

FOCUS

on RAVENSBURY

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ONLY LIB DEMS CAN CHALLENGE LABOUR ON MERTON COUNCIL



Lib Dems demand action to better manage local HMO developments

Local residents have seen a sharp rise in Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in our area.

While they can provide housing for key workers and young people, too many in one area, or poor-quality conversions cause real problems, such as parking pressures, waste issues, unsafe living conditions, and the loss of family homes and gardens.

Ravensbury Lib Dems are demanding tougher rules to manage HMOs, as Lib Dem councils like Sutton have already delivered.

Conservative planning changes in 2015 gave landlords a free pass to convert homes without full permission, shutting residents out of the process.

The Lib Dem team are calling on Merton Council to extend licensing and planning rules to all HMOs in our area to ensure they are a better condition, better regulated and any problems created are dealt with more effectively.



Ravensbury Lib Dems are demanding Merton Council introduces tougher rules on licencing and planning for proposed HMOs in the area

This will give residents a voice, raise standards, and protect our neighbourhoods from developers putting profit before community.

Local campaigner Edward Marsh said: "This isn't about opposing all HMOs, it's about making sure new developments are safe and well-managed. We're standing up for residents, and at the same time ensuring housing is decent and fair for those who need it."

Clean up our streets!

Despite endless promises to clean up Merton's streets, Labour Council bosses have failed to get a grip. Pavements and green spaces are a mess, and local residents report that Merton Council have failed to stick to their promise to sweep every street every week.

Angry residents are fed up with the constant fly-tipping, streets that are not cleaned regularly and slow response from the Council.

Local Lib Dems are offering a fresh start and a new approach to street cleaning, litter and fly tipping at next year's local election to clean up Labour's decades long mess.



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Patients pay the price for Labour's St Helier delays



Labour's reckless plan is to delay major works until the 2030s, at the expense of patients in our area

Labour's much-hyped funding for St Helier Hospital has been revealed as woefully inadequate.

With as little as £3 million pledged against a £200 million repair backlog, even local Labour councillors admit the funding falls far short.

Crumbling wards, unsafe buildings, and overstretched A&E leave patients and staff stuck in corridor care, while Labour's plan delays major works until the 2030s.

Merton Liberal Democrats are calling for urgent full repairs, fast-tracking new hospital buildings, and proper investment.

Local campaigner Dr Emma Wiley warned: "As someone working in the NHS, I know the situation at St Helier is totally unacceptable, Labour need to get on and fix it now."

Local Lib Dems' 'Parks Promise'



Your local Lib Dem team, Edward, Emma and Chris are standing up for our green spaces like Moreton Green and Ravensbury Park

Merton Lib Dems are calling for a new "Parks Promise" to ensure Merton's green spaces receive the care and investment they deserve.

Plans includes proper maintenance, fair funding for parks across the borough, more support for volunteer groups, and genuine consultation with residents on the future of green spaces.

Merton is one of London's greenest boroughs, but many parks and green spaces are relying too heavily on volunteer and Parks' Friends groups to pick up the slack from poor upkeep and a lack of investment from Merton Council.

Local campaigner Chris Bird said: "Our parks and open spaces like Moreton Green and Ravensbury Park here in our area are some of Merton's greatest assets, but we should not have to rely on volunteers to keep green spaces clean and welcoming.

That's why we're calling for a Parks Promise, a clear commitment to protect and improve Merton's green spaces for generations to come."

Down your street

Recently, Ravensbury Lib Dems have:

- ✓ **Reported issues with** the state of local roads and pavements to ensure residents safety
- ✓ **Met with volunteers** involved in the Merton Garden Streets project, a wonderful initiative by local residents and businesses to make our streets greener
- ✓ **Been out meeting** residents and listening to their thoughts and concerns about our local area, including litter and graffiti



Ravensbury Lib Dems are fighting to fix issues for residents in our community



Lib Dems lead the fight to protect our police stations!

Over the summer London's Labour mayor announced plans to close police station front counters at Mitcham and Wimbledon, breaking a manifesto promise from his re-election only last year.

Merton Lib Dems refused to let this go unchallenged and secured an emergency meeting of Merton Council to call out Labour's failure.

Frustratingly, Labour councillors blocked Lib Dem proposals to strengthen community policing.

This is the latest in a pattern of Labour failing to stand up for

residents on this and many other issues.

In March, Labour failed to even mention the importance of local police stations when the Mayor of London wanted their views on his new plan for policing in London.

Local Lib Dem campaigner Edward Marsh said: "Stripping away vital points of contact between communities and their police is utterly indefensible. Labour should be ashamed."

If you haven't already, please sign our petition: www.mertonlibdems.org.uk/keep-open



Over 900 crimes are reported in-person at Wimbledon & Mitcham police stations per year