked in Edmonton. I believe local people deserve better and will strive to ensure you are listened to. As I walk around Edmonton and meet constituents, I hear you are unhappy and feel neglected. Crime continues to be a major issue; the Brexit Party is committed to increasing police numbers and tackling anti-social behaviour. I want to clean up the streets of Edmonton and eradicate the curse of fly-tipping which is so evident, as well as tackle homelessness with affordable housing. On a national scale we will cut student loan interest rates, provide free wifi on public transport, and promote small business opportunities by cutting business rates for high street retailers. The Brexit Party is committed to restoring trust, decency and integrity; we want to change politics for good!



Enfield North stretches from Enfield Town up to Enfield Lock and across to Crews Hill, including most of the borough's Green Belt. It was represented by Joan Ryan before she decided to quit parliament, having previously defected from Labour to Change UK. The Conservatives held the seat for much of the 1980s and 90s, as well as between 2010 and 2015. Enfield North voted 50.8% to remain in the EU at the 2016 referendum.

Enfield North

Feryal Clark



Labour Party

I've spent much of my adult life dedicated to improving public services and I'm determined we can do more to make Enfield a better place to live, work and bring up a family. Before running major local government services from health and social care to transport, I worked as a scientist in NHS pathology labs. It strengthened my belief that everyone deserves the best services and care, regardless of money.

I'm a straight talker and someone who gets things done. Enfield just isn't getting a fair deal. Despite Conservative promises to fund our NHS, local services have been cut and cut again. The downgrading of Chase Farm Hospital was followed by threats to make it harder to access the urgent care centre. Parts of Enfield, like Chase ward, don't even have a GP surgery. I'll protect the urgent care centre and fight to get the GPs Enfield needs.

I want more police on our streets. The Conservatives cut 21,000 police officers and robberies and knife crime have hit record highs. Enfield's police will have my full support and I'll make it my mission to get them the resources they need to keep this community safe.

Many people in Enfield have no prospect of buying their own home or finding affordable rented accommodation for them and their families. Successive Tory governments promised to build 200,000 new 'starter homes' – but they've not built a single one. I'm proud Labour is putting its money where its mouth is and will build one million genuinely affordable homes over the next ten years. I'll be working to make sure Enfield is ready to get its fair share.

On health, policing and housing, we know Enfield deserves better. There's a big job to do and I'm asking for your support so we can get started.

Ike Ijeh



Brexit Party

Brexit is no longer just about leaving the European Union. It is simply about democracy. Brexit is democracy; the UK's largest-ever democratic mandate gave a clear instruction to leave the EU. If we reject democracy, then we are free to reject Brexit.

What do the votes of 17.4 million people matter when the establishment, mainstream media and political elites disagree? Even worse; if these millions were poor, elderly, uneducated, northern and racist then surely they were not informed or entitled enough to give the right answer first time round and must be forced to vote again? This is the destructive dialogue of division that has paralysed this country since 2016.

The only way to resolve it is to ensure the democratic mandate of the EU referendum is fully enacted – the Brexit Party is the only party committed to making this happen. Only then can we begin to rebuild the shattered public trust in our political institutions. We can create a more electorally representative parliament, reform the Supreme Court and House of Lords and end the pernicious practice of MPs switching parties without calling by-elections.

We can build the homes people need, improve the NHS, protect the environment, defeat crime, install a fair immigration system that does not discriminate against non-Europeans, and create a prosperous Britain that is international, inclusive and independent. I am not a career politician. I am an architect with a young family, seeking to represent you because I believe democracy is about representing the people, not the establishment. It doesn't matter which way you voted in the 2016 referendum, if you're left- or right-wing, capitalist or socialist. If you believe nobody's opinion is more important than your vote then there is only one way you can vote now; vote Brexit Party, vote democracy.

Joanne Laban



Conservative Party

Quite simply, I would love to represent the area I have lived in all my life. I was born at Chase Farm Hospital and I grew up in Enfield Highway. I attended Brimsdown Primary School and then Bishop Stopford's School. While I was studying, I taught swimming at all the borough's leisure centres.

I now live in Enfield Town and I have been a local councillor since 2010. I am very proud to be the first female leader of the Conservative group on Enfield Council.

Over the years, I have been a school governor at Forty Hill Primary School and I now serve as a trustee of the local Nightingale Cancer Centre charity based in Baker Street. I attend St Andrew's Church in Enfield Town regularly.

