

LIBERAL DEMOCRAT

FOCUS on Clementswood



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STOP THE NHS CUTS!

Redbridge Liberal Democrats have launched a campaign to stop the threatened cuts to our local Hospital and preserve King George V Hospital as a fully functioning District General Hospital with an Accident and Emergency facility. *The crisis is due to the Labour Government telling health service chiefs that they should cut services to clear all NHS Hospital Trust deficits.*

Here in Redbridge we are suffering from a double whammy with the new Oldchurch Park Hospital, being built under a Private Finance Initiative having to be filled in order to pay for itself.

Over the last decade, the Government has put the NHS in a state of near permanent upheaval. Constant organisational change has caused real disruption. Central government has meddled and fiddled constantly and has tried to micro-manage the NHS from Whitehall.

Clinical staff should be freed up to get on with using their skills and judgment to maximum effect and with minimum political meddling.

Help to Save KING GEORGE V HOSPITAL by returning this form

STOP THE NHS CUTS PETITION

To Patricia Hewitt, Secretary of State for Health
I/we the undersigned urge you to halt the proposed cuts to our local NHS Hospitals

Name (s)

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Please return this form to Irfan Mustafa

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The Lib Dems may use this information to contact from time to time on issues we feel may be important to you. If you do not want to receive this information please place a tick in this box



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Irfan Mustafa has lived in Redbridge for the last fourteen years with his wife and two school age children. He has been involved in community and voluntary work from his student days.

Irfan said " It is vital that any changes to the delivery of health services are driven by clinical priorities, not financial crises. The public is entitled to be sceptical when big changes to local hospitals happen at a time of financial pressure but are presented as being solely about patient care."

Why the Liberal Democrats?

Irfan said, "After 11 years of membership I, and some of my colleagues, became very disillusioned with the national, international and local policies adopted by the Labour Party. The party has failed to deliver their promises of their manifestos since 1997 and has gone in the same direction as the Conservatives. A dictatorial leadership at the national level and non-existence of the leadership at the local level in Redbridge has resulted in dissatisfaction of all party members. The Redbridge Labour Party has no direction and no commitment to fight the Tories for the betterment of the local residents. There are now more Chiefs than supporters/workers in the Redbridge Labour Party.

The Liberal Democrats on the other hand have right policies for national and local issues. They were right about the unjust Iraq war, which is costing us loss of so many young British lives and has wasted taxpayers' money. This money could have been used for provision of better hospitals, schools and housing. The Liberal Democrats local policies put more emphasis on environment, crime reduction, cleaner streets and neighbourhood, which are also important to local residents."

LIB DEM SHARE OF THE VOTE INCREASES IN REDBRIDGE

Did you know that in the last council elections the Liberal Democrats were only one of the three main parties in Redbridge to increase their share of the vote from 19.6% to 20.7%? At the same time the overall Tory share fell by 0.9% and the Labour share fell by no less than 3.4%

"TORY COUNCILLORS AGREE TO PAY THEMSELVES MORE"

When the new Tory administration took over in May they gave every one of their members extra money called a "Special Responsibility Allowance". Some Tory councillors now get paid an extra £5,000 a year on top of the basic allowance already paid to every councillor.

Liberal Democrats tried to stop this from going through, but the Tory majority ensured that the motion was passed and they could take the extra money.

Why the Liberal DemocratsA few more reasons!

The Liberal Democrat manifesto for the May Council elections set out what we believed to be the guiding principles for Redbridge. Quality services that offer best value. Putting the environment at the heart of everything we do. Fighting for better public services even where the Council does not control them. Opening up the Council by encouraging greater participation from residents and working to promote partnerships with others. Continued support for schools ensuring Redbridge keeps its position as one of the best performing Local Education Authorities in Britain.

We believe in nothing but the highest standards of work from our contractors, cleaner streets with graffiti and abandoned objects cleared away as quickly as possible are amongst our highest priority. Protecting and enhancing our environment should guide all our policies and thinking and every Council contractor and officer would be expected to put environmental considerations first. The sustainability of every decision we make, both regarding our built and natural environment, will always be considered. Call us on 07801373612 www.redbridgelibdems.co.uk/