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Conservatives Campaigning for Cleveland

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Now bigger
and better

Cleveland to get more Police

...and not before time!



Anti-social behaviour is a real problem in the area. Many of you have been blighted by the disgraceful behaviour of a minority of youths or the surge in graffiti tags. We've heard from exasperated residents all over the ward. Meetings have been held in the Draytons and Pit-shanger about the problems. In Copley Close, a Somali community group teaching children to speak English so that they can integrate and learn at school, has had to cancel its Friday evening sessions because jobs smashed windows and harassed the kids during lessons. As part of the solution, we have been pushing for more police for many years and at last our campaigning has finally born fruit.

On 27 March, Cleveland will finally get its own Safer Neighbourhood team. When they are up to strength, we will be allocated one sergeant, two constables and three police support officers. We do not expect the team to be up to full strength until September. These officers will be in addition to the police currently answering 999 calls. You will be able to contact the Cleveland police unit on 020-8721 2920. Cllr Ian Gibb said, "At last we are going to have the police where we want them, on the beat and not behind desks. We will be watching closely to ensure that Cleveland's police are not dragged off to other duties without good reason."



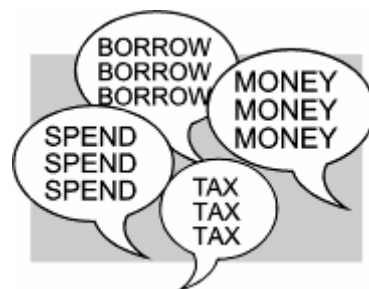
Council Debt Soars

Ealing's Labour Council is increasing long term Council debt by £177M over two years in order to delay large Council tax rises until after the May election. The increase in debt liabilities amounts to around £570 *extra* debt per man woman and child in the borough, or around £1,600 *extra* debt per household.

The Council paid £19M this financial year in interest payments to service the debt, and expects this to rise to £24M next year. This means that from April, more than 20% of the money raised from Council tax will go just to service the interest on Council debt.

Cleveland Conservative Councillor Brian Castle slammed the Labour Council, "They're spending on

the never never instead of spending sensibly. If we didn't waste millions of pounds on futile legal challenges, preparing for the tram or implementing fancy call centres, we wouldn't have to have one of the highest Council taxes in London or have so much debt."



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Conservative action in Cleveland

Do you want to live on a roundabout?

Cleveland Conservative councillors were alarmed to find out that Ealing Council proposed to turn **Glencairn Drive, Albert Road** and **Queen's Walk** into a roundabout for heavy goods vehicles. This proposal was part of their plan to tackle the problems caused by deliveries to the Co-op in **Pitshanger Lane**.

Cleveland Conservatives delivered a leaflet to local residents warning them of the plans and arranged for them to see the drawings at a Saturday morning meeting. Residents were horrified by the proposals so Cleveland Conservatives spoke against and stopped the plans at an Ealing Area Committee meeting. Cllr John Popham explained, "We realise that there is a problem with the Co-op lorries but routing them down narrow residential streets is not the solution. We are pushing for a wider review of the parking and traffic situation in Pitshanger Lane and the introduction of a loading bay on the Lane itself."

Residents Surveys

Thanks to all those of you who have returned the surveys we've sent out. It is tremendously useful to know what your priorities are so that we can tailor our policies and actions to meet them.

Ealing is a mess It's official!

A recent audit report has confirmed what we can all see with our own eyes; Ealing is a mess!

- ◆ Ealing Streets were classed as almost the dirtiest in London,
- ◆ Ealing was judged to have the worst refuse collection service bar one

Hundreds of you have complained about the state of the streets in your responses to our surveys. We want to do something about it and in May, we will be fighting the local election with a strong commitment to clean Ealing up.

Get those signs down!



A DJ from The Townhouse recently covered the Scotch Common area with posters for an event. Six separate posters were put up on a roundabout on the **Argyle Road**

alone. Cllr Popham contacted the Townhouse and got them to come and remove them. Cllr Popham said, "I made it clear that this was unacceptable. Hopefully they will think twice before doing it again."

A Message from David Cameron

This is an exciting time in British politics. I was elected Leader of the Conservative Party with a mandate for change and to develop positive ideas to tackle the big, long-term challenges our country faces and make Britain a better place to live.

Our priorities are your priorities

Improving the NHS – free at the point of delivery and responsive to our needs.

More good schools with setting by ability so that each child is taught at the rate that best suits him or her.

Strong local policing with the visible beat-based policing that the public wants.

Better quality of life for all of us – better public transport, cleaner streets and public spaces, decent pensions and help for those who need it.

A strong economy. Economic stability is our top priority to protect your mortgage.

Tackling global poverty – a priority not an afterthought.

