



# **Focus on Hillingdon**

**A Manifesto for the London Borough of Hillingdon**

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**Hillingdon Liberal Democrats**



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Dear Local Resident

On Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>, you have your chance to say how your council is run. These council elections only come round once every four years – but in May you can vote to shake up the borough and get a council that is responsive to your needs.

The Liberal Democrats, have put together a list of six pledges we think the council can deliver – and which we will put into action if you elect us to run the council on May 4<sup>th</sup>. You can find these pledges in full below. This manifesto gives our approach to working with you to make our community prosperous, safe and sustainable. We pledge to

- Limit Council Tax increases to the rate of inflation
- Produce parking schemes that help local residents not penalise them
- Reduce Hillingdon Council's impact on the Environment to zero
- Boost sports and leisure activities in Hillingdon
- Provide comprehensive community and road safety strategies
- Demand only sustainable new building developments

Four years ago, the electors of Hillingdon gave no party a majority on Hillingdon Council. You voted for the political parties to work together for the good of our borough. But this has not happened. The Labour party has been prepared only to offer negative opposition, while the Conservatives have formed a minority administration which has refused to accommodate the views of other parties on major issues.

In the last external assessment the Audit Commission gave Hillingdon Council only a FAIR rating. Liberal Democrats believe that you deserve better. We will work to raise standards in Hillingdon to give you a hard working Council that delivers excellent quality services.

We want to know your views on our pledges. We want Hillingdon to be a listening Council. Tell us what you would like to see happen. Add another pledge of your own. You can contact me by e-mail at: [stevecarey@hillingdon.libdems.org](mailto:stevecarey@hillingdon.libdems.org)

Yours sincerely

*Steve Carey*

## Our Approach

*"The Liberal Democrats exist to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community and in which no-one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity."*

*Preamble to the Federal Constitution of the Liberal Democrats.*

Liberal Democrats are campaigning for your support in this election to create a London Borough of Hillingdon which provides

- Services **responsive** to local needs
- **High quality** widely accessible services
- Services that represent the **best value** for money

Liberal Democrats have a vision that the Council

- **Works with residents**, voluntary groups and local businesses to achieve the goals of the community.
- Forms **real and effective partnerships** with the local Health Service, the Police and other government agencies
- **Respects and listens** to the views of residents on the development of council services
- **Actively celebrates** and takes account of one of the most ethnically and culturally diverse communities in London
- Puts **sustainability** of the local environment and the local economy among the key priorities for the council
- Seeks to **provide choice** and allows for differences of priority in different parts of the borough
- Will be democratically **accountable** to local residents
- Will be **available** when you need it, not just 9-5
- Uses **best practice** from elsewhere as a stimulus to local improvement
- Will be source of local **pride**.

Liberal Democrats are concerned that Labour's system of local government concentrates too much power in the hands of the cabinet and prevents other councillors from making an effective contribution to decision making. Liberal Democrats will

- Ensure that councillors of whatever party will be given the opportunity of examining proposals which impact their wards before a decision is made and will be given the opportunity to make representation
- Reduce the size of the cabinet
- Give the full council a greater role in decision making, so it will be easier for an issue to be called before the council.

Liberal Democrats recognise that the Labour government in Whitehall has increasingly dictated what local government can do through the daft way in which it sets targets and funds councils. However, we will adapt the choice of *how* to achieve these targets to meet your requirements.

### **Liberal Democrat Councillors**

Your Liberal Democrat councillor will

- Care about your problems
- Listen and represent your views
- Take positive action on local issues
- Keep in touch all the year round not just at election time

Liberal Democrats pledge to

- Be available to you through publicly accessible telephone numbers and e-mail addresses
- Hold regular surgeries for you to raise issues
- Publish community based FOCUS newsletters regularly, to keep you in touch with local events, at our own expense

### **Council Tax**

The Council tax is one of the most unfair taxes. People pay proportionately less as they get richer. The Council Tax is

- **Outdated:** It is based on property values from 1991 – which bear little relation to house prices today.
- **Unfair:** Property prices bear little relationship to ability to pay – a pensioner living next door to a top barrister would be paying the same.
- **Complex:** The Council Tax is a complicated system, which bears no relation to council services provided, and tends to rise faster than the rate of inflation.

