

We want to thank everyone in St. Edward's Ward who voted for us at the recent Local Elections on Thursday 5th May. Councillor Joshua Chapman and **Councillor Nisha Patel** were delighted to have been re-elected whilst Councillor David Taylor was grateful to be elected for the first time. We polled the highest number of votes in the ward, easily beating the opposition! We won 20 out of 23 seats in Romford. It is an honour and privilege to represent and serve this part of Havering, around Romford's historic Market

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Place, Lower Mawneys and Gidea Park South. Whilst the RA entered a coalition with Labour, to form an administration, Romford Conservatives will be a strong and effective opposition. We will fight to Keep Havering a Town and Country Borough, speaking up for good local public services, cleaner streets, and our heritage. We will protect our parks and green spaces and fight to restore pride in Romford. We pledge to do what is best for local people and the community, always working hard for you all year round!

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# Keep Havering a Town and Country Borough!



### HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE!

The new housing allocation scheme approved under a Conservative Council before the election has gone live. The scheme retains the principle that applicants must have lived in Havering for a continuous period of at least six years before joining the housing register. The amended banding system will also give greater priority to those who are disabled, whilst continuing

to support our armed service personnel and those who provide a contribution to the local community through work into housing. **Cllr. Nisha Patel** welcomed the scheme, saying 'this new allocation scheme ensures that residency, community contribution and vulnerability are properly recognised in the qualification process for this most precious of local authority resources' [photo from Havering Council].

### NORTH STREET CONSTRUCTION SITE UPDATE

Construction has resumed on the concrete shell in North Street and the site opposite in Angel Way. **Cllr. David Taylor** met with the developer to find out what's happening with this stalled site. The site will consist

of 350 homes, a 63-bed hotel, retail, a police office and underground parking. Around 50 homes will be classed as affordable. The North Street site is due for completion in October 2023 with the rest of the site completed in later in 2024.



### LABOUR & RA SLASH SCRUTINY!

The new Labour/Residents' Association coalition has slashed the scrutiny committees of the council - which hold the council to account. Nine committees with a role in scrutiny have been reduced to three. Some committees will meet only quarterly. **Cllr. Joshua Chapman** laid a work programme in front of the 'People' committee. The committee was told 'you can set some items...but... you won't be able to do them all'. This is a real shame for local democracy.

# **STOP MAYOR KHAN'S ULEZ!**

**Cllr. David Taylor** led a vote in Havering Town Hall to oppose the ULEZ expansion to Havering. His motion was that the council oppose ULEZ by 'all means within its power'. Unfortunately, the Residents' Association backed a Labour amendment that reduces the opposition to 'making a representation to the Mayor'. The ULEZ expansion will hurt local businesses and charities and is not suitable for Havering. You can sign the STOP ULEZ petition at: www.romfordconservatives.com/StopULEZ



# St. Edward's News Round-Up!

# **TACKLING GRAFFITI**

**Cllr Nisha Patel** is leading the fight to tackle graffiti along the River Rom from Roneo Corner into Romford. She is calling on Havering Council and developers to do more to revitalise the area.



# FIGHTING UNFAIR PCNS

Following correspondence that a blue badge holder was given a parking ticket, your local team intervened calling

for a formal review of the case. Following an investigation, the ticket was cancelled. *If you have been given a ticket unfairly, reach out to your local councillor team. We will do our best to support you.* 

#### **ROAD RESURFACING INVESTMENT**

We call on the Council to maintain spending on our roads. At least £40 million should be invested over the next four years. We will fight any reduction.



### **WOODFIELD DRIVE WEEDS**

Your Conservative Action Team were concerned with the weed growth in Woodfield Drive making the area look unsightly. These have now been sprayed. After three weeks, they will then be cleared by the Environment Maintenance team.

