



Newsletter from the Clapham Common Conservative Action Team
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Lambeth council elections on 22nd May are looming



Conservative candidates Tim, Bernard and Louise

The Clapham Common Conservative candidates for this year's local elections are continuing with their campaign of listening hard to your concerns and requirements.

As part of our ongoing doorstep campaign, you have rightly complained that:

- You are paying almost twice as much council tax for an average property in Clapham Common as you would in Wandsworth.
- Many local schools are still not of a high enough standard to prevent parents from using private schools or considering leaving the area.

- Planning policies in Lambeth are over-prescriptive and full of contradictions.
- The Labour run Lambeth Council is still failing in its duty to inform and consult you effectively on local issues.

Tim Briggs, one of your Conservative candidates in the local elections on 22nd May, says: "Imagine the money that would be spent in the local economy if local people had an average of £600 a year more in their pockets as a result of paying Wandsworth levels of council tax. That is the kind of local government I want to see benefitting the residents of Clapham Common."

Clapham Common Conservative candidate

Our key aims...

- Reduce council tax by 3% a year by:
 - Getting better value for money from contractors providing local services when those contracts are renewed (as achieved in Wandsworth),
 - Collecting £38m in unpaid council tax
 - Scrapping the £50m new town hall proposal,
 - Getting rid of unnecessary trade union reps at the Town Hall.
- Stop the mismanagement and over-exploitation of large scale events on Clapham Common.
- Support new and existing schools to serve the area much more effectively.

Bernard Gentry adds: "It's time we had a bit of common sense government at Lambeth Council that properly represents people's needs, rather than coming up with ideas based on ideology that keep people divided."

Clapham Common Conservative candidate Louise Nathanson says: "As local residents ourselves, Tim, Bernard and I experience the same frustrations as everyone else in Clapham Common when it comes to Lambeth Council – high council tax, poor service and a continuing Labour majority more interested in PR'ing itself than delivering value. If elected on 22nd May, we promise to make a stand for the residents of Clapham Common and hold Labour Lambeth to account."

Bin there, done that

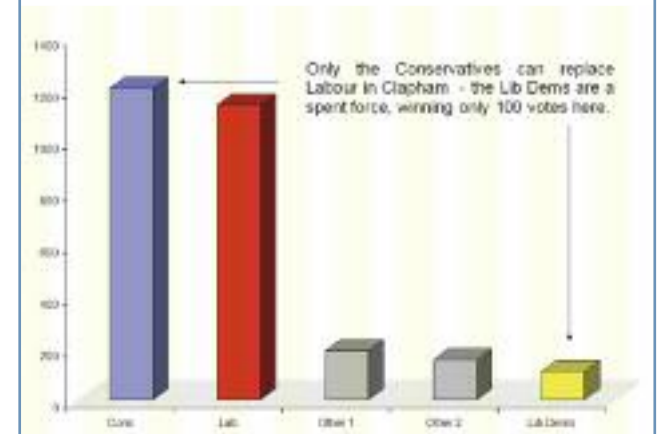
As a result of a consultation with residents initiated by your Conservative councillors, Lambeth Council have agreed a series of measures to address the overflowing rubbish in the large litter bins at the Elms Road / Southside junction, namely:

- **The number of collections has been increased.**
- **Recycling bins have been added.**
- **Stickers have been affixed to bins stating that they are for the sole use of residents.**

These steps have gone some way towards improving the situation, but it is still not perfect, and we are continuing to work with the council on this long-running saga.



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Our plan for a better CLAPHAM COMMON

Council tax

- Reduce council tax by more effectively scrutinising contracts for services such as street cleaning and parks management.
- Get rid of unnecessary trade unions at the town hall paid for by you and properly collecting council tax.



The Common

- Stop the over-exploitation and mismanagement of events on Clapham Common, and ensure that income from events is ring-fenced to pay for repairs and improvements.
- Support community and green initiatives on the Common.



Conservative candidates Louise Nathanson and Bernard Gentry in Hazelbourne Road, showing the difference in council tax for an average property in 2013 between Wandsworth Council on one side and Lambeth Council on the other



Conservative candidates Bernard Gentry and Tim Briggs with Jane Ellison MP, planting trees on the Common

Social services

- Continue our campaign to protect residents of Carfax Place from unnecessary and disruptive work proposed by the Council.
- Ensure that elderly residents receive the best possible care, in their own homes or residential accommodation.
- Continue to get involved when necessary to ensure that looked-after children are placed in appropriate and loving environments.

Streetcare

- Deal properly with outstanding bin and rubbish problems.
- Continue to prioritise resurfacing and repair of damaged roads.

Housing

- Reform the way Lambeth Living charges leaseholders for service costs and external work to their properties.
- Set up a proper tendering process to improve social housing stock and drive down costs
- Re-think the Local Plan to ensure that any non-controversial planning applications are approved.

Education

- Support an increase in school places, and a wider choice and diversity of schools.
- Support a drive for higher academic standards and university entry for children of all backgrounds.

Transport

- Continue our initiatives to tackle excessive speeding in Abbeville Road by raising awareness of its 20mph limit.
- Support cycling initiatives that make the roads safer for all users.
- Create more child-safe road crossings.

1	BRIGGS, Tim		X
5	GENTRY, Bernard		X
10	NATHANSON, Louise		X

You have THREE votes – please vote for all three Conservative candidates