A Liberal Democrat government would replace Council Tax with a Local Income Tax. Local income Tax would be

- **Fair:** As it would be based on a ability to pay
- **Simple:** A Local Income Tax would be based on the existing national system and save the cost of having complex computer systems in each civic centre.
- **Clear:** Along with changes to the way in which national government grants are allocated it would be a clearer system where the charge reflected the cost of local services

In the meanwhile, the Council is bound by the current unfair system of central government grants, which do not reflect fairly local costs and demands.

- Liberal Democrats will seek to limit Council Tax increases to the national rate of inflation of local government costs. A Liberal Democrat Council will require a compelling case supported by local residents before proposing taxes which exceed this rate of inflation
- Liberal Democrats will work to ensure that those on low incomes will be given more assistance to make sure that they receive the benefits to which they are entitled, to help reduce the burden of the unfair Council Tax.
- Liberal Democrats will ensure that Hillingdon Council puts value for money at the heart of its management process.

## **Key Issues**

### **The Olympic Games and Hillingdon House Farm**

The 2012 Olympics offer a wonderful opportunity for Britain to show the world a great sporting event but the Games need careful planning to ensure a legacy for the whole of London including Hillingdon.

- Liberal Democrats want the development of Hillingdon House Farm to give the borough an outstanding sports facility for the whole area including an Olympic standard swimming pool.
- Liberal Democrats would use the Olympic Games to give a boost to sports and games within Hillingdon for all ages, working in partnership with the Borough's voluntary sports organisations.
- Liberal Democrats want to assist local businesses to benefit from the extra economic opportunities and tourism that the Games will bring
- Liberal Democrats wish to work with the Games' organisers to maximise the opportunities for local people to volunteer to assist in the Games.

Londoners are being forced to pay for the Olympics.

- Liberal Democrats are campaigning to cap the cost of the Olympics to Londoners at the currently agreed level (around £20 on the Band D Council Tax) and for any cost over-runs to be met by central government

### **RAF Northolt**

Liberal Democrats recognise the long association of the RAF with the borough and the continuing, important role that RAF Northolt plays in RAF operations. We understand that the RAF is concentrating further resources on the site and believe that this offers opportunities to benefit local residents. However,

- Liberal Democrats will oppose any expansion of civilian flights landing or taking off from Northolt
- Liberal Democrats will campaign to ensure that any redevelopment of the airport should relocate the main entrance to ease the burden on the residents of West End Road.

### **Hillingdon Circus**

Two major sites at Hillingdon Circus have been the subject of unsuccessful planning applications and renewed applications may be expected. Liberal Democrats are aware of the benefits to the local population of the continued development of brownfield sites in the area. However Liberal Democrats are also conscious of the drawbacks of over development. In any proposals for the Hillingdon Circus area

- Liberal Democrats will continue to protect the vitality of the existing shopping parades at Hillingdon Circus
- Liberal Democrats will demand that any new development contribute to minimising traffic congestion at Hillingdon Circus
- Liberal Democrats will demand that any development provides adequate parking facilities and does not create a nuisance to the nearby residential streets.

### **The Regeneration of The Southern Part of the Borough**

Hayes, West Drayton and Yiewsley have seen a significant shift away from manufacturing industry and have not shared fully in the economic prosperity of the rest of the borough. The shopping areas of the town centres have not kept up to date with the latest trends in retailing, a problem that was exacerbated by the manner in which the council pedestrianised Hayes town centre.

