

# Gipsy Hill News



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## Conservatives deliver school for Norwood

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**Lambeth Council has been given the go-ahead to build a new secondary school in West Norwood.**

The school will be built in Elmcourt Road. It will be co-educational, with up to 180 pupils in each year. It will also have a sixth form. The school will be a "community school" promoted by a local parents' group.

"This is fantastic news for local parents and children" says Kim Humphreys, Conservative Prospective Parliamentary Candidate. "At the last Council elections, Lambeth Conservatives made it their number one pledge to provide a new and badly-needed

secondary school in Norwood and they have delivered. Whereas Lambeth Labour closed schools, Lambeth's joint Conservative administration is planning to open new schools across the Borough".

"Many local parents have struggled to find their child a place in a local school," reports Russell. "Every year it causes so much distress and worry for parents and children. The shortage of secondary school places is particularly acute for boys".

The next challenge is to get the school built and open as quickly as possible. "We would like to see the school taking its first pupils in 2007," says Russell. "We simply cannot afford to delay".



*Kim Humphreys at the Elmcourt Road site - the school will be much welcomed by local parents.*



*Kim - we oppose the cuts to the No. 3 service.*

## No. 3 Bus under threat

Labour-controlled Transport for London is proposing to cut the frequency of the No. 3 bus service by 20% during peak hours, in order to stop "bunching at Kennington", Kim Humphreys said. "This is unacceptable for bus users living in this area and I will oppose the cuts vigorously. I live in this area, so I know what a lifeline this service is to our community. Labour outsiders seem to forget that we are beyond the reach of the tube system and need a decent bus service". Kim's petition against the cut has already attracted several hundred signatures.

Kim has also joined Russell, Gareth and Janet in criticising poor standards of driving for both the 3 and 322. At a meeting with transport officials, they highlighted speeding, examples of poor driving, bunching of buses and the hostile attitude of some bus drivers. "Our criticisms were not well received," says Janet, "but we believe local bus users deserve a better service than this. We will continue to press for improvements".

# We're around all year round!

# Working with you to make our area better...

## Tree-mendous News!

Russell, Gareth and Janet have been successful in getting lots of new street trees for this area.

Rommany Road, Rosendale Road, Eylewood Road, Salters Hill and Norwood Park Road are just some of the local streets to receive new street trees.

As well as more trees, Norwood's Conservative Councillors have been successful in getting the Council to have a proper tree maintenance programme, with every tree being pruned on a regular basis.

"Street trees look great, but if they are not properly maintained, they can be a nightmare for property owners," says Russell. "At last Lambeth is taking its responsibilities seriously and promising to look after its trees".



*New street trees for Rommany Road.*

## Safer journeys to school

Woodland Hill residents are to be consulted on becoming a 20mph zone as part of a campaign to improve road safety around primary schools.

"We welcome this proposal," says Russell, "but it should be extended to the roads on all three sides of Paxton School and not just Woodland Hill".

Russell, Gareth and Janet are also calling for road safety measures around Kingswood School. "The traffic speeds along Gipsy Road and Salters Hill and we have successfully persuaded Lambeth to tackle both of these roads," says Janet. "We will be meeting with local residents to discuss what measures are needed".

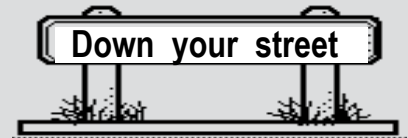
## Norwood High Street crossing campaign - success at last

After a 6-year campaign, Russell, Gareth and Janet have finally been told that the money is available to install a crossing in Norwood High Street, at the bottom of Auckland Hill.

"This is fantastic news," says Janet. "It means that local residents will be able to cross safely when going to and from West Norwood Station. At present you take your life in your hands when you cross Norwood High Street and we have been campaigning for a crossing for a very long time".



*After 6 years of campaigning, consultation is about to begin for a new crossing.*



Kim Humphreys has persuaded Southwark Council to sell the waste land at the bottom of **Woodland Road**. At the moment it is a dumping ground and the boarded fence is an eyesore.

Russell, Gareth and Janet supported local residents in opposing bus buildouts, which were being proposed for **Rosendale Road, Tritton Road and Vale Street**. In the public consultation, 90% of residents were against them and the plans have therefore been dropped.

Russell is pressing for **Charters Close** to be re-surfaced and for security entry-phones for the blocks at the back of the estate.

Janet is pressing Lambeth to replace the unreliable lift in **Northwood House**, which is a 12 storey sheltered block. Elderly residents have been trapped in the lift on several occasions. Janet is also pressing for a new boiler for **Queenswood Court**.

Russell is pressing Lambeth to put proper lines and signs in **Durning Road** making it clear that residents can park with two wheels on the

## Surgery details

**1st Saturday of every month:**

Emanuel Community Centre,  
Clive Road  
**9.30 - 10.30am**

**3rd Saturday of every month:**

\*Upper Norwood Library,  
Westow Hill (**\*new venue**)  
**9.30 - 10.30am**

**Every Saturday:**

495 Norwood Road  
(opp.B&Q),