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Boris says 'no' to more development on gardens



Boris Johnson has made clear his intention to change the London Plan to bring an end to the development of back gardens and end this 'garden grab'. While Southborough conservation area is protected from this form of overdevelopment it has still seen several applications made. Residents of Cotterill and Malvern Roads have also seen land owners whose gardens have access from side streets secure planning for new homes. Where this has been within the current planning guidance it has proved almost impossible for

councillors to combat this damaging trend. Nick explains "Twice to my knowledge since 2006 we have been faced with examples of this. In Malvern and Cotterill Roads covenants on the land stopping development had no bearing on the planning decision. We have been forced to accept applications because there was no legitimate planning ground to refuse. Boris will enable this to change and I hope we can bring a swift end to any further 'Garden Grabbing' in Surbiton Hill"

New road surface for Oakhill!

Residents of Oakhill will be pleased that, after years of pressure, we have managed to get the Neighbourhood committee to resurface Oakhill Road and the adjoining roads, making for a much less perilous journey to the medical centre. Lovelace residents are about to receive a letter informing them that part of Lovelace Road is to have its pavement renewed. Below is a photo taken by Cllr. Paul Johnston two years ago to highlight the problem local residents face.



Bins to change in September!

As Conservative candidates we fought the 2006 election with a pledge to make all refuse and recycling collections weekly. We believe in recycling more and reducing landfill, but we believe that residents want weekly collections. We are keeping to our pledge and have been demanding that the Lib Dems change their minds. It is the Lib Dems who have decided to take recycling weekly with food and other recycling waste and only collect the remaining non-recycling

waste fortnightly. We are aware that flats in Surbiton Hill may find the new arrangement difficult to accommodate. While the Lib Dems show no sign of changing their plan we will be offering a help line to residents who need our support during the change in September. Contact us direct on 07753 787358 or on surbiton-hill@kingstonconservatives.com



CAN WE HELP YOU?

Representing Surbiton Hill is never dull. Your Conservative Councillors have dealt with cases ranging from homelessness to anti-social behaviour, to helping parents with securing school places

and to fighting for improved roads and pavements. We are always available to talk to you about issues that matter to you and we will endeavour to help when we can and to represent your views within the Council.

Happy Birthday to the NHS



But what is going on at Surbiton Hospital? Cllr. Janet Bowen-Hitchings has been the Conservative Groups Health spokesperson for the last two years. She led the attack against massive cutbacks in spending and services by Kingston PCT. The cuts are the result of poor management which led to £22million of debt.

It's depressing, after all the promises on health by this failed Labour Government, that we in Surbiton have seen little benefit from the billions spent. Tolworth Hospital, on the edge of our ward, savaged by cuts in mental health, the loss of the outstanding Springboard Centre and the beautiful Surbiton Hospital languishing on the Ewell Road waiting for something to happen.

Janet says "I know everyone says our MP means well; although he says he has saved Surbiton

Hospital he has not! I have repeatedly asked the PCT management and there is still no plan for this important site. Our MP says he has saved Springboard, but it was the Conservative Health team, with Helen Whately our Parliamentary Candidate, who forced the PCT to offer £ 50,000 of funding. We need an MP who can be in the heart of Government and we need a new Government. Time for a change I think."

Cornerhouse is as important as The Rose

The Cornerhouse theatre recently agreed to be the venue for the first meeting of the Residents' Association for nearby Ellerton and Bond roads. Conservative Councillors Nick and Paul found it to be a great space and while The Rose has stolen the limelight and £11 million of RBK money, this theatre is a gem in the heart of Surbiton on Douglas Road.

The Cornerhouse website is:

www.thecornerhouse.org

New Residents Association is born in Ellerton and Bond Roads

Cllr. Nick Kilby and Cllr. Paul Johnston have presided over an enthusiastic meeting of about 30 residents of Ellerton and Bond Roads who came together in order to promote good neighbourliness and pursue common concerns in the two roads. The move arose from the work your Conservative Councillors had done over the last two years, together with residents, Council officers and the Safer Neighbourhood Team, to tackle anti-social behaviour. The police were represented by two PCSOs.



Cllr. Kilby secures full consultation for Residents in station carpark development.

Cllr. Nick Kilby met with representatives of Network Rail and Bewley Homes to express the concerns of residents in Glenbuck and Oakhill. The early plans are for a residential led scheme with a replacement car park. Developers agreed to a full scale consultation exercise that will seek to engage with residents prior to making a full application. Nick said "It was good to have their agreement to talk to residents before they make an application. I know from talking to residents in Arlington Road through to Oakhill Crescent that we have serious questions to be answered before residents will feel comfortable with any application."

The residents who have responded to our mailing have identified the following key issues: size and numbers of homes; the impact on the historic listed railway station; the impact on the community during a possible three year construction period; flooding; effects on infrastructure and effects on the roads and parking in the area. Councillors have set up a special page on their ward blog (<http://surbhillcldr.wordpress.com/>) for residents' updates. To add your concerns to our list or for further information write to us on: Surbiton-hill@kingstonconservatives.com.

Blooming lovely in School Lane

School Lane is on the southernmost edge of Surbiton Hill. Often it is in the press for less than helpful stories but because of a strong Residents' Association we can tell you that School Lane is litweally blooming at the moment. Sue Harrison has launched the first ever "Every Leaf Counts" garden competition on the estate. Over 40 gardens have been shortlisted and the final judging will take place in July. Nick was asked to join Sgt Sheila Buddin, Catherine Giles, Community Manager of Tolworth Primary and Andrew Kauffman of Quandon

Services. Paul said "Sadly I was detained in the Guildhall so I couldn't be a judge and was jealous of Nick as I looked out at the clear blue sky on the day of judging. Sue and the residents just take my breath away, they work so hard to make School Lane a better place to live and that's just what they are doing. Sue is also behind a new website for the estate. Have a look at <http://schoollane.eu>. We wish it well and have included it as a permanent link on this blog (see our ward Blogl).



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