I am determined to make Enfield North an even better place to live and I want to be a strong, local voice for our area. I care about Enfield because I live here, I have grown up here and I went to school here. I want Enfield North to benefit from the extra 20,000 police officers and the additional funding for our schools and hospitals. I am very concerned about Enfield Council's drive to build more tower blocks in the borough and I will do all I can to prevent these from changing our skyline.

I also want to make sure that we finally get Brexit done. It is essential that we honour the result of the 2016 EU referendum in order to ensure that people retain confidence in our democratic process. I would be honoured to be given the chance to become the MP for the area I call home.

Guy Russo



Liberal Democrats

Enfield North needs a fresh start. After decades of jostling from the same two parties, it's time for a change. For too many people things aren't working as they should be; inequality and poverty are too high, crime is taking the lives of too many people my age, and the housing crisis is out of control.

I'm Enfield through and through. I was born here to a mixed family of Commonwealth and European migrants. I grew up among these streets, parks, schools and hospitals. I'm part of a generation of people who know just how it feels to struggle to get a good job, get on the property ladder, and make your way in 21st Century Britain. That's why I'm standing for the Liberal Democrats, who plan to build a fairer economy, give every child the best start in life, and protect public services.

Labour and the Conservatives are stuck in the past. They have let Enfield North down and now they are letting the whole country down with their fixation on delivering Brexit. Liberal Democrats like me want to fix our broken politics, first by getting a mandate to stop Brexit and then by getting on with building a brighter future – tackling the climate emergency, making communities safer and reforming our broken constitution.

Enfield North is often called a swing seat because voters here have switched parties in the past, but our values remain constant – hard work, compassion and openness to the world. Now that Jeremy Corbyn and Boris Johnson have rushed to the extremes and openly abandoned our values, voters in Enfield North want change with an MP who stands up for them.

So in that tradition, I'm asking you to switch your vote on 12th December to me and the Liberal Democrats. Together we can deliver a fresh start for Enfield North and a brighter future for Britain.

Isobel Whittaker



Green Party

I am a former legal aid lawyer and have been an environmentalist since my teens. I joined the Green Party in 2014; we were facing an emergency and I needed to join the fight to raise awareness and help change the corrupted political landscape.

A mass extinction has begun and has to be stopped. Environment is not a side issue, nature is not a 'nice to have' – if we don't act fast and put the planet at the heart of decision-making, we risk extreme climate breakdown.

Vote Green Party for science fact, not science fiction. We're the only party with realistic policies to tackle climate change. Other parties have dithered, bickered and passed the blame – they've been in denial. We have evidence-based solutions to put into action now; renewable energy, clean air, cheap energy to heat homes, free health-care, reliable public transport, safe food, green spaces and long-term solutions to crime and poverty.

A vote for me is a vote for justice. The Greens will pass the benefits of technological advances back to ordinary people, with policies such as universal basic income and a four-day working week. These were our policies from the beginning and we understand them. Our 'Green New Deal' puts your wellbeing first, over economic systems based on endless growth.

The Greens are also standing for a 'people's vote' on Brexit; you should have the final say. Labour and the Conservatives will tell you to vote tactically – I say vote for who you believe in. When Greens vote, Greens win; we doubled our councillors this year and have seven MEPs. The first-ever 'climate emergency' declaration was championed by a Green councillor. Vote for another Green voice in parliament; an MP to rebuild a Britain and pave a path for a greener future.

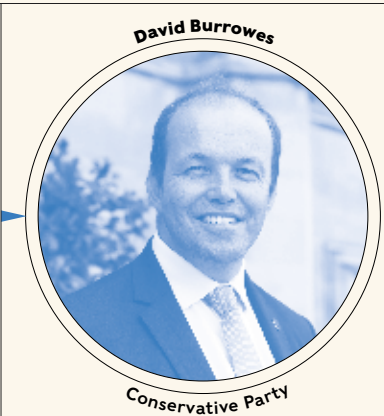


Enfield Southgate stretches from Bowes Park to Enfield Town and Hadley Wood, including Palmers Green, Winchmore Hill and Cockfosters. It has a history of shock results, with former Tory defence minister Michael Portillo famously losing the seat in 1997 to Labour. Conservative candidate David Burrowes held the seat between 2005 and 2017, before another surprise win for Labour in 2017. Enfield Southgate voted 62.1% to remain in the EU at the 2016 referendum.

