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“Conservatives will sort out Labour’s broken economy.”

UK Still In Recession

Germany and France came out of recession in June. The USA raced back into growth last month but the UK is languishing in its longest ever recession.

Cllr Ian Gibb, the Conservative’s Parliamentary candidate for Ealing North, said, “The last shreds of Gordon Brown’s claim of economic competence are being ripped away. Gordon Brown is the man who claimed to have ended ‘boom and bust’; the man who said the UK was best placed to withstand the credit crunch. In fact he’s the man who steered the UK into its longest recession since records began.”

Ian continued, “It’s clear Gordon Brown’s recession plan has not worked. There is no economic leadership in this country and we urgently need a change of direction to get this country working again.”

If returned to government, the Conservatives are committed to sorting out Labour’s financial legacy.

Conservatives Will Deliver Nationally

Ealing Conservatives Clear Up Labour’s Mess

Gordon Brown has brought the economy of this country to its knees.

Was Labour’s record any better when they ran Ealing Council?

When Labour took control of Ealing in 1994, the Council Tax was just **£470**.

When Labour lost control in 2006, it had risen to **£1,309**.

Under Labour it increased by **£839** or **178%**, far more than inflation.

In the three years since the Conservatives took control, Council Tax has increased by less than inflation, with no increase this year.



AND

In December 2009, the Council will be giving a **£50** cashback to all eligible households.

Now that’s what I call value for money.

Conservatives Delivering Locally

Council Rents Frozen

Frank Kilduff has welcomed the announcement that Ealing Conservative Council will freeze rents and heating costs for Council tenants this year. Frank said, "We're trying to help local residents manage through the difficult economic times and I'm sure council tenants will appreciate this good news".

Scrap Ealing Homes

Ealing Homes was set up in 2004 by the previous Labour administration to deliver the government's "Decent Homes" programme. That work will come to an end in 2011.

The council has announced that it will not be renewing the contract with Ealing Homes after 2011. The Council is going to put tenants and leaseholders back in the driving seat.

One current idea is to set up three "area based" organisations to manage its housing stock. The council will still remain the landlord, but residents will be able to decide what their priorities are for their area and have far more control over the service they receive. If a management organisation fails to deliver, tenants will be able to replace it.

We want to put you in charge, giving you real control over your housing in your area. For too long, residents' wishes have come second best and it's time to change that.

The Council will be consulting tenants and leaseholders from now onwards and there will be lots of opportunities to have your say before any changes are introduced.

Madhava Turumella welcomed the proposals, "This will bring an end to Ealing Homes and give real power to tenants and leaseholders."

North Greenford Ward News Roundup

New CCTV cameras approved

Local residents have expressed concern at ward forum meetings about public safety. **Stephen McKenzie** has publically pressed for the deployment of CCTV cameras. He was instrumental in securing a camera in Horsenden Lane North to deter fly tipping. **Stephen** commented "It's about time public safety became a priority in our ward and I'm glad to see that our efforts have yielded positive results."

The Poplars - Community Facilities

People in the Wood End area have asked for improved community facilities, especially for young people. **Frank Kilduff** requested that part of the unspent ward budget should be put towards establishing a community facility at The Poplars, Lillian Board Way. **Frank Kilduff** said "I am pleased to report that £10,000 has now been allocated towards this worthwhile project."

Primary Schools Expansion

Wood End Junior & Horsenden Primary Schools are being considered for expansion in order to deal with the recent increase in birth rate. **Madhava Kumar Turumella** commented "We believe that the council should provide adequate primary school places for local kids. They should not have to travel outside of the area. We are also aware that the roads around Wood End, Greenwood and Horsenden schools are very busy. If local schools have to be expanded, we will be seeking enhanced traffic and pedestrian safety measures, as a prerequisite."

More Bobbies on the Beat

Parliamentary candidate **Ian Gibb** is supporting Conservative plans to free up the police from paperwork so that they can concentrate on keeping the streets safe. He said, "The police spend too much time filling in forms, stuck in the office. A new Conservative Government would get the police back on the beat."



"It would allow local communities to hold the police to account and build an extra 5,000 prison places. They would also bring in an honest sentencing policy. There will be no parole before a minimum sentence has been served."

Ealing Council has used its budget to put an extra 50 PCSOs on the streets. A future Conservative Government would make sure that we see more police where they are needed.

Improved Playgrounds

Cllr Ian Gibb, has been leading a project to improve playgrounds across the Borough. Ian, pictured right with the Mayor of Ealing at the official opening of a new playground, said "These new playgrounds are great fun for the children and I'm sure local residents will appreciate having such superb facilities close to their homes."

Stephen McKenzie welcomed the inclusion of the Ridding Lane play area in the programme.

Recycling Ealing Leads the Way

When the Conservatives took control of Ealing Council in May 2006, Ealing had one of the worst recycling rates in London. In fact, we were recycling just 19% of all waste.



Since taking control, we have transformed recycling.

It was the **Conservatives** who introduced recycling of:-

- Cardboard
- Plastics

It was the **Conservatives** who gave you free pink bags for garden waste.

It was the **Conservatives** who extended recycling to our schools. And

It was the **Conservatives** who have introduced a recycling scheme for flats.

Did you know, that from 7th December you will be able to recycle **tetrapaks** in your green box?

So what is our recycling rate now? It's **37%**.

Others may make promises.

Conservatives Deliver.



North Greenford Deserves Better

The Council recently published details of councillor's attendance record, for last year, on its web site, www.ealing.gov.uk/. There are 69 councillors on Ealing Council. Thirteen councillors had 100% attendance. They were all **Conservatives**.

And how did the North Greenford Labour councillors perform. Alas two of them were languishing at the bottom of the table in the relegation zone.

Councillor Attendance—Bottom of league table

Place	Name	Ward	Party
54	Cllr Walker	North Greenford	Labour
...
67	Cllr Sandu	North Greenford	Labour
68	Cllr Ahmed	North Greenford	Labour
69	Cllr Sharma	Norwood Green	Labour



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