

HAVERING CONSERVATIVES

MANIFESTO FOR HAVERING COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2018

LOW AND STABLE COUNCIL TAX – we will build on our past record of keeping council tax increases low as possible always striving for efficiency.

INVESTING IN ROADS AND PAVEMENTS – we will invest at least £20m in capital on borough roads and footpaths over four years and drive up investment to improve the quality of our areas.

IMPROVING SCHOOLS – we will continue to increase school places and deliver at least two new primary schools along with improving standards by working with schools and the Regional Schools Commissioner to ensure high quality education for all children.

INVESTING IN OUR PARKS AND LEISURE – we will continue our programme of improving our award-winning parks adding to the 13 Green Flag awards already achieved and continue to provide new leisure facilities adding to the new swimming and ice rink in Romford provided at no cost to council taxpayers.

SAFEGUARDING THE FREEDOM PASS – we will safeguard the Freedom Pass and oppose any attempt to curtail or restrict it.

NEW HOMES FOR HAVERING RESIDENTS - we will bring about quality new housing respecting the local environment and providing low cost home ownership targeted at local families and young people in particular who wish to get on the housing ladder not forgetting the vital infrastructure such as the new Beam Reach Station and Health Centre.

OUR TOWN CENTRES AND BUSINESSES – we will seek investment in our town centres to halt the decline in our high streets and restore pride in them also helping local business to grow and attract new jobs to the area with schemes such as the new growth areas in development in Rainham.

CELEBRATING OUR NATION –we will maintain the borough's tradition's of flying our national flags on council buildings.

PROTECTING THE CHARACTER OF HAVERING - we will strive to maintain the Green Belt and the character and quality of urban areas and countryside in Havering valuing the history and individuality of our towns and villages

SAVE OUR POLICE STATIONS - we will continue to press for police resources reflecting the particular needs of the borough and ensure that the council cooperates wherever possible to support our much-valued local police officers in tackling crime including anti-social behaviour.

REDUCING WASTE AND IMPROVING RECYCLING – we will reduce the use of disposable plastic and encourage waste reduction and re-cycling, maintaining weekly collections.

TACKLING FLY-TIPPING - we will ensure that the council uses its powers to the full in tackling the problem of fly-tipping.

KEEPING THE BOROUGH IN SAFE HANDS - *we will keep our borough council in the safe hands of experienced and successful Conservative councillors, protected from the new challenges from extreme left-wing Labour policies and from other inexperienced parties.*

OUR PROGRESS FOR THE BOROUGH OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS

Leading the council since 2014 we have secured major progress for the Borough with lasting legacies benefitting present and future generations.

- Despite more than £50m austerity reduction in government funding council tax increases have been kept to modest levels and essential services have been maintained through efficiencies, commercial activity and new ways of working.
- Weekly refuse collections have been maintained whilst in some other boroughs frequency has been reduced.
- Extensive new leisure and sports facilities have been provided at no cost to the council tax payer.
- A new £3m Sports Park has been opened in Heaton Ward in Harold Hill.
- A new borough ice skating rink opened on 3 February 2018 together with a new swimming pool in Romford – the first since Labour closed the last pool over 20 years ago – on time and on budget.
- A new swimming pool and indoor sports centre will be started in Harrow Lodge Hornchurch – replacing the old pool which dates back to the 1950s.
- Central Park Leisure Centre in Gooshays Ward, Harold Hill, has been extended with a large new state of the art gym.
- New libraries have been built and opened in Gooshays Ward in Harold Hill and in Rainham.
- Parks have been improved with 13 parks having been awarded Green Flag recognition for their quality.
- The historic Upminster Windmill is currently undergoing a major refurbishment programme with the help of a Lottery Grant.
- Langtons Park and the grounds of Langtons House in St Andrews Ward in Hornchurch have been the subject of major improvement work.
- The Fanns Project working from the Thames Chase base in Upminster Ward has been established with the aid of a Lottery Grant to provide environmental and ecological improvements across the borough.
- Working with public sector partners a new residential area is being provided at Beam Park in South Hornchurch Ward on brown field sites with much-needed new housing for local families and their children.

- New housing schemes are planned in other sites in the borough focussed on low cost housing giving local younger people the chance to take a step onto the housing ladder.
- The 12 estate refurbishment programme is being brought to fruition providing new homes and regeneration and environmental improvement across the borough.
- New infrastructure to support a growing population is being obtained with a new station in Beam Park (the ninth train station in the borough) and Crossrail (the Elizabeth Line).

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