

NEW YEAR DIGITAL EDITION 2021

## OVER 2000 PEOPLE SIGN SAVE OUR GREEN SPACE

THANK YOU FROM YOUR  LOCAL COUNCILLORS

**Thank you to all the 2000+ residents who signed our "Save Our Green Space" petition.**

When Waltham Forest's Labour Group published its proposal to build 310 residential units at the New Road Leisure Park and woodland bordering Larks Wood behind it, your local Councillors launched a petition asking the Council not to build on the mature green space - saving mature trees and wildlife.



Your local Councillors, John, Catherine and Selina also supported an application made by the community group, Friends of Ainslie and Larks Wood calling for the green open space behind and adjacent to the Leisure Centre to be protected; this request could only be made as part of the local plan process. The consultation for the local plan and associated site allocations document closed on 14 December.

### HELP US REACH 4000 SIGNATURES

Once the petition reaches over 4000 signatures, the petition can be debated at Full Council which means the Council cannot ignore us. Residents would also be welcome to speak at this meeting to make their views formally known.

Sign the petition at this link now: [www.cwgca.org.campaigns](http://www.cwgca.org.campaigns)

IF YOU WANT A POSTER TO DISPLAY IN YOUR WINDOW GET IN TOUCH BELOW 

### CAMPAIGN SUCCESS: NEW OUTDOOR GYM LAUNCHES

Your Larkswood Councillors launched a petition, signed by 100s of residents, seeking improvements to Memorial Park.

The good news is that a new outdoor gym has been installed in the park. Unfortunately Covid restrictions have meant we have had to find new ways of keeping fit and healthy! However, you will see there is a wide range of equipment for residents to use for FREE.



The tennis courts have also had new nets installed and new fencing has also gone up around this area. We hope you will agree this valued open space is looking very smart!

### LABOUR REJECT PERMIT TO PLANT

On 3 December, Conservative Councillors put forward a motion at Waltham Forest Full Council that would allow individuals to apply for a permit to plant.

The permit would allow local residents to nurture a green space in a residential neighbourhood and provide a structure to oversee the arrangement - much like with allotments.

This would have let Waltham Forest residents garden in residential streets, like Ropers Avenue, but would not apply to public places such as the high street where community groups are currently operating freely or existing green space.

In the motion, Councillor Seesunkur



made it clear this new permit would be building upon work the Council had already done, by extending planting to grass verges and lamp-posts which would be an ideal location for hanging baskets that enhance residential streets. Sadly Labour Councillors voted this down.

## EMMA BEST Your GLA Candidate



I was born in Whipps Cross and have lived in the North East of London all my life. It's the place that raised me through the good and the bad.

I've experienced the struggles of London first-hand; sofa surfing, knife crime and the rising cost of living that threatens to push us all further from the city we love. So I never wanted to get into politics because of something I read in a paper, textbook or some idea of grandeur. I've seen the grittier side of this city and want to be a part of making positive changes for the better.

I've been a councillor for 6 years now, fighting for the most vulnerable in society while also working in children and family services. I live in Chingford, raising two boys. I never want my children to have to see the things I've seen. I feel hopeful they won't, seeing there's a candidate for Mayor of London like Shaun Bailey, who gets it. He has lived the struggle too, been a youth worker and understands what London needs.

It's a place that makes stories like mine possible; a city of hope, redemption and opportunity.

That's why I'm standing to be your GLA member. I'm tired of seeing the greatness of this city restricted in the North East of London. It's time for change. Join me in making that change possible.

**Vote Emma Best for North East AM and Shaun Bailey for Mayor of London this May 2021.**

### LARKSWOOD COUNCILLORS APPROVED WARD FUNDS FOR

HIGHAMS PARK FOOD AID  
REMEMBRANCE POPPIES  
WORLD DANCE FITNESS  
CHRISTMAS HAMPERS  
CRICKET FESTIVAL

LOVE SOUTH CHINGFORD PLANTS  
THE DISCOVERY SPACE PROJECT  
CHINGFORD ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT  
HSPARK RADIO  
EASTER AT THE STADIUM

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