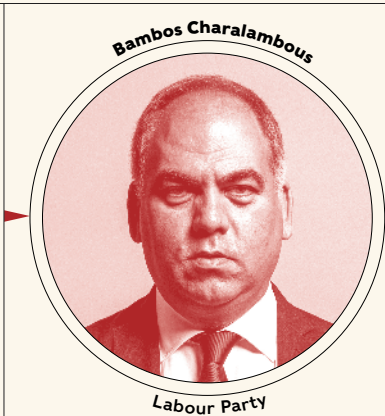
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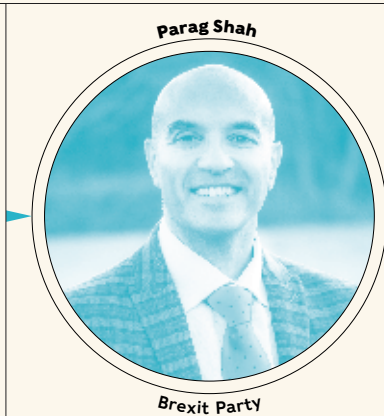
Two-party politics is bust. We need a new approach that prioritises people and planet over pander and profit. The Greens offer just this. I stand to end time-wasting bickering at Westminster. Only by telling the truth on a daily basis about the urgency of our climate crisis can we focus minds and put this at the heart of every decision. Only then can we start to deliver the change we desperately need. I grew up in Enfield and live and work here. I work in education at a local state secondary, have two daughters, and delivered a strong vote share for the Greens before. I stand to secure a future of opportunity for our next generations. This has never been more at risk. I will relentlessly oppose anything that threatens this future; whether illegal levels of air pollution across our borough, schools and youth support funding cuts, or planned mega-incinerators. Equally, I stand behind anything that enhances opportunities; supports sustainable businesses embedded in innovative green technologies to deliver the necessary capacity for systemic change; protects green spaces and rejuvenates our local high streets as centres of community once more. I am a fervent believer in social justice. I am excited by what our 'Green New Deal' can deliver, such as cheaper energy in well-insulated homes, better local transport, and thousands of new environmental jobs. Greens have led on developing this plan and understand it best. Greens have always been the leaders. We have the only credible policy to help people and planet in harmony. We have the only viable plan for a sustainable and prosperous future. Others are playing catch up. Time has run out. Greens continue to win in Europe, at City Hall and on councils across the UK. Vote Green in Enfield Southgate to start delivering urgent change.



From the conversations I have had with many of you, friends and neighbours, I am now convinced Enfield Southgate needs a stronger voice. Having lived in the area with my family all my life, I know that you need a stronger voice nationally as well as locally; campaigning against the plans for a 17-storey tower block in Southgate, hundreds of flats on Arnos Grove and Cockfosters station car parks, and the Fox Lane district road closures. Over the last two years out of parliament I've been dismayed at the state of politics. We have been let down by politicians who seem to care more about their own views than the national interest. Your vote is crucial. We must move forward to get on with the issues that matter; improving access to health and social care, investing in schools, protecting our environment and fighting crime. I was your MP for 12 years until 2017 and was known in parliament for working across parties, in the national interest. I have delivered nationally and locally; introducing mandatory knife crime sentencing and securing £120million to redevelop Chase Farm Hospital. I was even willing to stand up to party leaders and the whip, in the best interests of my community and country. The choice is clear; a vote for Corbyn's Labour or another party would bring to power the most left-wing government since the 1970s and take us back to the same economic failure – more debt, higher taxes and fewer jobs. It would also lead to more uncertainty and delay over Brexit. Most worryingly, it would give a green light to the racist anti-semitism which has infected Corbyn's Labour Party. I hope you support me as your next MP so that together we can deliver more, unite the country, and move it forward.



