

## Join Us To Campaign Against Station Estate Re-Development

Over the last few years, South Woodford has had lots of development, taking on far more than its fair share of the new dwellings required in the Borough. Now a new development plan for the properties on Eastwood Close will mean more housing, with 100 units including a 12 storey tower.



Local MP Iain Duncan Smith has joined your local Conservative Action Team and the South Woodford Society in opposing this development. All involved are concerned that if these plans are approved, South Woodford is then in real danger of losing its peaceful, attractive character. Furthermore, this development could set a dangerous precedent for other such overcrowded, unattractive developments in the area. The South Woodford Society are organising a petition against the development – for more details contact them via [E18Society@gmail.com](mailto:E18Society@gmail.com) or any one of the Church End Action Team.

### Bedford House to be Saved?

Having fought the proposed demolition of Bedford House in South Woodford for so many years, we're delighted that the property has been sold to a more sympathetic developer.

Reports indicate that he intends to put forward new plans which will retain this historic building. We will work continue to work closely with residents to try and ensure that this is achieved, fingers crossed it can be achieved!



## General Election Result Iain Duncan Smith Comfortably Re-elected by Church End Voters.

The General Election on 7 May saw the Conservative Party win an overall majority and Iain Duncan Smith re-elected with just short of 50% of the votes cast in the Chingford & Woodford Green constituency.

The Conservative Party won 331 seats across the Country, Labour 232, Lib-Dems 8, SNP 56. The Greens and UKIP each won just one seat.

Iain has also been re-appointed to the post of Secretary of State for Work & Pensions with the remit to continue with the reforms to the welfare system which have seen more than 2m more people in work since 2010.

Speaking after the result was announced, Iain said, ***"This is a fantastic result for the Country. We have a strong, stable Conservative Government, with a clear plan to eliminate the deficit, invest in the NHS and deliver on our promise of an In/Out referendum on our EU membership."***

***"If you want to be part of what we're doing, you should join Church End Conservatives!"***

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### Woodford Still at Risk as Labour Back Tracks on Development Plans

A recent report to the Council highlighted the strong opposition of local residents to the suggestion of high density development in Wanstead and Woodford, dubbed the "Wanstead and Woodford Corridor". The level of opposition to the plans for large scale development in this area was made clear from the Save our Suburbs campaign, run by the Church End Conservative Action Team. The campaign attracted a huge level of support with nearly 5,000 signatures gathered in opposition to Labour's plans.

A few weeks ago the "Save Our Suburbs" campaign looked to have been successful, with the Council rejecting the proposed "Wanstead to Woodford Development Corridor" and instead backing a report which recommended development on the Oakfield site in Fairlop.

However at the last minute the Labour group cancelled the meeting which was set to see councillors ratify the report. Consequently Church End ward and the wider

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areas of Wanstead through to Woodford are still in danger of massive over-development.

Church End Conservatives' position is clear: the infrastructure isn't place to support further development, particularly in the South Woodford area. Parking, school places and GP services are already serious issues in this area. With further development this will only get worse. We must say NO to the Wanstead and Woodford Corridor development plan!!



## Local Campaign Stops Permanent Closure of Traffic Control Gates

An unprecedented level of local action has successfully stopped the council's plan to close the traffic gates in Cavendish Avenue and Fairlawn Drive. The gates are closed during weekday rush hour to protect local residents and school children, and this schedule will now continue.

In a space of just 2 weeks, over 1200 residents signed our petition calling on the council to change their decision, and a significant numbers of residents also responded to the council's consultation, urging them to reconsider their decision. An event in Cavendish Avenue attracted 40 residents on very short notice.

Closing the gates would have had a negative impact not just for residents, who would have found their community literally divided, but also for local businesses such as those on Woodford Broadway. Thank you to everyone who helped save the gates, we're all delighted; your local representatives will keep watch on the council to try and ensure they stay true to their word.

## Parking Update: Ingatestone Road Area and South Woodford Library

**Ingatestone Road / Horn Lane Area:** The surveys have been collated and council officers are analysing options for a comprehensive solution to parking issues related to commuters using Woodford Station.

**South Woodford Library:** Following resolution of the issues related to Funkymojoes, evening parking charges are to be relaxed and standardised to the same hours as other local roads and the Derby Road car park.

## Churchfields Park

The much utilised Churchfields Park has remained in a state of disarray for quite some time now. The nature of the landscape leads the section of the field with play equipment open to flooding; thus, coming into the summer months we are left with the hardened dips in ground as a reminder of the winter months passed.



We have been arguing for investment in our park for the past year, and whilst we secured a much needed repair to the roundabout the ground issues have still not been addressed.

Whilst the play equipment looks tired and worn the priority is to secure funding for a top soil that will resist winter flooding; a call that has been backed by local MP Iain Duncan Smith. A working group has been set up to reflect on the issues of the park and we will be strongly voicing our support for investment.

To back these calls please email support to [anita.smart@visionrcl.gov.uk](mailto:anita.smart@visionrcl.gov.uk) or call 0208708 3858.

## Surgery Dates

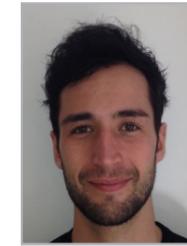
If you have a local issue that you would like to discuss with your Councillors please do come to one of our regular surgeries.

Your next Council surgery date is Friday 21st August from 7pm to 9pm and will be held at Woodford Library, Snakes Lane West.

## Your Church End Action Team



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