

# Local Updates

## Oaklands continues to be ignored

**After speaking with residents on Oaklands, many have been shocked by the lack of repairs since last May - exposed wiring, damp patches, mould and missing window panes are still very visible.**

Former Conservative Councillor Tim Briggs repeatedly called for Oaklands to be brought up to acceptable standards.

These calls remain unanswered. Conservatives will continue to stand up for local residents.

We thank the local police for their work over recent months in dispersing groups of local youths gathering outside Eastman House after dark, which has made residents feel safer.



## Labour Lambeth's Bungled Housing Policies

**Homes for Lambeth (HfL), the Council's arms-length body set up to oversee house building, has been handed plenty of money over the years, but has yet to show results.**

Since 2017, HfL has burnt through over £20million of your money, with an extra £9million given recently, and delivered a paltry 40 homes. So appalling is its record that an independent report has recommended that the programme be closed down and brought back in-house.

Lambeth Council is badly failing residents. The housing ombudsman recently found Lambeth Council guilty of "severe maladministration" and the Government's Minister for Housing, Michael Gove, named and shamed Lambeth Council due to its disregard for people's living conditions – providing examples of people living in mouldy accommodation for far too long.



## Crime Update

**There has been a recent surge in levels of street muggings and theft in Clapham.**

Speaking to residents in Clapham, it is clear that the rise in crime is a leading concern. We are currently discussing with local police about the worrying numbers of both muggings, mainly for jewellery & watches, and of car/car part thefts.

Overall Lambeth's crime rate is 8% higher than the London average and Lambeth ranks in the top 10 most dangerous boroughs in London.

Conservative Councillors spent time developing strong relations with the police in order to address crime concerns and ensure people's safety.

We shall continue working closely with the police and do what we can to assist them in their efforts to reduce criminal activity in this area.

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# Clapham Conservatives Update

## Spring 2023

### Conservatives are Supporting Local Residents and Businesses

Rishi Sunak's government continues to provide a range of support through these tough times.

With increased support already having been provided for the average household's energy bills amounting to £1,500, those most in need will continue to receive payments of £900 in 3 further instalments.

The Abbeville Road business community will benefit from business rates relief of 75%, up to £110,000 per business.

Those residents living in Lambeth Council-run properties will benefit from the new *Make Things Right* policy, making it far easier to complain and to ensure that repairs are dealt with swiftly.

For full details, please scan this QR code. Ensure you don't miss out on your entitlements.



### Sadiq Khan's Record Tax Hikes

Labour Lambeth has increased our latest council tax bills by 2.99%. Added to this, Sadiq Khan's centrally-run precept is going up by 9.7%, his largest hike ever.

Since assuming office from the Conservatives in May 2016, Sadiq Khan has increased his council tax take by almost 60%. What do we get for it? Crime continues to be a major issue, TfL is poorly managed, with all too regular strikes, and his house building numbers have been woeful. The Mayor is on track to fail on his promise made 2 years ago to build homes with £5bn provided by the Conservative government.

You have a chance to vote him out next year. Make sure your voice is heard.



### Cavendish Road pedestrian crossing

Local Conservatives are delighted to hear that, after many years of campaigning from your previous Conservative Councillors, a pedestrian crossing is now set to be installed on Cavendish Road just down from its junction with Clapham Common South.

It is hoped that this work will be combined with renewing the traffic lights at the busy junction. 12 years of Conservative representation on Lambeth Council has played its part in fighting for this long-needed safer crossing.

