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£40 MILLION

INVESTMENT IN ROADS

Local residents across Havering are to benefit from a huge roads and pavements investment programme within the Borough.

Wendy, Gary and Keith have been campaigning for additional resources to be made available for roads and pavement repairs. This year, £3.2 million is to be spent on upgrading roads and pavements across Havering.

Havering has been awarded an extra £850,000 for pothole repairs by the Government, following the recent Budget. In addition we are pleased to be supporting a mass investment programme of £40 million on the road and pavement network within Havering over the next four years. This will see the backlog of repairs cleared and the delivery of an improved road network.



INVESTING IN HAVERING'S CCTV



Havering Council is taking the lead in tackling anti-social behaviour across the borough.

Your local Conservative action team are pleased to report that Havering Council is proposing to invest £250,000 in upgrading and renewing the Borough's CCTV system. The Council's CCTV is monitored by staff based at the Council's offices, enabling coordination with the local police and other emergency services. Over the last five years, video footage from the CCTV control centre has been used to help support the work of the police and contributed to criminal convictions.

Wendy said "I am pleased that our council is continuing to support the work of the police by investing in CCTV. This highlights that our Council takes a zero tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour."

WINTER GRITTING READY FOR ACTION

With the coldest winter months now upon us 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.



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KEITH'S CORNER



Keith is our London Assembly Member for Havering and Redbridge
Our plan to put more bobbies on the beat

Keith Prince AM, our local assembly member, has announced that Sadiq Khan could put nearly 1,400 more police officers on London's streets by cutting waste in City Hall.

The Mayor could free up nearly £83 million to invest in new police officers if the Mayor reduced some of his bloated City Hall budgets down to 2016/17 levels – the year he took office.

Keith said: "Knife crime and violent crime offences have both jumped in London over the last couple of years."

"Instead of taking action, Sadiq Khan has proved time and time again that he has completely the wrong priorities for London."

"He has prioritised waste and spin over investing in new police officers."

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. If you would like to learn more about it, please email keith.prince@london.gov.uk

YOUR HELP NEEDED

The Harold Hill Conservative action team are regularly out across the area speaking with residents, following up on local issues and delivering their regular 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.

JULIA LOPEZ MP

HILLDENE REGENERATION

More Havering homes of all tenures are now on the way after the Prime Minister scrapped the council borrowing cap following my campaign to government. The removal of the cap means Havering can now fulfil its ambitious Housing Regeneration Plan that includes Harold Hill's Chippenham Road, Farnham Road and Hilldene Avenue.

The Twelve Estates Regeneration Programme aims to deliver 3100 homes across the borough and replace our ageing council estates. I have now met the council to discuss their plans for Harold Hill, and hope to meet developer, Wates, soon to impress upon them the need for attractive, high quality homes and community spaces.



SCHOOL VISITS

I have nearly completed visits to each of our 42 local schools and this year on the Hill I have been to Forest Approach Academy, Drapers' Pyrgo Academy, Maylands, and Brookside schools to meet students and teachers. Pressure on special educational needs (SEN) services is raised regularly as an issue, and government has now announced an extra £250 million in high needs funding following our representations. Last year my team also helped a local mum provide an autism support group at MyPlace, and we are getting the Google Skills bus down to Drapers' Brookside to provide online classes to parents looking to return to work.



EXTRA POLICING CASH SECURED

Policing is a priority issue and I have had meetings with the Police Minister, Home Secretary and Prime Minister to raise community safety at the highest level. The Metropolitan Police, for which Mayor Sadiq Khan is responsible, gets cash from the Home Office and the Mayoral precept (a levy that comes out of our council tax) and I have been pushing for police to have the right powers, the right Home Office funding and additional tax raising powers should the Mayor want them.



As a result, before Christmas the Home Secretary announced the biggest annual funding increase for police since 2010, with up to £172m extra for the Met this year. We are also bringing new laws in to make it harder for young people to get hold of knives and acid. Locally, I am working with councillors, schools and our Borough Commander to improve the borough's response to crime, looking at school exclusions, Youth Offending Teams and persistent offenders. Met Commissioner Cressida Dick has begun a recruitment drive for more officers and detectives, but I now hope the Mayor himself focuses more sharply on crime-fighting in the last 18 months of his term, with greater attention on outer boroughs.

BREXIT

I am working with MPs to deliver Brexit and honour the referendum result. I sit on the International Trade Committee and just got back from visiting the World Trade Organisation (WTO) in Geneva where we asked questions about how well prepared the UK is to leave the EU with or without a deal.



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