- Liberal Democrats would work in partnership with developers and local residents to secure the redevelopment of these areas. Planning for these areas needs to take into account the sites associated with Hayes Station and Southall gas works
- Liberal Democrats support an extension of the tramway planned for the Uxbridge Road. to Hayes Station
- Liberal Democrats will ask the council to consult local businesses on the continuing pedestrianisation of Hayes
- Liberal Democrats will re-examine the traffic congestion through Yiewsley and West Drayton

### **Heathrow Airport**

Heathrow Airport is a major employer but it imposes a significant cost on those living nearby and those underneath the flight path. Events since 9/11 have drawn attention to the security risks of having so much of the nation's air travel focused in one location. Despite this, the government is considering the construction of a third runway and an associated terminal. This would involve the destruction of homes, schools and other community assets in Harmondsworth and Sipson. Residents of Harlington, Hayes and Cranford would be subjected to massive extra noise, pollution and traffic.

- Liberal Democrats are opposed to any expansion of Heathrow outside its current boundaries including any further runway or any additional flights over and above the limit imposed at the Terminal 5 Inquiry
- Liberal Democrats will demand strict adherence to European air quality standards

### **The Tram**

A tram service along the Uxbridge Road may well provide a valuable addition to public transport in the borough and could contribute to improving public transport.

Liberal Democrats will only support the development of the tramway provided that

- It is not at the expense of local bus services
- An extension of the tramway to Hayes is provided
- The problems with the routing of the tramway through Ealing are rectified
- The difficulties with the road junctions in Hillingdon are resolved.

### **Our Schools**

Education is vital for the future of our area and is a life long process. Education is the key service provided by Hillingdon Council and is the largest element of expenditure. Our key priorities are

- To work in partnership with school staff to continue raising standards in our schools, particularly the secondary schools, which have lagged the attainment of our primary schools
- To work in partnership with central government and local businesses to ensure that all schools are properly funded and equipped to deliver an appropriate education for the twentyfirst century
- Resist any school closures, which might flow as a result of the opening of the new school in Ruislip, to ensure that there is always a good local school available.

## Education

Education is vital for the future of our area and is a life long process. Education is the key service provided by Hillingdon Council and is the largest element of expenditure. Liberal Democrats recognise the valuable work performed by the staff of the borough's schools and will continue to support all our schools irrespective of denomination or faith. However in the last few years, Hillingdon has been making much less progress than neighbouring authorities, particularly at Key Stages 3 & 4 (GCSE) and particularly in the south of the borough.

Hillingdon has a lower rate of young people staying on at school post sixteen and consequently fewer Hillingdon children are eligible to go on to university. Liberal Democrats are opposed to the use of tuition fees and top up tuition fees for university education and believe that these are a deterrent to young people from lower income households. It is Liberal Democrat national policy that these fees should be abolished.

Liberal Democrat priorities are to

- Re-energise our primary schools to regain their place in the top quartile of British schools
- Work with governors and school staff to accelerate the progress being made in our secondary schools making special efforts with schools whose attainments are below average to understand their requirements and how they might be met
- Ensure that school admission policies allow parents a fair choice of schools and a balance of specialisms at the borough's secondary schools
- Work with schools to improve teacher recruitment and the retention of good quality teachers as a key factor for improving school performance. Particular attention needs to be given to recruitment and retention in science and other subjects where there is currently a shortage
- Seek opportunities to strengthen the schools advisory service and in particular examine ways of providing a modern languages advisor
- Ensure that teachers and learning assistants have the training opportunities to enhance pupil progress
- Recognise the advantages of reducing the size of classes in which pupils are taught
- Work with schools in the south of the borough to create school curricula that meet the ambitions and vocations of students in the 16-19 age range
- Work with employers and Uxbridge College to provide alternative ways for young people to continue education even after leaving school
- Bring all school facilities up to the standards required for a twenty-first century education by working with central government and local businesses
- Ensure that school buildings and grounds are fully used for the benefit of the community. Liberal Democrats are committed to the government's policy of extended schools providing extra facilities such as child care, libraries etc.
- Undertake a recruitment drive for new school governors and provide training for governors to undertake their vital work in the oversight of our schools
- Support the valuable work done by Hillingdon Music Service in enriching skills and discipline of our young people and enhancing the cultural life of the borough
- Work with the Learning and Skills Council (LSC) to secure the continuation of evening classes at a reasonable price for a wide range of subjects and promote self financing clubs for popular courses that the LSC will no longer support

- Work with schools to ensure that children have access to healthy food in school canteens and are encouraged to make healthy choices

Hillingdon is fortunate to have Brunel University and Uxbridge College within the area.