I grew up here, I live here and I am fighting for real change for Enfield Southgate. In 2017 I was elected to Westminster on the promise of being an effective and accessible MP. I have kept my word, holding 120 advice surgeries and completing nearly 16,000 pieces of casework. Representing Enfield Southgate has made things clear; people are anxious about police cuts; the Tory Brexit shambles is causing panic; the housing crisis is affecting young people's life chances; austerity is tearing the fabric of society; and tackling the climate crisis is urgent. Tory austerity has reduced police numbers by 400 in Enfield since 2010 [Fact check: Police numbers fell 15% on average since 2010, with Enfield losing 97 officers and 144 police community support officers]. We need urgent action to restore our police. We must guarantee every young person access to youth services and restore access to justice with investment in community lawyers and people's law centres. I believe the UK is better off in the EU. Regardless of how people voted in 2016, the divisive Tory Brexit shambles has let everyone down. We must bring the country back together with a referendum, including an option to remain. A decade of austerity has done untold damage to our communities. Headteachers tell me frequently how cuts have forced staff losses. Our NHS faces another winter crisis while being cut to the bone. We urgently need investment in all public services, an end to austerity and truly affordable homes. Labour's green industrial revolution will make the UK carbon neutral. We must tackle traffic pollution and improve local transport. I will continue my work holding Govia Rail to account and campaigning on pollution. The battle in Enfield Southgate is a two-horse race between Labour and an austerity-loving hard Brexiteer. Only Labour can reunite us and heal the wounds of austerity.



I'm the son of an immigrant and a local boy. To me, Brexit stands for 'British Renewal with Excellence, Integrity and Trust'; qualities which politicians of all parties lost over recent decades. Brexit brings opportunity to regain balance in British society and honour in politics – a chance to change. Change is exciting but scary. If you fear, I empathise and trust you'll find wisdom in my words. As a community, we must care in co-operation. We must also embrace chance-taking. My vision is guided by these balanced principles. To deliver change:

- Care for the NHS; I will strive to heal and protect our dear NHS hospitals and GPs so they can serve you better – free at the point of need.
- Care for the community; a strong local community with shared values builds cohesion. This reduces crime and homelessness. I support tax policies to nurture thriving high streets.
- Crime; boost police numbers and stations.
- Climate; our planet needs help. I've been actively green for 15 years. Environmental challenges are a priority.
- Care for children; to have a chance to flourish, be fed, safe and loved.
- Chaos; the chaos of our roads and bin collections must be vanquished.
- Cash; we must slash loan interest for students.

A clean break from EU bureaucrats gives us full control to achieve the above and enjoy global opportunities. The Brexit Party loves Europe's people and cultures. Our young will still enjoy easy travel, social life and opportunities in the EU, just as I did in the 1980s. Parliament is ravaged by today's failing politicians. Our system is broken; we will reform it. We tried Bambos and David and got this mess! If you want worthwhile change, forget reds and blues – take a chance on the Brexit Party.



I live in the east of the constituency with my wife Claire and our young daughter. I want her and all our children to grow up in a safe, prosperous area with every opportunity. So how do we do that? Enfield must become a community once again, not a mix of individuals who happen to live here. Our manifesto has many great opportunities for people and families that will make a real difference to our lives. These include provision of free childcare from nine months, addressing the climate emergency, proper NHS funding, creating parity between mental and physical health, giving every adult £10,000 to spend on training throughout their lives, and to stop Brexit. But we are nothing if we and our families are not safe. Knife crime is becoming normalised, this is wrong and must end. Even Sadiq Khan's former policing advisor has quit the Labour Party and joined the Liberal Democrats, citing the failure to tackle knife crime. We will fight knife crime by taking a public health approach, properly funding local police and reopening police stations. Now are we a wasted vote in Enfield Southgate? The world has changed from two years ago. According to [Dr Chris] Hanretty's election modelling breakdown, the Liberal Democrats won this year's EU election in Enfield Southgate with nearly as many votes as the Labour and Conservative parties combined. Many former Conservative and Labour voters are telling us they are voting Liberal Democrat. We can win. The other parties say if you vote for me their opposing party will get in. How poor and low has a party fallen not to lead on ideas, policies and vision but on the fact that they are slightly less bad than someone else? They do not deserve our vote.



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Let the festivities begin

Jo Johnson from Love Your Doorstep on ways to support the local community this festive season



Singers from Young Talent Academy performed on stage during a special Christmas event last month at Palace Gardens in Enfield Town. Credit: Alistair Underwood

The countdown to Christmas is a marvellous affair in Enfield.

The Parade of Lights kick-starts the festivities on Sunday 1st December with more than 20 community

groups coming together to form a parade along a route around Enfield Town. There's also a market and activities taking place throughout the afternoon. It culminates with the Christmas tree light switch-on

and fireworks. Then it's official – Christmas is on its way!

