

# Valentines Matters

## A&E and Maternity to Close At King George Hospital

Despite a massive local campaign and thousands of signatures from local residents the Tory-led government has decided to axe key services at King George Hospital .

A&E and Maternity services will be closed and moved to Queens Hospital which is unable to cope with demand.

This is a disgraceful decision by Andrew Lansley the Tory Health Secretary which will put lives at risk.



Valentines Councillor Aziz Choudhury at a Save KGH demonstration

**At the general election, the Tories promised to 'protect key services at King George Hospital' - but Tory Health Secretary Andrew Lansley 'fully supports' these cuts.**



Cllrs. Aziz Choudhury and Ross Hatfull

Your Valentines Labour Councillors have fought to save King George Hospital. They say:-

**' This is a massive blow for the Area which will put lives at risk'**



Mike Gapes M.P.

**Mike Gapes M.P. said 'I have fought these ill conceived proposals from day 1 and can't believe that the Tory-led government have done this to Ilford. This decision is dangerous and ignores the views of local people. I will continue to fight to save services at King George.**

## You Can't Trust the Tories with the NHS

## What this means for London

Creating a youth jobs fund to help the 59,900 18-24 year olds on the dole in London get back into work and build up to 5,000 new homes in London.

Bringing forward long-term investment projects - like the 163 schools projects scrapped by the Government here in London - to get people back to work and strengthen our economy for the future.

Temporarily reversing the Tory-led Government's VAT rise and put £450 back in the pockets of families in London.

Cutting VAT on home improvements, repairs and maintenance to five per cent for a year - to help homeowners and small businesses here in London.

Giving the 334,000 small firms here in London a one year national insurance tax break if they take on extra workers.

# Labour's 5 point plan to get the economy moving

The Tory-led Government are cutting too far and too fast and risk choking off economic recovery. Unemployment is rising again and is currently at the highest level in 17 years. One in five young people are out of work and now more women are unemployed than at any time since 1988.

We need to act now to show the Tory-led Government's Plan A, that there is another way.

Labour has set out a clear five-point plan for jobs, to help struggling families and support small businesses. Our jobs plan includes:

**One** A £2 billion tax on bank bonuses to fund 100,000 jobs for young people - which they would be required to take up - and build 25,000 more affordable homes.

**Two** Bring forward long-term investment projects in schools, roads and transport to get people back to work and to strengthen our economy for the future.

**Three** Temporarily reverse the Tory-led Governments damaging VAT rise - an extra £450 for a couple with children would provide a boost for our high streets and help struggling families.

**Four** A one year cut in VAT to 5 per cent on home improvements, repairs and maintenance to help homeowners and small businesses.

**Five** A one year national insurance tax break for every small firm which takes on extra workers would help small businesses to grow and create jobs.



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## Council U Turn on Parking

The Tory /Lib Dem Coalition have scrapped their new parking scheme shortly after it was brought in.

After huge protests from the public and Labour councillors they have abandoned parking restrictions 12 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The poorly thought out scheme cost in excess of £75,000 and was expected to plug holes in the Council budget in a war on the motorist. Now all the new parking restrictions are to be withdrawn at a further cost to hard pressed residents.

What the Council should have done and what Labour campaigned for, was a proper consultation over these schemes in the first place. Now we all have to brace ourselves for further cuts in services to plug the gap in council coffers due to this latest CON-DEM catastrophe.

**This latest U Turn may be legal, but it hasn't been very well executed!**

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