

West Hampstead Matters

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School standards

Camden's schools have disappointingly fallen behind the rest of London's, and we have called for a root and branch review, See overleaf.

Safer streets

The Met has received the biggest funding boost ever, but we're pushing for even more funding for police on local streets, See overleaf.

MEGA-DEVELOPMENT ON ITS WAY TO O2

■ The owner of the O2 Centre, Land Securities, has proposed a massive new residential development on land currently used for the car park, Homebase, and car dealerships (see the map below).



This is the biggest of a series of developments that have dominated our community. It's vital that the development benefits local residents.

West Hampstead Conservatives are calling for:

- **Funds to expand West Hampstead Underground station, including a lift.** Labour-run Camden treats West Hampstead as a cash cow, collecting millions from developments, but spending little of it here.
- **Height to be capped at five storeys** - the same as the adjoining students residences on Blackburn Road - to avoid setting a precedent that leads to high-rises across West Hampstead.
- **A GP's surgery.** Getting an appointment in West Hampstead has been difficult for years, yet Camden's made no new provision.
- **No loss of business space.** Recent developments have led to a loss of business space, from the Liddell Road workshops, the Iverson Road garden centre, and soon-to-close Travis Perkins. We want to prevent West Hampstead becoming just a dormitory.



Cllr Oliver Cooper, Cllr Maria Higson, and Barkley the dog

CAMDEN ADOPTS CONSERVATIVES' ANIMAL WELFARE CHARTER

Camden Council is adopting an Animal Welfare Charter in response to a successful campaign by Camden Conservatives.

The Charter would integrate higher animal welfare standards into everything Camden does: from pet shop licensing to environmental protection.

This is an example of Conservative opposition councillors ensuring Camden doesn't ignore an important issue.

For a **cleaner, greener, safer** West Hampstead

RAISING SCHOOL STANDARDS

■ Like most local parents, we've been disappointed by the decline in Camden's state schools in recent years: going from being the best in London to being among the worst.

7 of Camden's 10 state secondaries do worse than the national average, and between 11 and 16, Camden pupils fall half a grade behind those in neighbouring Barnet or Westminster.

We've called for a root and branch review of Camden's schools:

- 25% more funding for teacher training and sharing best practice
- Use leadership from high-performing Camden School for Girls and UCL Academy to spread best practice in our other schools
- Improve co-operation between state and independent schools, as independent schools have been eager to share facilities
- Ensure coding and enterprise education are taught in all schools, so pupils are equipped with the skills needed.



PUT MORE POLICE ON OUR STREETS

■ Camden Conservatives have proposed hiring 18 additional police officers — including an extra four bobbies on the beat for the area between Finchley Road and Kilburn High Road.

By using the Metropolitan Police's 'buy one, get one free' scheme, for every extra local officer Camden funds, the Met funds another. Conservatives have proposed using this scheme for the last nine years, but Camden Labour have refused to fund more officers every time.

In November, the Government gave the Met enough money to hire 1,000 extra officers — the largest ever funding increase — and gave the Mayor of London the power to hire another 1,000.

In January, **Shaun Bailey** — a former youth worker worker and Conservative candidate for Mayor of London — tabled a plan to hire another 1,800 police by learning from cities from New York to Glasgow.

This would increase police by 10% to an all-time high: showing London means business on crime.

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