

Cranbrook Matters

TORY MAYOR BORIS NEEDS TO COME CLEAN ON TUBE DELAYS



Mandy Richards campaigning with Cllr. Mushtaq Ahmed

Transport for London promise to publish monthly figures which measure tube delays. They have mysteriously disappeared for 4 months.

Locally using Gants Hill Station, we know why...delays are increasing and the never ending works to improve the system are showing no apparent end.

Conservative Mayor Boris Johnson has now gone back on his previous promise about weekend closures on the Jubilee line which will now continue well into the autumn.

Labour Assembly Member Val Shawcross said:-

'Boris Johnson is chair of TfL and it is time for urgent answers from the Mayor. Where are the figures, what do they show and why are they not published?'

If the Government stopped publishing monthly unemployment figures or the Metropolitan Police refused to publish crime statistics there would be an outcry... Boris Johnson said he **would be accountable to Londoners its time for him to fulfil that promise'**.

Mandy Richards the Labour GLA Candidate for Havering and Redbridge is campaigning on this issue. She says:-

'It is clear that Boris Johnson is highly embarrassed by statistics that reflect his poor performance on behalf of London's commuters. Media reports indicate there is an increase in delays of up to 33% compared to the same time last year. It is an indisputable fact that in the year ending February 2011 the Tube only operated a good service on all lines once! This is wholly unacceptable.'

Iford South M.P. Mike Gapes says 'It is clear to all of us who travel to London each day that Boris has something to hide'

Remember that Ken Livingstone Labour's Candidate for Mayor, made improving the Tube a priority in his time in office and he says its time for Boris to get a grip. We will continue campaigning for an improvement to the service, until Boris takes notice.



Cllr. Mushtaq Ahmed says...

The past few months has been a busy period, we have had an outbreak of fly tipping, notably in Wanstead Park, Stanhope and Belgrave Roads, I have taken up your complaints and the items have been removed. I have ensured there are new bins at the Bethell Road bus stops on the Cranbrook Road and that the damaged road name boards for Vaughan Gardens were replaced. At Wanstead Lane I have ensured the faded and damaged street markings are replaced. Each Sunday I have been out visiting you in your homes finding out the issues that concern you and the actions you want me to take. This month the Labour Team with Mike Gapes M.P. is in Cranbrook and we will try to call at every home to meet you.

SCHOOL PLACE PROBLEMS CONTINUE

Many local residents are again finding that there are no places locally for their children. The Conservative/ LibDem Council continues to try to redress the problem by offering places in Hainault and Woodford.

Cllr. Mushtaq Ahmed recently said in a speech at Council that whilst the Government's proposal to expand existing schools is welcomed, the failure to adequately outline the funding for this proposal by the Secretary of State is of great concern. He went on to warn of the dangers of a two tier system developing in Redbridge with academies and free schools and the dangers of a system where the local authority is stripped of powers to intervene when school provision is deemed inadequate. He called on the Council to respond to **the Government's consultation stressing the need for a clearly defined role for the local education authority** in its future plans.

This week Cllr Ahmed will be at Downing Street with other Labour Councillors presenting a petition calling for resources to create more school places in Redbridge.

SURGERY CLOSURE SHOCK

More than 2,800 patients are affected by the forthcoming closure of The Garden Surgery on the Drive. The Health **Authority had 3 months notice of the Doctor's intention to retire** but made no arrangements for transfer of patients or even notifying them till the last minute. Both Mike Gapes M.P. and Cllr. Mushtaq Ahmed have taken the issue up with NHS Managers asking that patients be allocated to new local surgeries without delay. Cllr. Ahmed is engaged in visiting other surgeries to discover where there is capacity for more patients.

NEW TRAFFIC CALMING AGREED

We have taken up the issue of Redbridge's most dangerous bus stop, by the Park in Cranbrook Road near the Drive, It has been destroyed yet again by a speeding car. Cllr. Ahmed raised the issue there is to be new road signage warning of speed restrictions both here and at another danger hot spot you have identified to us in Wanstead Park Road. We will be monitoring how this improves the situation and raise the issue again if further action is needed.

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