- Liberal Democrats wish to work with these establishments in areas of mutual opportunity or concern to widen the curriculum and to encourage young people to stay on in further education.
- Liberal Democrats are concerned by the University's go it alone plans to provide a college for 16-19 year students as this risks creating excess capacity and undermining the ability of the borough's schools to maintain the required breadth and depth of sixth form curriculum.
- Liberal Democrats will seek to secure proper safeguards for the Borough's school sixth forms.

## **Youth Services**

Liberal Democrats are aware that the Borough's youth services have been neglected for many years and need continuing investment in facilities and staff to provide the education and leisure pursuits to which our young citizens are entitled. Youth services are valuable in ensuring that our young citizens play a positive part in the community rather than conform to the negative image so often portrayed in the press.

Liberal Democrats

- Recognise that the Borough needs to expand the funding for Youth services to bring them up to national standards
- Will work with young people and Hillingdon's Youth Council to give them a say in the provision of facilities for their use
- Introduce a 'Welcome to Citizenship' programme
- Will provide a mechanism for young people to contribute to the design and provision of all mainstream council services
- Recognise that young people share the hopes and fears of older members of the community and also wish to see an end to bullying, vandalism and the threat of drugs and crime
- Recognise that young people need areas that are dry and safe and for which they can take responsibility. With the help of the detached youth workers and the agreement of the local community we will aim to provide such 'youth shelters'
- Will work with Community Associations to incorporate provision for young people in the facilities that they provide
- Will use modern as well as traditional technology to ensure that young people can discover the variety and location of the facilities that are provided for them by the borough and by voluntary organisations
- Will work with the various teams that help young offenders to ensure that the chances of re-offending are minimised and that the young offenders are offered positive alternatives and opportunities
- Are aware that Hillingdon has a poor record in the prevention of teenage pregnancy and that unwanted pregnancies at a young age are destructive of the chances for a proper education and economic opportunities. In association with Healthy Hillingdon, we wish to work with young people to ensure that the borough has the necessary medical and educational facilities to prevent this
- Will press Transport for London to provide an adequate night bus arrangement for the Ruislip Northwood area and provide a better bus service to and from Watford in both the nighttime and during the day
- Introduce 'opportunity cards' to give young people the opportunity to sample the borough's leisure and sports facilities.

## **Housing Health and Community Care**

Both Labour and Conservative governments have made it difficult for the council to provide directly managed housing services. The result has been a growth in the waiting list for social housing in Hillingdon. An arms length body, Hillingdon Homes, has provided housing in our area. Liberal Democrats will

- Seek to use the Council's influence with this housing company to organise itself into three or four smaller units to make it more responsive to tenants
- Seek to use planning agreements to ensure that social housing and key worker housing is provided
- Work harder to bring the borough's empty homes back into use

Following the enquiry into the Victoria Climbié tragedy, the government has insisted on the establishment of a Children's and Young People's service combining the Education Department and a major part of the Social Services Department, to create the largest department in the council. Liberal Democrats will

- Seek to ensure that the Young people's services are not harmed by the bureaucratic burdens of integrating the services in the new department
- Press the government to recognise the full costs of dealing with unaccompanied children who arrive at Heathrow. While some of these are asylum seekers, there are other children for whose safety airport officials have grave concerns. Central government makes little or no provision for these children
- Seek to ensure stability in the care arrangements for children that are under the council's supervision. Currently such children, as a group, do not do well at school and are more likely to go to prison, become homeless or have a mental health problem. We will work to ensure that the council fully recognises its responsibility as 'parents' for these children and to improve their educational achievements to give them the best opportunities when they leave the council's care.

