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Boundary Commission Update – What you need to know for Harrow

The Local Government Boundary Commission is currently reviewing ward boundaries throughout Harrow and will shortly issue its draft recommendations for the boundaries on which the next Council elections in 2022 will be fought.

Cllr Richard Almond said “The Commission has already given its view on how many Councillors there should be. There are currently 63 – 3 for each of the 21 wards. It had invited submissions and the Harrow Labour Group’s view was that there should be at least 63. Our group’s view is that as most other budgets in local government have been reduced the budget for Councillors themselves should not be immune. We proposed a reduction to 55 and the Commission has provisionally agreed.

The Commission aims to ensure that ward boundaries reflect the interests and identities of local communities. Most of Pinner currently lies either in Pinner or Pinner South wards with the Watford branch of the Met Line dividing them. Reflecting the Commission’s aim we have proposed adding to Pinner South ward that part of Rayners Lane ward North of the Uxbridge branch of the Met Line, where residents consider themselves to be part of Pinner. That includes Village Way to the East of the Yeading Brook, the roads off it and Rayners Lane itself. Labour’s proposal involves cutting off the part of Pinner South ward on the South side of Village Way, including Stirling Avenue at the Southern end of Cannon Lane and the roads leading off it, and putting them into a new Rayners Lane ward. We oppose that idea.

The Commission’s draft proposals are due out from 4th December so by the time you read this we may know what they are. There will be a period for public consultation on those with final recommendations due around 26th March 2019. Please go onto the Commission’s website and make your views known. (<https://boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/2018-review/>).

Cllrs Richard Almond, Kam Chana and Chris Mote would like to wish everyone in Pinner South ward a **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.**

This is a wonderful time of the year and a great opportunity for families and friends to spend time together. I

Please do get in contact if you have any problems with the council. Whether you voted for us or not we are here to help. If you would like to help with our campaigning please get in touch also.



Cllr Susan Hall – taking on Mayor Sadiq Khan and reporting back to residents

Its a while since I have had the privilege of addressing Pinner South residents. Before it would have been as Leader of the Council and or Leader of the Conservatives. I am now a London Assembly Member and thus my remit is to hold Mayor Khan to account. As you may well imagine this is a constant battle. From broken promises regarding fares freezes and zero days of strikes (he now has the worst record for strikes of any Mayor) to vastly reduced planting of promised trees I could go on and on.

I will however in this article concentrate, if I may, on two major issues. Crime and transport. Mayor Khan is responsible for The Metropolitan Police and also Transport for London (TFL). I do not need to tell any of you how bad the crime statistics are - you only have to read a newspaper or watch the news. Its a crime epidemic. We are exceptionally lucky in Harrow as we are such a safe borough compared to other areas in London. However, we must all be vigilant. I am calling on the Mayor to allow our frontline officers to use spit guards on offenders as they are disgracefully spat at and bitten all too often. At the moment there is a reluctance to allow this but I will continue to press as in my view we need to give our brave officers everything we can to help them protect themselves.

I also want to mention the Met line. I have had so much correspondence about how bad the service has become. I have asked questions at the Mayor’s question time and put in written questions. The service continues to let us down. I am aware of this first hand as I use Pinner Station all the time to get to City Hall. I am about to do a petition to present to the Mayor regarding this and if any readers would support this please let me know via e mail, twitter @Councillorsuzie or please contact your excellent Pinner South Councillors. If you have any London Wide issues I am here to help. You can contact me easily on susan.hall@london.gov.uk and I would be delighted to hear from you.

LOCAL ISSUES, LOCAL ACTION, LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

Home Residents Businesses Take Part MyHarrow

Transport and streets > Street maintenance

Street maintenance

Fly tipping
Report incidents of dumped waste in the borough

Street cleaning
Report incidents which require the street to be cleaned, such as excessive litter, dead animals, dog fouling, road and street spillages

Report a fallen or dangerous tree
Report incidents of trees which can pose a danger, such as leaning over or fallen down

Abandoned vehicle
Report incidents of abandoned vehicles in the borough

Street litter bins
Report problems with the street litter bins in the borough

Graffiti removal
Report incidents of graffiti in the borough

Related info
[Road or street faults](#)
[Street lighting](#)
[Fly posting](#)
[Abandoned trolleys](#)
[Grass cutting and weed removal](#)

Pot holes, graffiti, fly tipping, etc need to be reported by residents

There is a facility on the Harrow council web site which enables residents to report issues like pot holes and graffiti.

