

## Cllr Ian Gibb

Ealing North Parliamentary Candidate



*"Your Conservative Council has frozen the Council Tax while delivering huge investments in our roads, schools and town centres."*

# Conservatives Delivering For You

In May 2006 the Conservatives were voted in to run Ealing Council after 12 years of Labour misrule. Since then we have been working hard to implement our promises.

Progress is being made and below is some of things that have been done :

### Cleaner Streets

- Our streets are now officially cleaner than ever before - Ealing is no longer the dirtiest borough in London and has now climbed into the top half of performance tables.
- Expanded the recycling service - introducing cardboard and plastic recycling whilst abolishing the charge for the pink garden waste sacks.
- Graffiti and fly tips are now removed promptly.

### Tough on Crime

- 50 extra PCSOs are now on the beat thanks to council funding
- CCTV has been installed in Greenford Town Centre and Oldfields Circus.
- Over 100 alley gating schemes have been or are being implemented to stamp out anti social behaviour.
- Leading the campaign to get more police officers allocated to the area.



### Council Tax

- Delivered a freeze in Council Tax this year and in two previous years have delivered two below inflation increases of just 1.9%.

- Under Labour, Council Tax increased on average by 10% a year for 12 years.

### Investing in Greenford and Northolt

- Launched the Good for Greenford project and is investing over £4 million to regenerate Greenford Town Centre.
- Building a brand new leisure centre for Northolt with sports facilities and new library and community facilities.
- Restored the annual Greenford Carnival.



### New opportunities for young people

- A new borough apprenticeship scheme has been introduced by the Conservatives
- £1 million is being invested in facilities for young people in the local area
- Working to deliver a brand new high school in the local area.

Greenford Green ward councillor, **Jason Stacey**, said "In 2006 we stood for election on the promise that we would work to clean up our borough, make residents feel safer and get a grip on council finances and keep council tax increases as low as possible. A lot has been achieved and I hope residents are seeing some of the improvements for themselves. However, I am under no illusion and there is still a lot to do. I want to assure residents that the hard work is continuing and we are determined to continue these improvements as best as we can".

# CONSERVATIVES FREEZE COUNCIL TAX

Conservatives on Ealing Council have frozen council tax bills for the coming year. This, together with the decision by Mayor Boris Johnson not to increase his part of the council tax bill, means that there will be no increase at all for residents on their council tax bills.

Commenting on the decision, **Cllr Jason Stacey** said “The poor economic situation is hurting residents at the moment and I know that many people are worried about their jobs and paying their bills. Everyone is having to watch what they are spending and the council cannot be exempt from this. At this time I strongly believed that the council should not be adding to the financial burdens of residents”.

Since taking control of Ealing Council in 2006 the Conservatives have delivered below inflation increases every year with 1.9% in 2007 and 2008 and now the 0% in 2009. In 2006 Ealing had the 23<sup>rd</sup> cheapest council tax in London (out of 33 London boroughs). This had improved to 18<sup>th</sup> place and the Conservatives on Ealing Council are committed to improving this even further.



## LABOUR'S £6 MILLION SPENDING HOLE

Whilst the Conservatives in Ealing were busy freezing your council tax bills, what became clear is that if Labour had been running Ealing Council they would have delivered the highest council tax increase in London.

Spending commitments given by Labour over the past year and during the budget process meant additional spending of just over £6 million - the equivalent to a 5% increase in your Council Tax and another £67 on your bill. The highest council tax increase in London this year has been announced by Liberal Democrat controlled Richmond-upon-Thames at 4.33%. This would have been comfortably beaten by Labour in Ealing had they been in charge.

Greenford Green ward councillor, **Cllr Sue Emmet**, said “We should not be surprised by this. We all remember how much the last Labour Council increased Council Tax - including one year adding over £200 to council tax bills overnight. On the issue of tax there is a very clear choice between the high taxing Labour Party and the lower taxing Conservatives”.

## NEW LOCAL FACILITIES FOR THE YOUNG

Ealing Council is spending over £1.5 million to improve facilities for young people. As part of this programme new facilities are to be implemented locally.

Firstly, a new Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) has been installed in the grounds of the **Ken Acock Centre** in Carr Road. This games area can be used for a variety of sports and is aimed at teenagers who want somewhere to go perhaps kick a football around or play basketball.

On the same site, the council will also be installing a new childrens' play area - a brand new facility with swings and other play equipment for young people to enjoy.

**Cayton Green** is also set to get a new play facility for young children. At present there is one solitary swing and this will be replaced by new play equipment for local children to enjoy. Additional money is also being invested to improve further the **Oldfield Recreation Ground** and to improve facilities in **Ravenor Park**.