Hillingdon's social services have had a patchy record with achievements failing to match the resources spent by the council. The diversity in the community, both culturally and economically, creates significant pockets of poverty and other problems, particularly in the south of the borough. Following a review in 2003, a new impetus has been put behind the service to achieve its targets. Liberal Democrats wish to build on the progress made so far. In particular Liberal Democrats are concerned to ensure that

- Access to the service is open to the whole community
- Social Services work closely with the local health services and voluntary organisations, particularly to ensure the best care for the elderly and to avoid unnecessary admission to hospital
- Assessments for occupational therapy and care management are made on a timely basis
- Those with physical and learning disabilities are given the maximum scope for independent living. A councillor will be appointed to act as a champion for those with disabilities and given training to work across the full range of council services to ensure full access. The councillor will be able to report directly to the cabinet.
- Priority is given to care in people's own homes to enable independent living as far as practical. This requires careful monitoring of the care agencies to ensure that
  - staff meet the appropriate standards,
  - that they are properly monitored and that continuity of persons visiting the clients is maintained.
- People receiving care in their homes are given a clear idea of the timetable of visiting and that the timetable is reasonable and appropriate for the care offered.

- We would guarantee the real level of grants to voluntary groups, work with a three year planning horizon for these groups and provide a resource to assisting voluntary groups to access outside funding.

### **Crime & Community Safety**

Liberal Democrats recognise that the fear of crime is a worry for many local residents. That fear is increased when anti-social behaviour, graffiti and petty vandalism are all too visible in the locality. Tackling crime and the fear of crime requires a partnership between government agencies such as the police and the council but also the support of community groups and individual residents. Liberal Democrats have proposed using the money to be spent on creating identity cards on providing extra police on our streets.

Liberal Democrats wish to work with residents to highlight crime hotspots and to ensure that the council takes preventative action wherever possible. There are two major aspects of preventative work that are the responsibility of the council. Firstly, ensuring that the built environment discourages crime and does not hide its perpetrators. Secondly, the council needs to work with those who maybe tempted into crime. Unfortunately a minority of young people are tempted and their actions tarnish the reputation of the majority of law abiding young people. Indeed young people are the most likely to be the victims of crime. Liberal Democrats will

- Work with the Safer Neighbourhoods programme, to provide a full, dedicated, police team for each ward in the borough, inside the next twelve months
- Work with the local police and with pub landlords to create more pub-watch schemes to reduce any problems caused by the excess consumption of alcohol
- Enhance co-operation with the police to improve schemes for the identification and removal of drug dealers from the streets and properties of our area
- Provide additional funding for Police Liaison officers in all secondary schools
- Work to give young people a say in crime prevention measures for their area
- Support the provision of facilities for young people
- Seek to involve young people in the management of open spaces
- Continue the programme of providing gates for alleyways
- Examine the re-design of areas of local estates that are prone to car or other crime and the use of CCTV on areas of housing estates which are crime hotspots
- Make more extensive use of Acceptable Behaviour Contracts to involve the family of offenders in putting right the problems that they cause
- Provide extra council resources for the clean up of graffiti within two days on council property. Where possible, environmentally friendly removing materials should be used
- Work with local businesses and householders for the faster removal of graffiti from private property in the worst hit areas
- Work with statutory bodies and the utilities to create a partnership for co-operation in the removal of graffiti
- Undertake to make local traders aware of their legal obligations with regard to the sale of spray paints and encourage them to introduce a voluntary scheme restricting the sale of indelible marker pens to under 16s
- Complete the programme of gating alley-ways to improve protection against crime

## Leisure & Culture

Following the creation of a Children's and Young People's service department, it makes sense for leisure and cultural services to be created as a separate department and for their work to be given a higher priority over the next decade. The years ahead of the 2012 Olympic games are an opportunity that should be seized by Hillingdon with both hands.

