

## Ealing-Southall Conservative Councillors – WORKING FOR YOU

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# Gurcharan Singh selected as the prospective Parliamentary candidate for Ealing-Southall

Cllr. Gurcharan Singh was recently selected as your prospective Parliamentary candidate for Ealing-Southall. As the candidate, he will be focusing on the things that matter to you most such as:

- The National Health Service (particularly services at Ealing Hospital)
- Services to the elderly
- Crime reduction.

### But who is Gurcharan Singh?

He has lived in Southall since 1972, been a community activist since the mid seventies and an Ealing councillor since 1982. He has participated in various campaigns from reintroducing 6<sup>th</sup> forms in Southall schools to the right of faith groups to wear religious artefacts and more recently for a direct bus service from Northolt to Terminal 4. Within local government, his roles and achievements have included:

- **Chair of Housing**  
He froze council rents for 1994/96 reducing the 'dependency culture' and established the Race and Housing Working Party which reviewed policies to ensure that housing allocation is made on a needs basis and in a non-discriminatory manner.
- **Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment Improvement**  
He oversaw investment in Southall and Manor House parks, the introduction of traffic calming measures in Southall and the resurfacing of 2 Southall car parks.
- **Chair of Recycling and Waste**  
He introduced kerbside recycling to all low-rise dwellings and free collection of scrap vehicles from resident's front/rear gardens.



- **Mayor of Ealing**  
He raised more than £35k for charity including Parkinson's Disease, the Meadow House Hospice, Polish ambulance services and for Iranian Earthquake victims.

In his professional life he most recently worked as a Youth Services Manager for the London and Quadrant Housing Trust evaluating, managing and providing services to young adults (16-25) with complex special needs.

To find out more please visit [www.gsinghonline.com](http://www.gsinghonline.com), e-mail [gs@gurcharansingh.co.uk](mailto:gs@gurcharansingh.co.uk) or call directly on 07967 078 839.

# Recycling continues to improve plus extra street cleaning

Since 2006, the Conservatives have continued to make improvements to your recycling services. In addition to abolishing charges for pink garden waste sacks, the following measures have been introduced:

- Doorstep recycling of plastics
- Reusable sacks for plastic (white) & garden waste (pink)
- Wheelie bins in most of Southall
- Appointment-based bulky waste collection
- Free collection of fridge/freezers for disposal.

Ealing's Conservative Council has invested £165k to increase the frequency of the cleaning in Southall streets and to make your environment cleaner.

70 Southall streets have had their cleaning increased from weekly to twice weekly and a further 22 streets have gone from twice weekly to daily. The result has been that Southall now has some of the cleanest streets in the Borough.

To have a green recycling box or food caddy delivered to your house please call 020 8825 6000.

# Conservatives promise more alley-gating in Southall

Crime is a problem that has been and remains very high on our agenda. Even though improvements have been made in the reduction of crime levels we all know that we're far from where we need to be. Crime reduction measures must be implemented to keep our community safe. Many of you have done your part by installing burglar alarms and locks now we must do ours.

In an effort to further decrease crime levels in Southall, your Lady Margaret Ward Councillors pledged to provide more alleyway gating in the area. This initiative is now underway, despite opposition from local Labour -

Councillors', who voted against it. Not abated, your Conservative Councillors lobbied to ensure the provision of £400k in the 2008/9 budget.

This money will be used solely for the gating of alleyways in a number of our streets including Ash Grove, Garrick Road, Sunnycroft Road, Braund Avenue, Hill Rise and Windermere Road, Mansell Road, Purcell Road, Fermoy Road, Rutland Road and Westbury Avenue. Note: Hamborough Estate already benefited from alley-gating during 2007/8.

To enquire about having an alleyway near you gated or for further information please contact your local Councillors.

# Great New Year giveaway!

In addition to our existing initiatives, the Council announced the following measures to boost trade:

- Car park charges have been frozen for a further two years
- Herbert Road car park hours extended from 10pm to midnight
- Introduction of free car parking in all council car parks from 6pm onwards and on bank holidays
- To attract more shoppers during the January sales period, the Council agreed to provide free parking in its car parks for the four weekends of January.

The following Southall car parks will benefit from free car parking on weekends in January:

- Featherstone Terrace
- Herbert Road
- Norwood Road.

In addition to the above, your Conservative Lady Margaret Ward councillors were able to install Christmas (festival) lights on the Allenby Road and Lady Margaret Road shopping centres.

## Conservative investment in Southall

We are working on a number of schemes within your ward including:

- Jubilee Gardens renovation: £1.5m towards the library renovation and health centre plus a further £20k for a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) facility
- Consultation to improve Greenford Park
- Implementation of Allenby Road Waiting Restriction
- MUGA and urban cricket nets in Spikes Bridge Park
- Car park charges frozen for an extra two years.