Saturday 7th December is 'Small Business Saturday'. Customers are urged to go out and support all types of small businesses. It doesn't have to be a business with premises – you can support online businesses too. This is obviously something we encourage all year-round here at Love Your Doorstep, but it's a great excuse to shout about those small businesses and give them a lovely boost in the run-up to Christmas. We like to call it the 'shop local challenge' and love to read about people's experiences of achieving their whole Christmas shopping via Enfield businesses.

When you choose to spend your money locally you are investing in the economy of your community. This is also helped by local businesses choosing to use local suppliers of products and services, along with being able to offer employment opportunities. It all contributes to making our community sustainable and economically viable.

It's not just the gifts that can be

sourced via our directory. You can also purchase your food from one of our local suppliers, whether it's meat from SJ Smith Butchers, Christmas hampers from Holtwhites or seasonal produce from Oakwood Delicatessen. We also have great hair and beauty people to help get you ready for the party season, plus there are local gift-makers that run online shops from their own homes!

As always, our wonderful local theatres have some great shows on offer over the festive period.

Chickenshed are bringing their adaptation of *Snow White* to the stage, as well as their *Christmas Tales* for younger audiences, which take place at both the Dugdale and Chickenshed theatres. The traditional panto at Millfield Theatre this year will be *Mother Goose*.

Have a wonderful December – you know where we are for all your questions during the festive season!

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Space to party

BY KATHLEEN RICHARDSON

Residents of Elsing Estate in Bullsmoor have good reason to celebrate this Christmas.

Following a successful opening of the old church hall in Yews Avenue during the summer holidays, the hall is opening again for a grand Christmas party on Saturday 21st December.

Next year will see the start of work on a new building on the site called 'The Space' which will offer a large hall, community kitchen and café providing space for groups to meet. We are hoping we will soon be able to invite residents to come to see and discuss the plans – in the meantime we are making the best of what we have!

At our Christmas party there will be food, crafts, games, singing and dancing. We are also hoping that Santa will pay a visit! New friendships will be made – anyone from the estate and its surroundings is very welcome to come along. You can get your free ticket in advance from the church hall, Varsani Newsagents, from any of the groups using the church hall, or by emailing rebekah.thespace@outlook.com.

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Friday 27th December 2019	Sunday 29th December 2019
Wednesday 1st January 2020	Thursday 2nd January 2020
Thursday 2nd January 2020	Friday 3rd January 2020
Friday 3rd January 2020	Saturday 4th January 2020

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Monday 23rd December 2019	Closed
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Wednesday 25th December 2019	Closed
Thursday 26th December 2019	Closed
Monday 30th December 2019	Closed
Wednesday 1st January 2020	Closed

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ENFIELD LOCAL

LISTINGS

Submit your listing

We can include low-cost community events taking place in Enfield. For next month's listings, email the details of your event to enfielddispatch@socialspider.com by Friday 13th December.

CHARITY

Volunteer Recruitment and Christmas Fair

Thursday 5th Dec, 10.30am-2pm
Community House, 311 Fore Street,
Edmonton N9 0PZ

Volunteer Centre Enfield is hosting an event about how to support local organisations through volunteering this Christmas.

Free entry

Call 020 8373 6348

Visit enfieldva.org.uk/volunteers

POETRY

All Saints Sessions: Fusion of Poetry and Sound

Thursday 5th December, 7.30pm
All Saints Church Edmonton, Church
Street, Edmonton N9 9PB

Candlelit performance with special guest poets Will Harris and Malcolm Ball. Poet Cheryl Moskowitz and electronic musician Alastair Gavin host.

Free entry to N9 and

N18 residents, £5 others

Email allsaintssessions@gmail.com

Enfield Poets' Christmas Evening

Saturday 7th Dec, 7.30pm-10pm
Room 4 at the Dugdale Centre, 39
London Road, Enfield Town EN2 6DS

Guest Giovanna Iorio combines photography, sound, poetry and prose in her work. Giovanna turns recordings of poetry into visual art with intriguing effect.

£3.50 entry, £2.50 concessions

Visit enfieldpoets.com/events

SHOPPING

Christmas Market

Sunday 8th December, 11am-5pm
Market Place, Church Street,
Enfield Town EN2 6LN

The Old Enfield Charitable Trust is providing a platform for local people to sell their wares and for visitors to find unique gifts. Including pottery, handmade bags, jewellery and artwork for sale, plus live music and warming festive food and drink. Not forgetting our Santa's grotto!

