

Red Rose



Brought to you by John McDonnell MP, and Botwell & Townfield Ward Councillors:

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- **Seasons Greetings from your elected Labour teams.**

- **Traffic calming needed to reduce risk to elderly & school children**

- **Community centre in Townfield to be renovated soon**

- **Our promise to monitor planning applications around Hayes**

Hayes Improvements



The development at Hayes Station by Ballymore is progressing quickly. A proportion of the apartments are now complete and it is expected that residents will start to occupy these in the next few months. John McDonnell (MP for Hayes & Harlington) has inspected a number of the flats, "I was pleasantly surprised by the quality and size of the accommodation. I saw single-bedroom and larger flats and they were much better than I feared. They will offer much needed homes to people in need".

Both the local Labour Councillors and John McDonnell have kept a close watch on the development since the original plans were published.

Mo Khursheed who represents Botwell Ward is happy with the progress, "The improvement in the area is a great plus for Hayes. Having more families living in the centre of the town will start to regenerate the area. We are working to ensure that services such as health and school places are there when the flats are fully occupied. Now we need to consider if changing the access to Station Road by public transport will continue the improvements. Having buses passing the shops could be a better way of helping to reduce the fear of crime and encourage more people to shop in the town".

Botwell Green Leisure Centre



Your Labour Party representatives believe that the new Leisure Centre will be a great addition to Hayes.

The swimming pool, library, fitness centre will help to improve facilities in the town and should attract more people to use the shops. The late addition of the gymnasium did raise some concerns about overdevelopment of the site and the loss of more of the Green under a car park.

We promise to keep the issue of additional traffic under careful review. We know that smooth traffic flows are important in attracting people to Hayes town centre. That applies whether people travel by public transport or by car. The fact is that the new lei-

sure centre could attract competitors in both gymnastics and swimming. The proposed hotel in Golden Crescent would also increase traffic in Hayes and it does not have car-parking for all rooms. Therefore, particularly at weekends, there could be more cars and coaches than are provided for in the limited parking facilities at the leisure centre (an additional 20 spaces or so). As all traffic for the centre will be directed past the main roundabout at the bottom of Coldharbour Lane, it is probable that the existing congestion will be worsened.

Improving the Environment

One of the many challenges for your MP and Councillors is the state of our roads and pavements. London Borough of Hillingdon is responsible for maintaining these and collecting rubbish. Your Councillors can raise these problems with the Council and have done so over many years. Please contact them at their office on 01895 250780.

Although some improvements have been made (resurfacing East Avenue is an example), the truth is that insufficient resources have been made available in Hayes. The Tory Council does not understand that Hayes has different needs to the northern part of Hillingdon where there are more parks and open spaces, less dense housing and less traffic congestion.

One matter which has been raised regularly with the Council is the inefficient collection of rubbish and the failure to remove graffiti. Part of these problems may be dealt with when a new cleaning rota is introduced soon.

Lynne Allen, Councillor for Townfield, has been working hard to solve these problems with the Council, "Although I know that Council staff do try to deal with issues, there has been a real lack of political will by the Conservatives, who run the Council, to provide enough resources. We deserve a better quality of service so that we can all have a pride in our town. The state of our roads is much worse than other parts of Hillingdon".

Reducing Crime

After many years of pressure from John McDonnell and your Ward Councillors, additional policing will be provided in Hayes very soon. A extra police team will be based in Hayes to be responsible for Hayes town as well as limited other parts of the Borough. This is planned to improve policing in the town as well as releasing the Botwell and Townfield Safer Neighbourhood Teams to concentrate on the estates away from the town centre. Plans also include another police team based in Hayes and responsible for public transport.

Janet Gardner, Botwell Councillor, has said "We have campaigned for so long for extra officers and better policing. With Hayes Town Partnership, we have surveyed people in Hayes and know that reducing crime and increasing community safety are top priorities. We welcome the fact that eventually the Council has realised this and the importance of these extra teams. They should lead to a safer area in the centre of Hayes and on the buses and help to reduce problems in the housing estates".

Botwell Councillor Janet Gardner is Hillingdon's Domestic Violence Victims' Advocate. She urges anyone, who knows of a family member, a friend or a neighbour suffering Domestic Violence, to convince them to call the police or the Council for help (999 out of office hours or 01895 457421)

Please sign the petition below and send it back to: Room 1, Constituency Office, Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB

Petition Against Yet Another Betting Shop in Hayes Town Centre. We, the undersigned, petition Hillingdon Council to refuse the application for change of use of 46 Station Road from a retail shop to a betting shop. We believe that there are more than sufficient betting shops in Hayes already and that approval would be detrimental to the health of the town centre.

Name	Address	Signature