Greenford Green ward councillor, **Cllr Will Brooks**, said “We are repeatedly told by residents that they want to see more for young people to do. These new facilities in the area will help with this and represents investment of around £150,000 in the local area.



## GETTING RID OF POTHOLES

The Conservatives have announced a further £6.5 million investment to improve our roads and footpaths. This is on top of the £8.5 million already spent during the past year and represents the biggest investment programme for roads and footpaths in a generation.

Local roads and footpaths that have already benefited from this investment or will do in the coming months include:

Birkbeck Way	Glamis Way
Carr Road	Hill Rise
Castle Road	Locarno Road
Cayton Road	Middleton Avenue
Costons Avenue	Rothsay Avenue
Costons Lane	The Fairway
Girton Road	

Greenford Green ward councillor, **Will Brooks**, said "The fact is that previous councils did not invest properly in our roads and footpaths and this administration has been left with a significant backlog to catch up on. This extra £6.5 million means that in three years this Conservative administration has invested some £20.5 million into our roads and footpaths. It will take some time to get fully on top of the repairs that are needed but we are committed to doing so".



*The Conservatives have invested more in our roads and footpaths in three years than the previous Labour Council did in their entire 12 years of running Ealing Council.*

## A NEW FUTURE FOR GREENFORD TOWN CENTRE

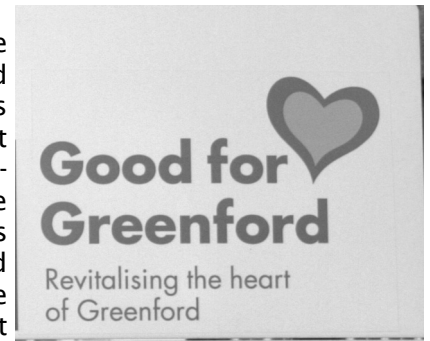
The £4 million 'Good for Greenford' regeneration work is now well underway and will be finished in December 2009. The work will see a complete face-lift for Greenford Town Centre with all the pavements, lighting and street furniture being renewed together with a number of transport improvements.

**Cllr Jason Stacey**, who has led the 'Good for Greenford' project, said "Greenford Town Centre has been neglected for too many years and the Good for Greenford project is designed to start breathing new life into our declining town centre"

"Many of us were very concerned when Woolworths closed down, but the arrival of Iceland is a welcome step and residents will have heard about the possible Tesco development in the town centre

which would help boost trade further. I have met representatives of Tesco on a number of occasions to discuss their proposals and a planning application is currently being considered by the council".

"In terms of the Good for Greenford works themselves, there is still a lot of work to do and I appreciate that these works could be causing inconvenience to some at the moment. However, what will emerge at the end is a new vibrant town centre ready to do business again"



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All letters should be sent to *Members Room, Ealing Town Hall, New Broadway, London W5 2BY*

### Or come to see us:

We hold three residents surgeries a month locally. No appointment is needed – just turn up!

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month

Greenford Community Centre, Oldfield Lane South, Greenford

St Barnabas Church, Raglan Way, Northolt

Oldfield Primary School, Oldfield Lane North, Greenford

*(please use Oldfield Lane North entrance)*

**All surgeries run from 10am to 12 noon.**

Introducing  
Parliamentary Candidate  
**Clr Ian Gibb**

Local Conservatives have selected **Ian Gibb** to contest the Ealing North Parliamentary Constituency at the next General Election.

Ian is a local man and has served as a councillor on Ealing Council since 1992. He is currently Deputy Leader of the Council and is responsible for Children's Services which includes education and social services. Ian has overseen significant improvements in education achievements in the borough and is leading the work to bring a much needed new high school to the Greenford area.

Ian has also been responsible for improving children's social services, bringing Ealing national acclaim. Ealing is currently Council of the Year for Children's Services and reflects the strong work that Ian has undertaken in his current role.

Ian is married to Louise, has two children and lives in the borough. As his day job he works in the construction industry.

**Ian Gibb** said "I was delighted to have been chosen as the Ealing North Parliamentary Candidate. I am grateful for the warm reception that I have received from those who I have met and spoken with so far and I hope in the coming months to get round as many people as possible. Do please let me know if you have any issues you would like to talk to me about".



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## HELP FOR SAVERS AND PENSIONERS

**Ian Gibb and your local Conservatives are campaigning for a better deal for savers and pensioners.**

**Please sign our petition and we'll deliver it to Downing Street**



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PINCH?**

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Pensioners have suffered from a decade of Gordon Brown's tax raids.

***We call on Gordon Brown to implement Conservative policies to:***

- abolish income tax on savings for basic rate taxpayers; and***
- raise the pensioners' personal allowance by £2,000 to £11,490.***

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