Free entry

Visit enfieldmarket.co.uk

WALK

Festive Walk

Sat 7th Dec, 10.30am & 11.30am
Trent Park, Cockfosters EN4

We invite you to wear your favourite Christmas clothing and join us for a morning of festivities, while raising funds for The Nightingale Cancer Support Centre. A 2km buggy-friendly fun walk starts at 10.30am, followed by our 5km festive walk through the woodlands at 11.30am.

£10 adults, £6 children, buggy walk £3

Visit nightingalesupport.org.uk

CONCERT

Community Celebration Concert

Saturday 7th December, 6.30pm
Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church,
Palmerston Road, Bowes N22 8RA

See the dazzling display of trees decorated by local groups. Take in the festive atmosphere with a mince pie and spiced drink. Sit back and enjoy a seasonal concert.

£5 entry, children free

Email admin@trinityatbowesmethodistchurch.co.uk

MUSIC

A Programme of Christmas Music

Sunday 8th December, 3pm
Winchmore Hill URC, 77 Compton
Road, Winchmore Hill N21 3NU

Enjoy the joyful and colourful Christmas music of pre-Victorian days! Donations are in aid of refurbishment of the church's community facilities.

Free entry, donations

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CAROLS

Christmas Carol Singing

Saturday 21st December, 11am
Tesco Ponders End, 288 High
Street, Ponders End EN3 4DP

Enjoy your Christmas shopping and take in the beauty of the festive season while listening to the sounds of Christmas carol singing, presented by Gospel Temple Apostolic Church.

Free, donations welcome

Visit gospeltemple.org.uk

AROUND THE BOROUGH

ANGEL EDMONTON

Major estate plans go to vote

BY SIMON ALLIN,
LOCAL DEMOCRACY REPORTER

RESIDENTS WILL VOTE ON A major regeneration project that could see 2,000 new homes built. Enfield Council gave the nod to the £770million redevelopment of Joyce Avenue and Snells Park estates in Angel Edmonton, near the borough border with Haringey, but will give residents the final say.

Under rules brought in last year by Mayor of London Sadiq Khan, all major regeneration schemes involving the demolition of social homes must have the backing of existing residents before they can receive funding from City Hall.

Council leader Nesil Caliskan said: "Residents have told us that their experience of living on these estates is not positive and that they feel this area of Edmonton has been abandoned.

"Every regeneration scheme in this borough should benefit its residents first and foremost, and this will be the case at Joyce and Snells with a project led and controlled by Enfield Council.



"Our plans allow every existing resident to have a home on the estate. There will be a new home for all council tenants, an offer for resident leaseholders and the ability for existing private renters to access new build-to-rent apartments."

The plans involve demolishing the existing buildings, which date back to the 1950s and 1960s. The council wants to replace the estates' 795 homes and build more than 2,100 new ones. Half of the homes would be designated as 'affordable', including 395 as social rent for existing residents. Some homes could also be offered

to 'key workers' such as doctors and nurses.

Maintenance costs for the ageing flats are expected to rise as more repair works are needed. Both estates also suffer from anti-social behaviour problems, which could be reduced by designing new buildings to improve security.

Although the scheme could involve building on part of the neighbouring Florence Hayes Recreation Ground, the small park has been closed for many years because of problems with anti-social behaviour. Some of the open space could now be redesigned and reopened.

EDMONTON

Hospital inspection

NORTH MIDDLESEX UNIVERSITY Hospital has again been rated 'requires improvement' by health inspectors.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) said in its latest report the Edmonton hospital's management had improved but this was not enough to raise the overall ranking. Key weaknesses include a lack of mental health awareness, high job vacancy rates and a lack of cleanliness in the maternity department. Strengths include "good standards of risk assessment" and a reduction by half in the number of patients contracting

pressure ulcers during their stay. Hospital chief executive Maria Kane said: "We are pleased to be recognised as having improved, but are committed to dealing with the issues identified and providing the level of care our patients expect."

Professor Ted Baker, England's chief inspector of hospitals, said: "North Middlesex now appears to be moving in the right direction. "The trust has established an experienced and capable leadership team with the skills, abilities and commitment to provide high-quality services."

ENFIELD CHASE

Top salon

THE OWNER OF KAT'S BEAUTY Room in Windmill Hill has told of her shock after the salon was named the best in North London.

Katarzyna Legowik launched the business a year ago but came out on top at The London Hair and Beauty Awards 2019, taking home the prize for 'Best Beauty Salon in North London'.

