

## PITSHANGER LIBRARY UNDER THREAT

### Local residents taken by surprise

To save money, Ealing Council is considering terminating the lease on Pitshanger library in December. Labour did not mention this in their 2018 manifesto and there was no prior consultation with local residents or traders.

The library is the most used of all the sub-libraries and only three years ago it was refurbished with a new children's section and better accessibility.

Businesses are concerned that the loss of the library will adversely affect trading along the lane. A paper petition quickly gained over 2000 signatures as the overwhelming consensus is that the library should stay where it is and other options to increase income and cut costs considered.

Your local Conservative activists and

## FLOOD PLAIN ZONING

### Ealing is building new homes in the frequently flooded Brent valley

Ealing Council is pressing ahead with its plans to replace the Gurnell Leisure Centre, due for closure in September 2019, with over 600 high rise homes metres away from the River Brent in spite of the environmental damage the development will cause.

Up until now, the Brent valley has wisely been left mainly for leisure and recreation but the developers are planning to build expensive new homes to rent or buy in this environmentally important place.



**Conservative activists campaigning to save Pitshanger Library**

councillors are trying to save our library. We have organised a successful online petition, worked with the Pitshanger Lane traders and run a street stall to garner more support. As a result, Ealing Council has been told not to terminate the lease until all other avenues have been fully explored.

Attend the Cleveland Ward Forum on 11<sup>th</sup> September 7pm North Ealing Primary School to make your views known.

Your local Conservatives believe that any development should be in keeping with the character of the local area and respect the environment particularly as this suburban area has not been designated as suitable for high-rise buildings.



**New tower blocks are planned for the Gurnell car park in Ruislip Road East**

## EALING COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2018

We would like to thank our supporters who voted Conservative in the May Ealing Council elections. The number of votes cast for the Conservative candidates, Ian Proud, Isobel Grant and Liz Paice was broadly in line with 2014 but an increased turnout and a "brutal" Labour campaign saw Labour sweep to victory. Ealing Council is now dominated by the Labour party with 57 Labour, 8 Conservative and 4 Liberal Democrat councillors. Labour can vote through all the policies that they want, continue to mismanage the budget and neglect vital services. Already, the streets are being left unswept and household waste uncollected.



**Increased fines for littering are not being enforced**

**TAX DODGERS COST EALING £3.5 MILLION**

**Council Tax UP 6%**

Council Tax increased 6% this April and tax revenue has gone up but Ealing Council is failing to pursue many council tax defaulters resulting in the loss of millions. In Conservative controlled Hillingdon, the collection rate for Council Tax in 2016/17 was 98.5% compared to only 97.7% in Labour run Ealing. It is unfair on those who do pay their taxes if some people avoid paying theirs. Find out more:

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**HUGE INCREASE TO CPZ CHARGES**

Residents who live in controlled parking zones (CPZs) face having to pay an average of £113 for their permits compared to £75 currently - an increase of 53.31%. Families with several cars will see the largest increases. Owners of lower emission vehicles will pay less. Residents will be able to use an online vehicle checker tool to find out the price of their parking permit.

form of transport to cycling, walking or public transport. However, the Labour Council has produced no evidence to show that CPZs lead to a decrease in pollution.

Conservative councillors are concerned that these changes will encourage people to concrete over their front gardens, result in more commuter parking and will hit those on lower incomes hardest.

The number of mixed use bays is also being extended so that non-residents will be able to pay up to £4.50 a day to park.

Money raised from parking charges should be used on running the schemes and on transport in general. Ealing says it will spend the extra yearly income of £700,000+ on concessionary bus fares but it is unclear how this will help reduce air pollution as many buses are older, more polluting models. There are suspicions that the increase in parking charges is just another stealth tax.

Ealing Council justifies these changes as air pollution will be reduced because it will encourage owners to switch to cleaner vehicles and/or to change their



**Residents and non-residents pay for mixed use parking bays**

**HOMELESS HOSTEL TARGETTED**

**Council could raise money by selling high value site**

Dame Gertrude Young House on Castlebar Hill, a shelter for single homeless men, may be sold by Ealing Council for housing development, resulting in many long term residents losing their homes or having to move to another part of the borough.

Other council owned sites, particularly car parks, are being lined up for sale or redevelopment.



**Hostel for homeless occupies a prime site on Castlebar Hill**

**Cleveland Ward Forum**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 7-9pm  
 North Ealing Primary School, Pitshanger Lane, W5 1RP

Ward budget: £50,000.  
 This year £10,635 has been allocated to build a nature area at Drayton Green Primary School.

Come along and help decide on which projects should receive funding next year.