## Policies to reduce the cost of living

To help families cope with the rising cost of living, the Conservatives will nationally:

- Freeze council tax for 2 yrs
- Abolish Labour's couple penalty in the tax credit system giving 1.8M couples an extra £2,000 a year.
- Abolish Stamp duty for first time buyers on purchases up to £250k.
- Cut energy and gas bills for up to 4 million people by £100
- Oppose Labour's new tax on family cars, which will hit owners of family cars bought up to 7 years ago with tax rises of up to £250
- Inheritance tax threshold will be increased to £1m for couples, currently the limit is £350k per person and then you are charged at the highest rate
- We will scrap the ID cards scheme and use some of the savings to provide more drug rehabs and create a new border force

For more information on Conservative policy, visit: [www.conservatives.com](http://www.conservatives.com)

# Conservative improvements to Southall Broadway

Ealing's Conservative Council is investing hundreds of thousands of pounds to improve the look and image of Southall Broadway. Our plans include:

- £40,000 for improved paving for the western part of Southall Broadway
- £25,000 for Hanging baskets for the Broadway and South Road

- £20,000 for festive lights for use at Christmas, Eid, Diwali and Vaisakhi.
- £400,000 for grants for shop front improvements on the Broadway, South Rd, The Green and King Street
- £40,000 for a study to identify a new car park for Southall.

## The Labour choice: Council Tax to rise 4% or reduced collection of rubbish

Current policy for Ealing aims to increase recycling to 50% by 2016 however, in the recent full council meeting, Labour moved a motion to bring the target date forward to 2010.

If the motion had been passed, Labour's policy would have required either a £4.5m cash injection or an immediate shift to fortnightly waste collections to implement. The latter would also have meant heavy fines for those who do not recycle.

Labour denies wanting to put up Council Tax therefore, the likely option for would have been to stop the weekly collection of rubbish and introduce a fortnightly one.

The result, a reversal of the recent gains made in this area. We currently recycle at more than 37% and have shifted from the bottom to the top quartile in London.

We worked to ensure that Labour's ill thought out ideas were defeated and the motion was not passed.

## Ealing residents face £26m in NHS cuts due to Labour mismanagement

Ealing's health service faces potential cuts of £13m over the next two years as the Government plans to take money from Ealing to subsidise failing NHS trusts in other parts of London. This is on top of £13m that was taken from Ealing in 2006 and never returned despite assurances at the time.

The Strategic Health Authority has decided to "top-slice" or cut 1.3% from Ealing's PCT budget for two years in order deal with historic debts in other parts of London.

The Labour Government through the Strategic Health Authority was penalising Ealing for having an efficient and well-managed PCT and now residents will suffer £26m in service cuts.

It is an outrage that the Government has now indicated the £13m lent to it by

Ealing in 2006 is unlikely to be returned. This sense of injustice is compounded by the additional requirement that Ealing NHS will be required to pay a potential further £13m over the next two years to further prop up failed health trusts across the rest of London, particularly in South East London.

This represents a genuine cut in funding from levels indicated earlier in the year and we believe represents a "tax" on the financial and managerial success of Ealing NHS, and "tax" on the healthcare system in Ealing as whole.

Make no mistake; this decision will impact Ealing residents as the PCT is forced to make cuts.

We, the Conservatives will fight these cuts and campaign to protect the services affected.

### Labour Watch!

Are they working for you? Not really and here are some examples:

- Since becoming MP, Labour's Virendra Sharma has drawn £12,000 for doing three hours work (that's almost £3,000 p/hr!)
- In nearly all categories [www.theyworkforyou.com](http://www.theyworkforyou.com), mark Mr Sharma as an under performing MP
- Mr. Sharma also supported detention without charge for up to 42 days
- In India, Mr. Sharma advocated (and later denied) war with Pakistan (see [www.ajitjalandhar.com](http://www.ajitjalandhar.com), 14th December 2008)
- Mr. Sharma, in Norwood Green protested at the closure of a post office but in the House of Commons not only voted for its closure but that of eight more in the Borough
- Labour councillors voted against a car park on the Broadway
- Labour councillors voted against toilets on The Broadway
- Labour councillors voted against a £2m package for Southall regeneration
- Labour councillors voted against the £1.5m investment for Jubilee Gardens Library and Medical Health Centre
- Labour voted against the Ward Forum set up to give you a voice in council affairs. They rejected a proposal to invest £200,000 for Southall in favour of a less robust system requiring £78,000 to fund.

**The examples above are precisely why Southall needs to be steered as far away from the Labour Party as possible!**

Local community activists supporting the Conservative cause:



Mr. Surinder Sund,  
Southall Green



Mr. Gurdev S Brar,  
Norward Green



Mr. Michael Pack,  
Lady Margaret



Dr. Gulbash Singh,  
Southall Broadway



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Hamborough Primary  
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