The Conservative Party is changing and now I need your help to change our country. Please join me and become a voice for change, optimism and hope

Cameron's Conservatives: Change, Optimism & Hope

Join us at: www.conservatives.com/join

Introducing Your Conservative Candidates

Brian Castle



Brian has been a councillor for the past eight years and is chairman of the Ealing Area committee. Born and bred in the Ealing area, he is married to Jane and has three young children.

Brian is a tax specialist and uses his financial expertise to keep an eye on the Labour Council.

Brian has a strong interest in education, especially children with special needs. He is a governor of Castlebar Special School and Hathaway Primary School

Brian is determined to see better local transport and is campaigning strongly for the Greenford branch line to be opened on Sundays.

Ian Gibb



Ian, who works in the construction industry has lived in Ealing for nearly 20 years and has been a councillor for the area since 1992. He is Deputy Leader of the Conservative Group on Ealing Council and spokesman on Social Services and Housing issues.

Ian is married to Louise, with two children, Samuel (7) and Beth (5) who attend local Ealing Council schools. Ian is a governor of North Ealing Primary School

Ian campaigns tirelessly for Cleveland residents and led the successful campaign to get Pitshanger Library renovated.

Our 5 Key Pledges

1. **Oppose the tram**
Cleveland Conservatives pledge to oppose the planned tram at all stages
2. **Improve recycling**
Cleveland Conservatives pledge to extend the green box scheme to include cardboard and to introduce a free garden waste recycling scheme
3. **Tackle graffiti**
Cleveland Conservatives will improve the Council's response to removing graffiti
4. **Clean our Streets**
Cleveland Conservatives pledge to put more resources into cleaning our filthy streets
5. **Tackle waste**
Cleveland Conservatives will bring finances under control and cut out needless waste

John Popham



John was first elected as a councillor to represent Cleveland ward in 2002. He lives in Vallis Way in the heart of the ward and is married to Rosa. He has three grown up children, two of whom are currently at university.

John worked in the telecommunications industry until August 2005. On the Council, John is the Conservatives spokesman on regulatory issues and sat on many panels dealing with licensing applications. He recently brought to light the fact the Council had failed to apply for a licence to run events in the Town Hall and had given away free booze to event organisers which council tax payers had paid for. John is also chairman of governors at Mayfield Primary School

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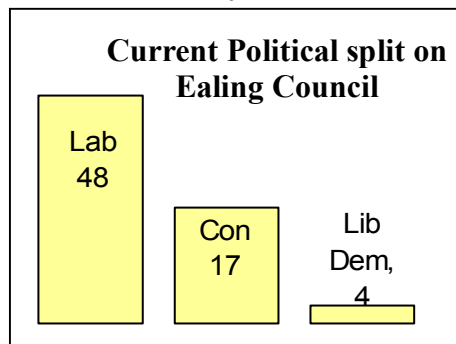
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VOTE CONSERVATIVE 4th MAY 2006

Labour have controlled Ealing Council for the past 12 years. Council tax has soared and services have declined. The Labour Council is forcing the deeply unpopular tram on us, our streets are filthy and covered in graffiti. We have one of the worse recycling rates in the country. The Council has wasted millions of pounds on a call centre but still fails to carry out the basic tasks properly. **Enough is enough.**

Conservatives are committed to making things better. We are fighting the next election with a clear commitment to improving the environment in Ealing. And make no mistake, only the Conservatives can defeat Labour in Ealing. So if you've had enough, it's time to use your vote. It's time for a

NEW COUNCIL



Out of Focus 

89% of you have told us that the Council Tax is too high. Did you know that nearly every year the Liberal Democrats on Ealing Council have voted for an even bigger increase than the one implemented by Labour? If the Liberal Democrats had been running the Council, your bill would have been £100s of pounds bigger!

How to contact your Conservative Councillors



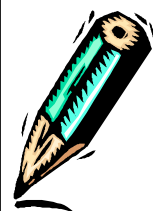
Face to Face

Your Conservative Councillors now hold four surgeries each month – just turn up - no appointment required. Each surgery runs from 10.00 to 11.00am

- 1st Saturday of Month**—The Base, 187 Copley Close
- 2nd Saturday of Month**—Methodist Church Hall, Pitshanger Lane
- 3rd Saturday of Month**—Gurnell Community Centre, Gurnell Estate
- 4th Saturday of Month**—International Presbyterian Church, Drayton Green

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What is wrong with the Country, Ealing, Your Neighbourhood? Let us know by dropping an e-mail to the addresses above or write to our FREEPOST address at the bottom of the page.

Would you like to support Cleveland Conservatives in our campaigns?



I would like to

Confirm you'll get my vote on 4th May 2006

Help deliver leaflets in a few streets near where I live

Get a postal vote for the Council Elections

Donate to your fighting fund (cheques payable to Cleveland Conservatives)

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