Clr Chris Mote said “We need residents to report problems like those pictured (left) so we can scrutinise how efficiently the council fixes them. The Council is very slow to rectify such matters and is reluctant to share information on them with us. However, the more residents complain about these things the better.

Reporting a problem on-line is quite quick and if you don't have access to a computer you can still contact the Council by phone or even let us (local Councillors) know and we can help.

If we get the information, we will produce the relevant details in our future In-Touch leaflets for you to review. The Labour run Harrow council administration does not like to provide information to us. However, we will keep asking and let you know how we get on. It is important for councils to share reports properly with residents.”

Above link to report a Pot Hole and other street issues;
http://www.harrow.gov.uk/info/200089/street_maintenance

Pinner Memorial Park loses Green Flag Status, thanks to Labour run Harrow Council

Clr Richard Almond said “Pinner Memorial Park lost its Green Flag in the summer, having held it for just 3 years. That leaves Harrow with a grand total of 4 - neighbouring Hillingdon has 49.

When Harrow council last asked the public the Memorial Park came out as the most popular in the borough and everyone in Pinner knows how beautiful it can be. It is not as well looked after as it should be or used to be - particularly when it had a dedicated keeper. The council would probably blame the lack of funds but the particularly galling thing about the loss of the Green Flag is that it could so easily have been avoided and had nothing to do with money.

The park was judged to be “tired” but also to have great assets, including the Heath Robinson Museum and Daisy's Café. The field assessment score, in other words what was literally on the ground, was as good as previously. What went wrong was the paperwork and in particular the Management Plan. I asked the Labour Cabinet member responsible for parks about that at the September meeting. She said that at the time of submitting the Management Plan there was “a change of personnel” and that she believed that had affected the outcome. I asked if whoever prepared the plan had prepared one before and if there had been any checking of the work. To that there has been no answer.

The sensible conclusion is that our Green Flag was thrown away in an act of carelessness. We have put the Labour administration on notice that this must be put right by next year. We will be tracking this very closely.”

Pinner High Street 'healthiest' in Harrow and third in London

Clr Kam Chana said “Its great to see Pinner on a list like this. Pinner has a thriving community of hardworking people who bring our high street of busy cafes, restaurants and shops to life. We are delighted to learn that Pinner has been ranked as the 3rd healthiest high street in London by the Royal Society for Public Health. This could not have been achieved without local people supporting their local high street and being proud of Pinner. We know Pinner people recognise this and do a lot within Pinner. Pinner also has a Royal Charter granted since 1336 and has an annual fair.

We are never complacent about protecting Pinner and even though the Labour administration in Harrow does very little to help Pinner blossom we will be scrutinising their policies and ensuring the best for Pinner People. Pinner is a great example for other areas to follow. If you'd like to see the full report it can be found via the below link.”
<https://www.rsph.org.uk/our-work/campaigns/health-on-the-high-street/2018.html>

The 2018 results: UK wide

The ten “unhealthiest” UK high streets

1. Grimsby
2. Walsall
3. Blackpool
4. Stoke-On-Trent
5. Sunderland
6. Northampton
7. Bolton
8. Wolverhampton
9. Huddersfield
10. Bradford

The ten “healthiest” UK high streets

1. Edinburgh
2. Canterbury
3. Taunton
4. Shrewsbury
5. Cheltenham
6. York
7. Brighton & Hove
8. Eastbourne
9. Exeter
10. Cambridge

The 2018 results: London

The ten “unhealthiest” London high streets

1. West Green Road/ Seven Sisters, Haringey
2. Roman Road (West), Tower Hamlets
3. Thornton Heath, Croydon
4. Angel Edmonton, Enfield
5. South Norwood, Croydon
6. New Addington, Croydon
7. Neasden, Brent
8. Harlesden, Brent
9. Canning Town, Newham
10. Rainham, Havering

The ten “healthiest” London high streets

1. Muswell Hill, Haringey
2. Hornchurch, Havering
3. Pinner, Harrow
4. St John's Wood, City of Westminster
5. Temple Fortune, Barnet
6. Hampstead, Camden
7. Kingsbury, Brent/Harrow
8. Whetstone, Barnet
9. Teddington, Richmond upon Thames
10. Beckenham, Bromley