Liberal Democrats wish to ensure that

- The Council builds on the enthusiasm likely to be shown by all local residents to encourage them to participate in sports.
  - Schools need to widen the range of sports available to pupils and to work with local clubs to ensure that pupils are aware of the variety of sports they can play and the benefits they will gain.
  - Greater effort will be put into publicising the range and variety of voluntary sporting clubs that exist in the Borough
  - Grant funding will be available to sporting clubs who work with the borough to meet its sports priorities
  - The council will continue its programme to build its sporting facilities up to a high standard for the twenty-first century. In particular, Liberal Democrats are pledged to the programmes for the development of Hillingdon House Farm with a 50m pool, to make it suitable as an Olympic training venue, a refurbished running track and the restoration of the outdoor pool if suitable funding is made available
  - Hillingdon maximises the opportunities for local people to volunteer to help with the Olympic Games
  - Hillingdon businesses maximise the opportunities offered by the Olympic games
- The area benefits from the fact that Heathrow will be a major port of entry for people attending the Olympic Games. Liberal Democrats will
  - Work with business and the tourism industry and agencies to increase publicity for the Borough's attractions, its history, its heritage and its diversity, for the benefit of the local economy and the enjoyment of the public.
  - Undertake a review of the Hillingdon Tourism Strategy in consultation with key partners to strengthen the Council's involvement and the pace of progress.
  - Commission a public competition to produce ideas for new events of cultural significance to bring interest and visitors to Hillingdon.
- Liberal Democrats are also committed to the consolidation and development of sporting and cultural activities at Botwell in Hayes
- Give encouragement to properly qualified volunteer trainers to encourage participation in all forms of sporting activity.

Liberal Democrats will

- Promote vigorously the renting of allotments as Leisure Gardens in the interests of fitness, the improvement of the quality of Hillingdon's environment, good health through home grown (organic) food with nothing added by manufacturers.
- Promise not to dispose of any land currently used for allotments for any other purpose during the period of next council except with the agreement of the association(s) representing the allotment holders.

- Support local allotment holders, working closely with them, to find an outlet to promote their horticultural efforts now the Hillingdon Show has been abolished. We will assist gardeners and allotment holders with special offers – for example Croydon Council offers a compost machine that normally costs £39.95 to local residents at only £12
- Promote the use of parks and open and spaces, invest in safe and imaginative playground equipment and its upkeep; we will be pro-active in forming and funding friends groups for all Hillingdon park.
- Promote Hillingdon's parks and open spaces, connecting with those in neighbouring local authorities, as a source of healthy, enjoyable walks
- Encourage groups of residents and user groups to take responsibility for the oversight of parks and open spaces to ensure that they are kept in good condition and add to a sense of community for the area. This should help ensure that parks are not abused by anti-social elements in the community
- Extend the use of the park constabulary to include all parks and open spaces to ensure that they are kept free of vandalism and graffiti
- Ensure proper review and monitoring of contracts for the maintenance of parks and open spaces to ensure value for money
- Ensure that proper provision is made for local people who wish can undertake skateboarding and bmx bike riding in challenging conditions.
- Cemeteries are also open spaces where peace, tranquillity and family history can be enjoyed and celebrated. It is paramount that burial rites and customs be respected. We will make every effort to ensure local cemeteries are available when needed, can be enjoyed as open spaces by all our residents and are secure and well cared for.

Hillingdon needs to raise the profile of its arts and cultural facilities. Liberal Democrats will

- Continue the progress made in the library facilities in line with government targets
- Encourage the library service to make wider use of computer facilities and the internet to access a wider range of resources than can be provided in a single library
- Seek to create a substantial local museum and to give a higher profile to the local archives held by the central library
- Work with local voluntary organisations to extend the annual arts festival which ensures participation from all the towns in the borough and ensure wide publicity for its events.

## Environment

Although Hillingdon has more green space than the majority of London Boroughs, it also has a high level of economic activity, which can contribute to damaging the environment, unless sensible action is taken. As householders and consumers we all create waste. As motorists or users of public transport we create greenhouse gases. The M4, M25 & M40 are major sources of atmospheric pollution. Local businesses also use resources and create pollution. Aircraft flying from Heathrow create a rapidly growing source of pollution but it is often not recognised that the traffic making its way to Heathrow has raised pollution levels of some Hillingdon roads above the limits set by the European Community. In its own right, the Council creates waste and pollution and is responsible, through West Waste, for the disposal of waste created by local residents.

