



THE ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND SUSTAINABILITY

We will review the performance of the collection of our waste and recycling, and examine how this can be improved to achieve a 60% reduction in landfill.

We know the Borough has lost trees from its streets and green spaces; we will replace those lost and then increase the overall number of trees in the Borough.

We will adopt a Borough-wide Transport Plan to reduce traffic congestion and promote greater use of buses, trains, and car clubs, and encourage us all to cycle and walk more.

We will de-clutter our pavements to improve amenity and safety for pedestrians.

We will 'De-hump' the Borough in favour of alternative road calming measures to provide safer passage for all.

REGENERATION, PLACE-SHAPING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We will create 'Retail Improvement Areas' to support smaller retail centres and shopping parades that provide local access to essential services.

In New Malden we will look to redevelop and regenerate the Council-owned properties in the Blagdon Road area. We will retain those services already located there.

We will resist 'Back Garden Development' and lobby Government for more planning powers to help shape our communities.

We will work with the Mayor of London, The London Development Agency and the Kingston Chamber of Commerce to increase inward investment in Kingston and to build economic support to our communities.

We want to promote Kingston to tourists, and revitalise our historic ancient Market Place, including an improved offering of stalls. We shall press for our historic heritage to be better promoted in the wider London Tourist offering.

OUR PLAN FOR CHANGE

On 6th May you have the chance to decide who runs your Council. We believe after eight years it is time for a change. We are delighted to present our Conservative Manifesto for 2010-14. It is shocking that we currently have the highest council tax in London under the Lib Dems but, worse still, only 26% of you think your Council offers good value for money. We aim to change that and we hope these policies will encourage you to vote for us.

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A MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE





OUR BOROUGH PLEDGES

We will guarantee to freeze Council Tax for two years and, through our drive for better value for money and reforms, we will seek to extend this freeze for a further two years.

We will guarantee the expansion of our Primary and Secondary Schools to ensure more parental choice.

We will protect our Libraries & Care Homes. They are safe with us.

We will ensure transparency by publishing all Councillor Expenses and Council Contracts worth over £500 for residents to review.

We will do more to prevent crime and will not tolerate anti-social behaviour.

WELL BEING AND OUR COMMUNITY

We will encourage and support the move to personalisation of care budgets.

We will develop a new day care service for our retired residents. It will provide a place to meet, talk, relax, and be entertained, but also somewhere to seek advice and help them feel able to enjoy life in retirement.

We will provide new and modern facilities for the disabled and for those with learning difficulties at the current New Malden location.

By the clustering of services, in order to increase access and share overheads, we will ensure services continue to be available in all parts of the Borough.

We will work more closely with the Voluntary Sector and help build capacity to meet the demands that will be made upon it.

CRIME PREVENTION AND ENFORCEMENT

We will work with the Local Police and Boris Johnson, Mayor of London, to increase the number of police on our streets.

We will respond to the wishes of local people and tackle anti-social behaviour as a priority.

We will improve the security of our Parks and Green Spaces.

We will strictly enforce Hygiene Regulations in the Borough's restaurants and cafés.

We will show zero tolerance toward those who spoil our neighbourhoods with graffiti.

CHILDREN, LIFELONG LEARNING AND THE ARTS

We will guarantee the expansion of our Primary and Secondary Schools to ensure more parental choice.

We want the new school meals contract to provide locally sourced cooked meals from local produce and to encourage even more children to have school meals.

We want our Youth Centres used more, and we shall consult and develop new kinds of facilities, such as Youth Cafés, for our young people to use, allowing them to socialise safely in surroundings they enjoy.

We want to protect and develop our Adult Education Services to ensure access for as many residents as possible

We will reform the way we run our Libraries, to encourage greater access, and cluster other services onto the same sites to increase still further the visitor figures.