

**As Ealing Labour raises your Council Taxes for over TEN YEARS in a row... Lib Dems ask:**

## **WHERE DID THE £100 MILLION GO?**



**OUTRAGEOUS:** As families worry about cost-of-living crisis, Ealing Labour gives developers an almost £100 million blank cheque.

Ealing was the last London borough to adopt the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), 15 years after government rules changed in 2010.

Community Infrastructure Levy is a mandatory charge from the Council to the developers to fund local infrastructure such as schools, GPs, and park facilities.

If Ealing Labour had introduced this in 2010 when the government passed a law that allowed them to, the Council would have collected almost an extra £100 million from developers to fund local projects.

**Local Lib Dem campaigner Matt Mellor says:**

“ Lib Dems have uncovered that Ealing Labour turned down almost £100 million that the Council could have spent on essential services.



Ealing Labour has been giving tall tower developers an easy ride whilst residents suffer from sky high Council Taxes during the cost-of-living crisis.

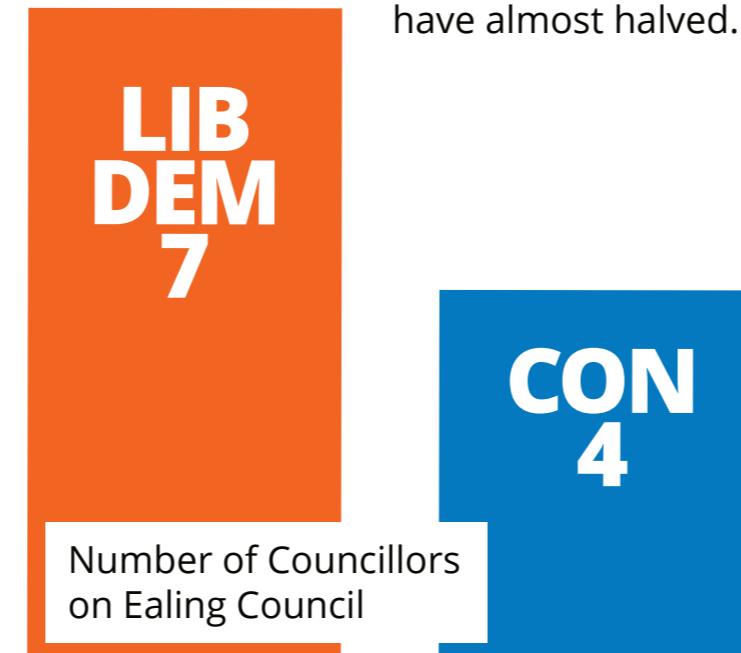
If elected, I will use my senior public sector background to scrutinise Ealing Labour-run Council's finances. ”

# **Your choice this May:**

## **It's Lib Dem or Labour in Walpole ward**

**The choice is clear in local elections this May.**

You can either back your hardworking local Lib Dem team **William Francis, Ksenia Maximova and Matt Mellor** or allow Labour continue to let you down.



**Lib Dems are your BEST choice to stand up for you against Ealing Labour this May.**

**The Conservatives cannot win here.**

Liberal Democrats have now replaced the Conservatives as the Official Opposition in Ealing Town Hall.

Since 2022, the number of Lib Dem Councillors has almost **doubled** whilst the Conservatives have almost halved.



**Liberal Democrats**

**William Francis  
Ksenia Maximova  
Matt Mellor**

- Securing WINS for our environment**
- PROTECTING our parks and green spaces**
- Retaining Ealing's reputation as 'Queen of the Suburbs'**

# Working for you

## LIB DEM ACTION on Labour's Lammas Park SuDS and Walpole Park playground fiascos



**ON YOUR SIDE:** Hundreds of residents have backed **Matt Mellor's Lib Dem-led petition** on an independent investigation into the Lammas Park SuDS fiasco.

**Lib Dem campaigner Matt Mellor is speaking up for local residents.**

**Lib Dem Councillors handed in Matt's Lammas Park petition at the last Full Council meeting.** The petition demands Ealing Labour launch an **independent investigation** into the chaotic installation of Lammas Park's new sustainable drainage system (SuDS).

Delays have prevented residents from being able to use most of the park for the last two

years. Residents are also concerned about safety and water pollution.

**Lib Dem Councillors Jon Ball and Connie Hersch** have been pressing the Labour-run Council for two years to improve the much-loved but tired playground equipment in Walpole Park. Despite cash from developers for this project already being in place, progress is far too slow.

Lib Dem campaigner **Matt Mellor** says, "These are more signs of Ealing Labour's incompetence in managing our parks."

# LIB DEMS: A strong record of protecting our environment

## A new Conservation Officer for our borough

The Lib Dem Official Opposition in Ealing has successfully convinced the Council to employ a **dedicated Conservation Officer**.

**Ealing Labour controversially axed this role in 2018.**

The Conservation Officer role

provides expertise on preserving our borough's heritage buildings and Conservation Areas.

**William, Ksenia and Matt** are pushing for our Council to retain our heritage buildings, including The Lodge at Lammas Park.



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## Lib Dem WIN: Swift boxes now Council policy

**A Liberal Democrat motion on making developers install swift boxes on new blocks was passed unanimously in December's Full Council meeting.**

Swift boxes are discreet, only cost £35 each for the developer but will provide nesting sites for swifts and many endangered birds.

National Labour policy is against this but local Lib Dems forced Ealing Labour to change their minds.

Lib Dems **William Francis** and **Ksenia Maximova** say, "A strong opposition in the Council is capable of making positive change to our borough."

## Saving Warren Farm: Ealing's local nature reserve

**Lib Dem Councillors have been working with local campaigners to save Ealing's nature reserve.**

Warren Farm is home to many endangered species, including skylarks. After huge pressure from Lib Dem Official Opposition Councillors and the public, Ealing Labour has confirmed the sports

facilities will be moved to an adjacent piece of land instead.

However, Ealing Labour seems to be considering to shrink the size of the nature reserve by one-fifth. **Lib Dems will campaign to make sure Warren Farm will be retained at the promised size of 24.8 hectares.**



*"Liberal Democrats understand how important good quality parks and open spaces are to you. We are dedicated to retaining Ealing's reputation as Queen of the Suburbs."*

*- William, Ksenia and Matt*