Liberal Democrats will

- Oppose the Third Runway and associated development at Heathrow Airport. A policy of rationing the existing capacity, such as auctioning the landing slots, at Heathrow would be beneficial to the environment, would distribute flights to a wider range of airports and would reduce the security risks to the whole of London
- Progressively reduce to zero the environmental damage caused by Hillingdon Council by re-designing, reducing, re-using and recycling materials. Hillingdon Council
  - Will produce an annual environmental report to show how much damage it is causing and show how it is reducing its environmental footprint
  - Set out a policy to minimise its consumption of fuel in its buildings and through its use of transport
  - Offset the greenhouse gases generated by tree planting and other programmes
  - Undertake to generate some of its own electricity in an environmentally friendly manner
  - Promote a Zero Harm policy for Hillingdon Homes for the benefit of tenants
  - Seek to maximise recycling by the council and local residents including front gate collection for glass, plastic, paper and compostable materials
  - Provide a regular swopshop facility for residents to exchange goods that might otherwise be wasted
  - Reduce the amount of waste paper produced by the council itself
  - Insist that the council only uses recycled paper
  - Create awards for local residents and council employees who produce the greatest contribution to reducing damage to the environment.
  - Ensure that there is no return to the problem of abandoned cars on our streets
  - Promote cycling, car sharing and the use of public transport by council staff
- Preserve the local Green Belt
- Provide extra council resources for the clean up of graffiti within two days on council property. Where possible, environmentally friendly removing materials should be used
- Work with local businesses and householders for the faster removal of graffiti from private property in the worst hit areas

- Work with statutory bodies and the utilities to create a partnership for co-operation in the removal of graffiti
- Undertake to make local traders aware of their legal obligations with regard to the sale of spray paints and encourage them to introduce a voluntary scheme restricting the sale of indelible marker pens to under 16s
- Give a high priority to using organic materials for the rapid removal of graffiti on public and private premises
- Encourage the prosecution of fly-posters and the use of ASBOs for those undertaking fly-posting on a regular or commercial basis
- Introduce a 'YUK' campaign to reduce dog fouling of pavements and open spaces
- Improve the built environment by removing excess and unnecessary street signs
- Complete the borough's network of safe cycle ways
- Pledge that cycle ways and bus lanes will not be used as a means of reducing road capacity or fundraising
- Investigate and seek to eliminate the greatest traffic bottlenecks in the borough but combine this with lower speed limits in side streets to reduce rat running and provide for increased safety
- Take action to limit road speeds outside schools to 20mph
- Seek to increase the resources for pothole and pavement repairs
- Widen the participation of local residents and ward councillors in the distribution of the Chrysalis fund for minor road improvements
- Undertake a comprehensive review of parking facilities and resident parking schemes to allow a better flow of traffic and to help ensure the viability of local shopping centres. Shoppers will be given a free short term parking opportunity at all smaller shopping parades currently covered by parking meters or pay and display car parks
- Renegotiate the borough's parking contract to reward attendants for helping residents not fining them
- Press Transport for London for an extension of the Central Line to Uxbridge by linking it with the Piccadilly line
- Support the introduction of a Tram along the Uxbridge Road provided that
  - The route problems in Ealing can be solved
  - There is no reduction in the bus service
  - The Tram is extended to Hayes Station
- Encourage Transport for London to provide shorter bus routes operating on an hub system to improve reliability and timetable keeping
- Work in partnership with local businesses to develop protocols for tackling the problems of litter originating from fast food outlets
- Work in partnership with local shopkeepers to introduce a pooled delivery system
- Publicise and expand schemes for safer walking to school to encourage children to take more exercise and to reduce traffic
- Press Transport for London to build a link road from the A40 to the South Ruislip Industrial Estate
- Seek to increase the resources for street tree maintenance

- Take into account the views of organisations representing those with physical disabilities in the design and placing of pavement crossovers
- Undertake an education campaign to make businesses and residents aware of their legal and moral responsibilities to prevent fly-tipping
- Ensure that the council signs up to the DEFRA 'Flycapture' database of fly-tipping database.