

Goodmayes Matters



Save your Hospital! You have till 22 July to have your say

The proposals to downgrade King George Hospital, stripping it of its A&E and Maternity Units have been referred by the Health Minister to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel.

The Panel founded in 2003 is an advisory body set up to review contested proposals for change in the NHS. It is to report back by 22 July. You have until that date to write to the Panel to get your views heard. Many people have signed our petitions, we need you all to make sure you let the Panel know what you think.

Letters must be addressed to the Independent Reconfiguration Panel, 6th Floor, 157-197 Buckingham Palace Road. London, SW1W 9SP.

E mails should be addressed to info@irpanel.org.uk.

Don't miss your chance to comment. We can win if we stay united

Key points of our campaign

- If these proposals go ahead Queens Hospital will be expected to serve 750,000 people—it can't cope now.
- Parts of this area have the highest birth rates in London, how are we supposed to cope with reduced maternity facilities?
- Why concentrate births at a hospital where the Maternity Unit has been so heavily criticised by the Care Quality Commission?
- The A12 is congested, the longer journey times to A&E at Queens will put many at risk.
- People may die if these plans go ahead.



*Mike Gapes M.P.
Says
'I have fought these ill
conceived
proposals from day 1*

*We can win, please
write in and let the
Panel know your views
now'*

Find out more about Save King George Hospital Campaign events

Visit the Website
www.savekinggeorgehospital.org.uk



What Have We Been Up To?

Since we were elected last year your Labour Councillors have been busy trying to improve your area.

- We now have a regular monthly surgery for constituents problems.
- We have met the faith groups and schools in the ward.
- We have worked with local residents groups.
- We have met with the large businesses such as Tesco and Homebase to see if we can secure local projects.
- Funded Goodmayes Allotment Society Festival
- Got Area Committees held in Goodmayes.

- We have overseen the introduction of traffic calming in Ashgrove and Felbrigg Roads.
- Met with the Police regarding proposals for a Mobile Police Unit.
- Worked with the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team to encourage Police visibility with bicycle patrols.
- Introduced a no drink zone around the New Road Jobcentre.
- Got Hazeldene/Abbotsford Roads into winter gritting programme.
- Got the toilets open in Goodmayes Park.
- Got a dog free area and community orchard into the Park.
- Introduced a new outdoor Gym and Play Area in the Park
- Led the campaign against the closure of Goodmayes Library (photo below).
- Campaigned against the closure of King George Hospital
- Got enforcement action taken against takeaways on Goodmayes Road and Green Lane
- Introduced the Chicken Box scheme to reduce litter.
- Managed to change Council Policy on planning and licensing to limit the number of takeaways with effect from summer this year.
- Added over 100 litter bins across Goodmayes
- Organised quarterly community litter picks
- Held monthly street walkabouts with Council Officers to deal with fly tipping and dumping.
- Organised the removal of longstanding graffiti in locations such as Goodmayes Road, Kinfauns Road and Castleton Road.



Mandy Richards a Labour activist from Hackney has been selected to fight the Havering and Redbridge GLA Seat for Labour in 2012. Mandy says ' We must not only return Ken Livingstone as Labour's Mayor but fight to strengthen community policing and promote regeneration'



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