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# PUBLIC MEETING WITH KEITH PRINCE AM

**7PM on Tuesday 12th February. At Hornchurch  
Conservative Club, 25 North Street, RM11 1RS**

Your local Conservative councillors will be hosting a public meeting along with **Keith Prince AM** to discuss your local issues and concerns.

This will also be your opportunity to speak with councillors about the issues in **Saint Andrew's** ward.

As the Greater London Assembly member for Havering and Redbridge, he will be happy to discuss how he is holding our Mayor Sadiq Khan to account and what he does of your behalf.

If you are going to attend the public meeting then please **RSVP** to [Mitchell.goldie@conservatives.com](mailto:Mitchell.goldie@conservatives.com)



## LIDL HORNCHURCH



Lidl Hornchurch is now up and running and used by the majority of residents in the area. There has been an issues about parking in the surrounding streets, although preliminary resident consultation would indicate that not all streets want additional parking restrictions.

Council officers are aware of residents concerns and will be drawing up a scheme which residents will be consulted on.

## HACTON LANE, WINGLETYE LANE & UPMINSTER ROAD TRAFFIC LIGHTS



We are pleased to see the new traffic light sequence has been put in place after 9 weeks of traffic chaos. The sequence allows for pedestrians to cross safely, but also allows our elderly residents sufficient time to cross.

Residents have made us aware of some minor issues and we have informed the traffic engineers so that these issues can be resolved.

## HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION

We keep a very close eye on planning applications for H.M.O's, where developers try to convert properties for single person's bedroom occupation.

In response to a query from Cllr **John Mylod** council officers confirmed that planning permission was refused for the latest planning application to a **9 room HMO** at **113 Abbs Cross Lane**.

Since the 1st October 2018, landlords must obtain a mandatory licence if they rent out a property occupied by 5 or more people from 2 or more households with shared facilities such as a kitchen, bathroom or toilet. Operating an unlicensed HMO that requires a property licence is a criminal offence and may be punishable by prosecution of a financial penalty of up to £30,000



## YOUR HELP NEEDED

Your local Saint Andrew's Conservative team are regularly out across our area speaking with residents, following up on local issues and delivering your monthly newsletter. We are looking for volunteers to help deliver in their road. If you can help and want to get involved please get in touch with us.

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## KEITH'S CORNER



As we move into 2019 the most significant event, motorists will see this year is the introduction of The Mayor of London's introduction of his Ultra Low Emission Zone charge.

From April this year generally if you own a Petrol, registered with the DVLA before 2005, or a Diesel car before 2015 you will be liable to pay the new ULEZ charge if you enter the existing central Congestion Charge Zone .

The £12.50 charge is in addition to the Congestion Charge but unlike the Congestion Charge it applies 24 hours a day

From 2021 these charges will be extended to the A406 North Circular and A205 South Circular.

This year's change will have a negative effect on the low paid and business, but the Federation of Small business has revealed that 63% of businesses will be adversely affected by these charges which will mean the costs being passed on to consumers.

There are some older cars that meet the standards you can check if your car qualifies or not by searching TfL ULEZ where there is ULEZ checker and more detailed information about the Charge

Happy New Year!

## UPMINSTER BRIDGE PARKING SCHEME

The issue remains unresolved and will be consulted on again. Hopefully this time there will be a clear consensus by residents to find a long term solution to this issue.

## HORNCHURCH LIBRARY IS THE BUSIEST

The Council has been reviewing its library service as part of the process of exploring the potential for developing Community Hubs along the lines of other such schemes elsewhere.

The concept behind these hubs is to bring neighbourhood services under one roof and to make better use of facilities. The intention would be that there should not be any overall loss of provision of library services but there could be combined use and more work with the voluntary sector and wider community.

The review has interestingly revealed



that our local Hornchurch library in North Street is the Borough's busiest library and that a good case can be made for longer opening hours in any changes which may emerge.

## WINTER GRITTING READY AND PREPARED FOR ACTION



With the coldest winter months approaching we have been checking out the preparations for the worst weather.

Havering Council has two thousand tonnes of gritting salt in storage, with access to more if necessary. Its winter service officially began on November 1st with an on-call system in place should frost or snow be forecast.

Gritting routes are well established, with priority given to the main traffic roads, keeping schools accessible and enabling waste collections to take place.

The Council's service plan is published each year and can be viewed on the Council's website.

## GERPINS LANE REUSE AND RECYCLING CENTRE



We are aware of unauthorised use of Gerpins Lane by commercial vehicles, whereby they claim the waste to be residential so they do not have to pay for it to be disposed.

This has been raised with council officers who are monitoring the situation.

## LOWER THAMES CROSSING

The new crossing is due to open in 2027, and the proposal is for a new motorway starting from the M25 at junction 29, a junction with the A13, a tunnel under River Thames, then joining the M2 and A2 in Kent. This will have a huge impact on our area, and open up new growth opportunities as traffic for ports is diverted away from the M25 Dartford Crossing. The formal consultation ended on 20/12/2018.

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