

on CANNON HILL FOCUS

From Asif Ashraf, Robert Mitchell,
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FIGHTING TO KEEP YOUR BILLS DOWN



Cannon Hill Lib Dems are challenging Labour's inflation-busting council charges.

In December, Labour Council bosses approved hikes to over 700 Council fees, from parking permits to sports pitches, allotments, and garden waste collection, driving up costs for residents, businesses and community groups.



Inflation was running at 3.4% in December yet 257 fee increases described as 'inflationary' were around 5% or more. Some fee increases are exceptionally high, for example application fees for home improvements up 29% and car park charges up between 5% and 33%!

Cllr Anthony Fairclough, who is the leader of the opposition on Merton Council, explained:

"The Council claims it is working to keep bills down, but these proposed fee increases do the opposite. Many are being put up by significant amounts - and the cost of living crisis wasn't mentioned once.

"We are challenging these decisions - calling on the Council to look at the impact these above-inflation increases could have on the people paying for the services, particularly on those households with lower incomes."

» **Residents' controlled parking permits up 7%, over double the rate of inflation.**

» **Pitch hire for football, cricket and other activities, are up above inflation.**

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ZEBRA CROSSING!

Lib Dems demand zebra crossing on Cannon Hill Lane

Your local team is backing residents in calling for a zebra crossing on Cannon Hill Lane, as they continue the fight for safer road crossings locally.

In 2022, Cannon Hill Lib Dems submitted a petition of over 650 signatures to the Council signed by local residents.

For years, Labour-run Merton Council have done nothing and ignored the calls for action from local people.

Local campaigner Asif Ashraf said, "People are tired of neglect from Conservative and Labour politicians. Lib Dems will continue to fight for residents and demand a safer way for their children and older neighbours to cross Cannon Hill Lane."

If you want to show your support for our campaign - sign our petition today. Scan the QR code or go to: www.mertonlibdems.org.uk/zebra



Lib Dems are fighting for local residents and challenging years of Conservative and Labour neglect.



IMPROVEMENTS TO JOSEPH HOOD REC

Cannon Hill Liberal Democrats continue to call for improvements to playground equipment at Joseph Hood Recreational.

The local Lib Dem team has been demanding improvements to play equipment since 2021 but Labour-run Merton Council continue to ignore local parents' requests.



Whilst welcoming the new multi-sport facility due to be built this year, the local team are working to deliver improvements for all our local children.

Local resident and Lib Dem campaigner Richard Poole said, "As a parent, I know how important functional, maintained equipment at parks is for our local area. I will continue to fight to ensure local families stop being ignored by Labour council bosses."

PROTECT OUR BUSES

» Lib Dems are fighting to protect local bus routes

Last month, people were alarmed when bus company Go-Ahead gave early notice to terminate its contract for six local bus routes: the 93, 163, 164, 80, 154 and 470.

This unexpected move has opened the door to cuts to frequencies, shorter routes or reduced hours, and even the possibility that some routes could disappear altogether.

While Labour figures dismissed the situation as "normal", we knew complacency risked real damage to local transport. These contracts were meant to run for years.

Merton Liberal Democrats acted immediately. We launched a local campaign and over 4,000 residents backed our petition, demanding the Mayor of London and Transport for London guarantee no cuts to routes, frequency or operating hours.

Cannon Hill Lib Dem Asif Ashraf said: "Buses are a lifeline for so many people in Merton. I'm proud that local residents came together with us to send a clear message to the Mayor and TfL about how important these services are."

Back our campaign to protect our buses



DOWN YOUR STREET

CLEANING UP CANNON HILL

Your local team have been reporting fly-tipping across our area including at known hotspots like at junction of Botsford Road and Kingston Rd.

Local campaigner Robert Mitchell said, "Keeping our streets clean is a council's basic job. Lib Dems will work to deliver a fixed-schedule of street sweeping. We will continue working in partnership with residents to identify hotspots for fly-tipping and graffiti, ensuring our area is a clean environment."

TREE PLANTING IN MORDEN PARK

Cannon Hill Lib Dems, Richard Poole and Robert Mitchell were pleased to spend a few hours on a chilly Saturday in January planting trees with the community in Morden Park.



LIB
DEM
1,329

CON
1,263

LAB
1,049

2022 Local Election Result in Cannon Hill, first placed candidate for each party

GRN
299

It's Lib Dems or Conservatives and Reform UK here

Elections in our area are a clear choice between your Lib Dem team and the Conservatives.

But things are different now. Support for Reform UK is on the rise. And the Conservatives have lurched to the right to win over Reform voters - leaving behind people who traditionally supported them.

Labour lost its seats, finishing third here last time and their support has collapsed further. They can't win here. **Voting for Labour in our area will only help the Conservatives and Reform UK.**

The Lib Dems are the party 'most likely to see off Reform UK'

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