# **Emerson Park Matters**



# **Update on our Emerson Park boundary campaign**



In the summer, your local Conservative Association, campaigned to keep Emerson Park in Hornchurch and Upminster and stop you being moved to Romford.

Your support was overwhelming. We can report that over 933 people joined us online, and over 671 people contact-

ed Julia Lopez MP directly.

As a result, both Julia and the local Conservative Association, led by Chairman **Dominic Swan**, were able

to make strong submissions to the Boundary Commission to keep our community together.

Julia and Dominic also met with staff from the central Conservative Party, who agreed to oppose moving the ward to Romford in their own national submission.

This was only possible because the local community came together to support our grassroots campaign started by **Dr Noshaba Khiljee**.



The Boundary Commission will reopen consultations on this topic in February or March next year, and we will be ready to respond and support our neighbourhood again.

# News about Julia Lopez, MP for Hornchurch and Upminster

Julia has been promoted to Minister of State in the Department of Digital, Media, Culture & Sport. This is only one step below the Cabinet, and means that Hornchurch & Upminster has a powerful voice in Westminster.

Julia has lobbied on our behalf to get the new Health Hub at St George's which will take pressure off Queens Hospital, and the Thames Gateway Freeport, which will bring jobs into the area. More recently, she has worked to ensure that local students get the A level grades they deserve, and that our police are not diverted to Central London. If you would like to receive Julia's full newsletter, with many other activities, please contact us.

We want to hear your views! Let us know at: www.hornchurchandupminsterconservatives.com

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## Chairman's Corner





#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

I would like to start by wishing everyone a happy New Year. 2021 was a difficult time for many of us, but also a tribute to our human spirit of resilience & ingenuity, as seen in both our healthcare & vaccination programmes.

Looking back, I want to repeat our thanks to everyone who supported us in the Greater London Assembly & Mayoral elections this year.

Keith Prince (Conservative) was re-elected as the London Assembly Member for Havering & Redbridge. His majority increased from 1,438 in 2016, to 15,327.

Emerson Park had a 43% turnout, one of the highest in Havering, and was key to Keith's re-election.

With Keith as our London Assembly Member, and Julia as our local Conservative MP, we can work together to make your voice heard.

Sadly we lost both James Brokenshire and Marjorie Ramsey (Roger's sister-in-law) in 2021. We offer our condolences to their families.

James was well known as the Hornchurch MP in 2005-10. He went on to serve in the Cabinet, covering both Northern Ireland and then Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Marjorie was constituency secretary and case worker for Angela Watkinson (our former MP) for many years.

She helped many local residents with their problems, especially those involving public bodies. She served with great commitment and was often able to find solutions. Her home before her marriage was Beverley Gdns, Emerson Park.

#### **Dominic Swan**

**Chairman, Hornchurch and Upminster Conservatives** 

#### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Julia Lopez MP laid a wreath at Hornchurch this year, while Dominic Swan did the same at Upminster. Dr Noshaba Khiljee represented Keith Prince at Hornchurch.



#### MINSTER WAY NO LEFT TURN TO BE REMOVED

An experimental traffic scheme including a ban on right turns from Wingletye Lane into Minster Way has been stopped, and a consultation will be held on a better way of dealing with traffic concerns in the road.

The scheme was put in by officials without review by the Council's Highways Sub-Committee or consultation with the public. Although local residents were impacted, your councillors were not consulted before. The legislation on experimental traffic measures apparently allows this.

When Emerson Park Conservatives delivered over 5,000 survey forms this autumn to get your views on local issues, this often came up. Residents also complained to councillors and council staff about tailbacks in Wingletye Lane, congestion in roads leading on to it and air pollution. There were 89 individual comments and an online petition with over 1,200 signatures.

Even though the scheme was funded by PCN revenue, not Council Tax, we are pleased it has been stopped.

If there is anything else you want to bring to our notice, please use the form below, email the office for a survey,

www.hornchurchandupminsterconservatives.com

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