

# News

## Childs Hill Ward

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**It's so close here!**

<b>Lib Dem</b> 45%	<b>Con</b> 35%	Can't win here ↓ <b>Lab</b> 16%
Only the Lib Dems can beat the Conservatives in Childs Hill ward.		

From Cllr Jack Cohen, Cllr Monroe Palmer & Cllr Susette Palmer

## Easy Council Chaos over Future Shape

Tory Barnet council has dropped a bombshell regarding its flagship "Future Shape" proposals. Under these plans, which The Tory Leadership has likened to a Budget Airline Operation, it has been revealed your weekly refuse collection may no longer be a core service.

Leader of the Lib Dem group on Barnet Council Cllr Jack Cohen slammed the Tories plans.

"Barnet Council is in chaos over 'Easy Jet' Plans. It is now becoming clear that the Tory Council is running scared. They have been caught out and are

trying desperately to cover their tracks. But we are not fooled.

They are marching ahead with plans that will hit jobs, services, and mean Tax Payers forking out on even bigger bills but for far worse services. It is now becoming clear that no service is safe under this Tory Administration.

The latest revelation that refuse collection may not be a core service under an 'Easy Jet' Council is in my view final proof they have taken leave of their senses."



## Sheltered housing wardens. Lib Dems call for re-think

Tory proposals to cut site based sheltered housing wardens in private and Council properties have been thrown into disarray by a legal challenge mounted by angry residents.

The basis of the challenge is that Tory run Barnet Council failed to properly assess the impact of the cuts. There is also the possibility that residents contractual rights may have been breached.

Lib Dem Cllr Susette Palmer adds

"These cuts are ill thought out and damaging to some of our most vulnerable people in our communities. To add insult to injury they will not save very much money.

Our elderly and vulnerable people deserve better than this. I hope the legal challenge will force Barnet to re-think its policy."

## Lib Dems call for re-think of parking charges

Income from parking charges in Tory run Barnet rose a staggering £1.3 million pounds, a 30% rise and the highest rise of any council in the country.

Cllr Monroe Palmer slated the Council and called on parking chiefs to urgently review parking charges. Monroe commented

"The Council are raking in the money on parking revenue whilst our High Streets are dying because of punitive charges and over zealous traffic wardens. We

need to stimulate our local economy by allowing people to park for free for a limited time, for example up to one hour. This would also cut car journeys as less people would drive to out of town shopping centres."

Freeing up parking restrictions as part of a package of help for local traders and small businesses could make a real difference to our High Streets. The Council should act now.



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# Golders Green Library update on the upgrade

Your Liberal Democrat Ward Councillors are pleased with work done to update Golders Green Library. Cllr Susette Palmer a long time Champion of our Libraries is delighted at the results. "I am really pleased that all our efforts have paid off. I have worked

closely with Council Officers to improve the Library Service. I even managed to persuade Officers to include different languages including Hebrew for users of the automatic check out machines"



Golders Green Library

# Barnet no plans for Golders Green Town Centre

Cllr Jack Cohen has spoken of his disappointment that Conservative run Barnet has no plans to improve Golders Green Town Centre. Cllr Cohen whilst welcoming proposals to invest in six of the Boroughs other Town Centres is surprised that Golders Green has been left off the list. Cllr Susette Palmer, who has taken the Cabinet member to task

on the issue added " You only just have to look around to see the number of empty shops and for sale signs to know that something needs to be done. The Council needs to look at a whole range of actions including parking charges, bringing empty shops back in to use and keeping the Town Centre clean and tidy."

# Bus and Tube update

Cllr Monroe Palmer has attacked the decision to move the 102 Bus from the forecourt of Golders Green Station. He described this as "poor planning and badly thought out. Where is the logic in this he wondered?" Better news following pressure from the Liberal Democrats, with the announcements of improved frequency to the 82 Bus Route in the afternoon peak. Your Liberal Democrat Councillors still continue to press for a through bus service linking Golders Green and Stamford Hill. Cllr Susette Palmer expressed her disappointment "Despite recommendations from London Travel Watch and Local Campaigners, Mayor Johnson's Transport for London is failing to introduce this service."

Station. Pointing out that the new lifts have been out of action, Laura said it was not good enough and added "it isn't right that our less mobile residents or those with buggies or heavy suitcases still have to struggle up steep stairs" Laura is also calling for an update of the Train indicators, " why can't we have indicators like at other stations where the destinations of second third and fourth trains are shown. Passengers can then judge whether to wait for the next train or not



Golders Green High Street

Laura Edge, The Liberal Democrat Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Finchley and Golders Green has hit out at the neglect of Golders Green Tube



Laura Edge

# Local Lib Dems call on government to fund school security

Local lib Dems have called for more Government Funding to meet the cost to local schools for security. Speaking at a recent Council Meeting., Lib Dem Cllr Monroe Palmer noted that our

faith schools sadly remain vulnerable to attacks motivated by racial hatred and are at risk from anti Semitic attacks. Cllr Monroe Palmer pointed to the enormous amounts of money our

faith schools are paying for enhanced security. Cllr Palmer expressed his backing to the Community Security Trust ( CST), ."Government promised financial support back in 2007.

I am disappointed they have not delivered on their promises. I fully support the CST continuing efforts to secure this funding"

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