

Mayfield 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

CONSERVATIVES AND LIB DEMS END PARKS POLICE

The Conservative/LibDem controlled Redbridge Council has decided to disband the well regarded Redbridge Parks Police service to enter into a Metropolitan Police 'buy one get one free' scheme.

Mayor of London Boris Johnson is rolling out a scheme where the Metropolitan Police Authority will match fund a Police Constable when Council's purchase one from them. The scheme is for a maximum for three years and gives both sides the option to end the contract with a years notice.

However, in order to buy into this scheme, Redbridge Council has decided to end the very effective and efficient Police service that has been providing an excellent service since its inception since 2006.

The Labour Group requisitioned the matter to the full Council on 19 May as the only way of achieving a debate. Mayfield Labour Councillor Jas Athwal spoke to the Council meeting stressing how this service was valued and pointing out that it had been a manifesto promise in the Conservatives own election literature at the last elections. Other Labour Councillors pointed out that the Boris Johnson scheme was a "gimmick" which is aimed at bolstering police numbers leading up to the Mayoral election in 2012. There is no guarantee it will continue.

The Council received two petitions totalling over 3,000 signatures urging them not to go ahead with the proposals. Despite this the Conservative-Liberal Democrat coalition voted to end the Parks Police from August 2011.



Your Labour Councillors say:-

During June we plan to visit every house in Mayfield. We have already taken up the issues of rubbish dumping in Esher Road and trafficmanagement in Green Lane as a result of our conversations with you on the doorsteps in the last 2 days. Tell us your issues and we will see what we can do.

Jas, Kay and Ayodhiya

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Drop in Advice Surgeries
2nd and 4th Fridays of month
6-7.30 p.m.
South Park School, Water Lane
1st and 3rd Fridays of month
6-7 p.m.
Parkside Community Centre
Goodmayes Lane

For Mike Gapes M.P.
Ring 020 7219 6485



Mandy Richards 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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