

FOCUS

on Hanger Hill

News from your local Lib Dem team Cllr Jonathan OXLEY, Cllr Athena ZISSIMOS and Mark SANDERS



LABOUR'S CHILDREN'S CENTRES SHAME

Lib Dems lead the fight against Ealing Labour's closure of multiple children's centres across the borough

Lib Dem Councillors are speaking up against Ealing Labour's decision to hastily shut down children's centres in this year's council budget before consultation results are released.

Lib Dem Councillors have revealed that the children's centre cuts have been incorporated into the budget **BEFORE** the official consultation took place.

This makes the so-called consultation effectively a 'sham'.

The children's centres are vital for families as they provide support for under 5s and their parents with childcare services.

The Lib Dem Official Opposition are likely to 'call-in' the decision to force more scrutiny of Labour's uncaring

treatment of children.

Lib Dem **Councillor Jonathan Oxley** (spokesperson for children's services) met up with local parents' representatives to listen to their concerns.

Local Lib Dem Councillor Jonathan Oxley says:

"The national Labour government has already been attacking ordinary people by Winter Fuel Allowance cuts and changes to disability benefits - and Ealing Labour are following the Labour government's footsteps to attack more vulnerable people in society."

The Lib Dems will always continue to stand up for local people and protect our local services."



Lib Dems are standing up to fight for our local services. Pictured **Councillor Jonathan Oxley** (right) met up with local campaigner Clare Welsby to save our children's centres.

COUNCILLOR ATHENA STOPS FLY-TIPPING!



Your local Lib Dem team, led by Councillor Athena Zissimos, consistently do walkabouts to remove fly-tipping in our neighbourhood.

This mattress at Madeley Road, near North Ealing tube station, is one of the many examples where Lib Dems work hard to keep our streets clean.

Councillor Athena Zissimos says:

"Liberal Democrats have been asking questions in June's Full Council meeting about the high cost for bulky items collection service. The Lib Dems are campaigning for community skips to help reduce fly-tipping."

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LABOUR'S 'ASSAULT ON LOCAL DEMOCRACY'

- Preventing questions in Council meetings by opposition Councillors and residents
- Plans to stifle debate on petitions that matter to you by increasing required signatures from 1,500 to 8,000



Your local Lib Dem Official Opposition Councillors will stand up for you and make sure your voice is heard.

"Labour-led London councils accused of 'assault on democracy'."

- The Times, 13th May 2025

Labour-led councils across London, including Ealing, are 'shutting up' local residents and opposition Councillors by increasing barriers to submit questions and debate petitions.

In Ealing, Labour are moving fast to change the rules to make it more difficult to debate petitions by increasing the barrier from 1,500 signatories to 8,000. Under this new rule, important

issues such as children's centre closures cannot be discussed.

Furthermore, Ealing Labour have imposed a limit of 10 written questions per party per meeting.

Lib Dem Councillor **Athena Zissimos** says, "The assault on democracy by Labour is a worrying trend across London."

"If Labour have nothing to hide, why are they so afraid of scrutiny?"

WARD FORUM REPLACEMENT DELAYS... WHAT'S NEXT?

Ealing Labour's half-baked 'Your Voice, Your Town' that replaced the perfectly functioning ward forums has produced no results as local projects have not been commissioned.

The Ealing Labour administration has not finalised the format of these so-called 'Your Voice, Your Town' (which has merged all Ealing wards together) since the initial 'trial' session a year ago.

As a result, small but meaningful and vital projects, which were previously thriving under the old ward forums system have been stalled.

The previous ward forums provided a fund to allow resident participation and decision-making on how money should be spent.

Lib Dem Official Opposition Councillors have demanded clarity on the funding model of these 'Your



Councillor Athena Zissimos is seeking clarity on the future of our 'Town Forums' to kick-start funding for local meaningful projects.

Voice, Your Town' forums and demanded that residents have a say on the projects the local community needs.

The decision-making process on how local projects can be funded has not been confirmed by Ealing Labour.

Councillor Athena Zissimos says: "The Lib Dems are campaigning to get our ward forums back to allow residents having a say on how our Council tax money should be spent."

FIGHTING AGAINST ELDERLY DAY CENTRE CLOSURE

Cllr Jonathan Oxley speaks up to protect the well-used Michael Flanders Centre



Ealing Labour have been secretive about the closure of this vital day centre that provides respite care, rehabilitation and activities for elderly people until a virtually unknown consultation has ended.

This was under wraps until the Lib Dem Opposition Councillors uncovered these plans. It is understood that Ealing Labour are planning to sell this public land to private developers instead.

Lib Dem Councillors has implored the Council to continue these vital services, but these questions were met with ridicule by Ealing Labour Councillors.

Councillor Jonathan Oxley says: "Protecting services for elderly people are no laughing matter."

LIB DEM 52%

IT'S LIB DEMS OR CONSERVATIVES HERE LOCALLY

CON 26%

Labour cannot win here locally in Hanger Hill ward

LAB 10%

Local by-election result, Oct 2024