

YOUR LEE GREEN CONSERVATIVE TEAM:

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Lewisham schools are failing

The council run secondary schools in the borough are amongst the worst in the country in terms of outcomes with just 37.4% achieving 5 good GCSEs, around half the national average and the worst in London. Only 54% of pupils attend a good or outstanding school. At A levels the results are even worse with just 4% achieving the AAB needed for top Universities (national average 16.1%). Caroline Attfield, who chaired a PTA says '*We cannot expect universities to offer places to our bright children if they are not motivated and supported at school. Our older children are not being encouraged to achieve their best because Labour is ideologically indifferent- at best - to academic success.*'

Tories push for CPZ review

Lee Green Tories will press for a review of the current patchy Controlled Parking Zones (CPZ) in the ward. There are currently 4 different schemes in the ward. Matthew Arawwawala says '*It's ridiculous to introduce a CPZ next to the station and not consider the impact on the adjacent streets outside the Zone.*' Also of concern is the very high cost of the residents' permits. At £120 it's double the average cost of a permit in neighbouring Greenwich. We are calling for a full review and consultation on the scheme.

Lewisham council in financial meltdown

Despite having one of the highest council tax rates in London, Lewisham Council is paying 44% of your annual council tax on yearly charges on Labour's Lewisham borough PFI contracts, including £26 million in annual interest payments. The council's unfunded pension liability to its own staff amounts to five and a half years' of council tax receipts.

If you have noticed deteriorating waste collection, increased fly tipping, metre high weeds in pavements and roads full of pot holes, you will realise that you are living in a world run by Labour councillors who have questionable financial competence. Examples include losing £42 million of government funding on housing, and millions of pounds of section 106 money, paid by developers, which is in danger of having to be repaid because it has not been spent!

As significant parts of the borough have been developed the council has given away acres of prime sites to developers who have subsequently reneged on promises on provision of social housing. You might well ask the Council what Lewisham Gateway was for and what has it in fact achieved (apart from the obvious ie road and traffic chaos and skyscraper luxury flats)?

Meanwhile, as the council conveniently blame "Tory cuts" as a cover for its incompetence, the cabinet members pay themselves a hefty £25k in allowances on top of what they can earn in their day jobs. The new Chief Executive will earn £185,000. You should remember that Lewisham Council has been Labour run for over 30 years - including the 13 years of the last Labour government! Together with 'unrepayable loans' and the much publicised Millwall property scandal, this administration cannot be trusted with your money.

Labour London Mayor kicks Leegate into long grass

The much needed re-generation of the Leegate shopping centre into mixed retail and housing development, which would give an attractive and vibrant heart to our community has been effectively mothballed by City Hall. Mayor Sadiq Khan's insistence on the inclusion of a substantial percentage of social housing in every development has made this regeneration unviable. Sam Thurgood, the chair of East Lewisham's Conservative party said "*We are of course sympathetic to the need for social housing but the Leegate centre development is needed to put the heart back into Lee Green. Deferring this development, possibly indefinitely, makes no sense.*" If elected, the Tory team pledges to challenge this decision and to get this development moving.

VOTE FOR CHANGE IN LEE GREEN - VOTE TORY

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Caroline Attfield

Caroline has lived and commuted from Lewisham for over 30 years and has raised her 2 children here. An Oxford graduate, and newly retired after a successful City career, Caroline wants to use her time and energy to get a better deal for the residents of Lee Green. 'The Labour dominated council has had insufficient scrutiny and challenge for too long' she says. If elected, her top priorities will be in education, where the council-run secondary schools are not delivering the outcomes our children deserve and in finance, where she will use her expertise to tackle the council's woeful finances.

Sam Thurgood

Sam is a local resident who lives in Lewisham with his wife and two kids. Like many residents, as a regular commuter he is committed to helping to improve journeys for Lewisham commuters. Sam is also the trustee of a local charity and is devoted to improving the local area for everyone who lives here. Concerned about the lack of accountability on the council, if elected Sam will hold Lewisham Council to account for their actions.



Matthew Arawwawala



Matthew is a local resident who has lived in Lewisham for nearly 10 years and has attended school in Lee. Matthew has decided to stand for Council because he feels very passionately about issues concerning many residents such as the poor enforcement of speed limits in residential areas which leads to an increase in risk to pedestrians and other road users. A student of economics, he is appalled at the poor management of public finances. If elected Matthew will provide strong scrutiny and opposition to the Labour administration to ensure it meets the interests of Lee Green residents.

Council planning chaos

It is becoming evident that the number and complexity of the numerous developments of skyscrapers has pushed the planning department to its limits. The result of this is the skipping of detail on smaller planning requests. Lee Green is home to one of London's finest conservation areas, benefiting those that live within and around it. Residents are concerned that the Council planners are unable to ensure that the Conservation area guidelines are observed. Chair of the Lee Green Conservation area, Ralph White, tells us "*The council say that they are too understaffed to follow up on planning proposals that cross their desk, but the large developments earn them levies that could easily be used to protect our heritage*".

Lee Green needs an opposition

53 of Lewisham's 54 councillors are Labour. This is bad for democracy and we all suffer. We need local opposition. Remember that, contrary to endless Labour propaganda, the council is not responsible for Lewisham hospital. If you want to assess the council's competence, check out the schools.

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