Kat said: "I was shocked. It's unbelievable as I've run Kat's Beauty Room only since last year. It means a lot to me – the hard work is paying off."

Kat first began as a professional beautician in 2016, before renting her current space in Windmill Hill.

ARNOS GROVE

Flats on station car park

PLANS FOR BUILDING BLOCKS of flats on Arnos Grove Station's car park have been revealed.

Transport for London (TfL) wants to build 150 homes for rent in four blocks of flats either side of the Grade 2*-listed tube station. The existing 303 parking spaces would be replaced with six disabled spaces, despite the car park being described by TfL as "well used" with 850 people parking on a typical weekday.

Locals had feared TfL would propose building a high-rise tower at Arnos Grove – similar to that now planned in Southgate – but the highest block will instead be only six storeys. Nonetheless, the loss of the car park has stoked anger even before a planning application is submitted, with a petition opposing it

already gaining 2,000 signatures.

At a public consultation event last month everyone who spoke to the *Dispatch* voiced opposition to the scheme, including Felicity Brown who said: "It will mean more cars parking in local roads – people will pave over their front gardens. This is already a high-density area for housing."

TfL has teamed up with developer Grainger to draw up its plans and is also looking to build on the car park at Cockfosters Station. It says it is "extremely proud of the history and architecture of Arnos Grove" and that the plans "align with the mayor's transport strategy" by discouraging up to 750 short car journeys and "having a positive impact of local air quality".

If the plans go ahead, TfL would contribute £1.7m to local infrastructure.

SOUTHGATE

New school opens



A NEW SCHOOL FOR AUTISTIC children has been officially opened in High Street.

The £11million Durants Upper School will cater for up to 120 children with complex educational needs aged between eleven and 19 years.

Enfield Council held a celebration last month to mark the school's first term. Rick Jewell, cabinet member for children's services, said: "This fantastic new state-of-the-art school will significantly expand our specialist autism provision for secondary-

age pupils and address an acute need in this borough.

"We are committed to supporting the needs of all our young people and believe that this new school provides an opportunity to ensure that they have access to an outstanding learning environment at the most appropriate location for their needs so that they can reach their potential."

The site of the school was purchased from Barnet and Southgate College and was redeveloped to provide modern education facilities.

All on board!

BY ANDREW WARSHAW

While fans of some clubs chant “sack the board” when it all goes wrong, Enfield Town’s supporters – as members of the UK’s first supporter-owned club – actually vote for directors and can even put themselves forward for election to the board.

This is the time of year when such elections take place, allowing those with the requisite time, energy and skills to get involved in the decision-making process as the club pursues its vision of being both an inclusive hub for football and social centre for the community.

The annual elections take place between now and Thursday 9th January, with four board members required to stand down on a rotational basis year-on-year, but able to seek re-election. Enfield Town is keen to develop the scope of its membership and attract younger people, women, and those from minority ethnic groups, to better align the directors with the community ethos of the club, which also allows for a number of associate directors who may not have time to be fully involved.

Christine Hamilton, the former mayor of Enfield, is one of those who moved up from being an associate director to a board member and has made a huge contribution to the successful running of the club under chairman Paul Reed. The board are understandably proud

of the unique, democratic process, which automatically makes directors accountable to the almost 300 paid-up members. Club director Geoff Smith says: “It has certainly worked well up to now. What we try to do is strike the right balance in terms of getting different skill sets on board.”

Geoff came up with the idea for the associate scheme. He adds: “I was very conscious that there were people around who want to be involved but who didn’t necessarily have the time or inclination to be a full-time director.”

Membership secretary Dave Bryant believes it’s the most inclusive way for clubs to operate. He says: “It means so much more to us than, say, supporters of Tottenham or Arsenal can experience. We feel it more intensely because we are directly contributing to what happens. Maybe that’s why we all feel so bad when things go badly and so great when they go well!”

On the pitch the club recently made history by reaching the first round of the FA Trophy, the non-league equivalent of the FA Cup, having come through three qualifying rounds. All eyes are now on a mouth-watering and potentially giant-killing home tie on Saturday 14th December against Ebbsfleet United, two divisions higher in the National League. Enfield’s run in the competition has so far earned them more than £10,000, another indication of the impressive job manager Andy Leese and his staff are doing.

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LONDON BOROUGH OF ENFIELD

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Notice Date: 14th November 2019

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