

# InTouch

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## Protect our green spaces

We're campaigning to ensure our precious local green spaces are protected as if they were part of a national park. See overleaf.

## Stop Mill Lane's Ghost Buses

We're campaigning to reduce congestion by stopping TfL sending empty buses down Mill Lane on the way to the depot. See overleaf.

# STOP LABOUR'S GARDEN TAX

■ Camden's Labour-run Cabinet voted in July to introduce a shock £75 charge to remove homes' garden waste. Local Conservatives oppose this garden tax and believe core services, like waste collections, should remain free.

The Garden Tax follows similar moves by Labour-run councils in Brent, Harrow, Hounslow, and Croydon. But at £75 for the annual service, it's twice as expensive as neighbouring Brent's.

People that don't pay won't get their waste collected: increasing fly-tipping and possibly reducing the level of care given to gardens.



Camden Conservatives are fighting the Garden Tax by challenging it formally. You can sign our petition at <http://refusesurvey.londonconservatives.com> or follow the QR Code to the left.

## Save weekly bin collections

■ Labour have backed plans to cut bin collections to once a fortnight in up to half of the borough: plans that local Conservatives strongly oppose.

The decision was taken by Camden's Labour-run cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> July. The precise streets affected are not known, but it's likely that most roads in our area will see their services cut to just once every two weeks.

If it goes ahead, already out-of-control fly-tipping will be exacerbated. To tackle the bags of rubbish piling up on our streets, time-banded collections have been introduced on West End Lane and Fortune Green Road. Local Conservatives are calling for this to be extended to Mill Lane, Kilburn High Road, and Cricklewood Broadway.

# LOCAL UNEMPLOYMENT AT RECORD LOW

■ The number of people out of work in Camden has fallen to a new record low in the last month, with fewer than 2,500 residents out of work in our borough for the first time since records began in 1981.

That's 3,000 fewer people out of work and having to rely on out-of-work benefits than when Labour left government in 2010: 3,000 lives turned around thanks to improving opportunity and access to employment.

Here in West Hampstead, unemployment has fallen by almost two-thirds since Labour left office. **Nick, David,** and **Rahoul** are proud of the hard work and success of local residents and endeavour to help promote local business so that continues.

**Local issues, local action, local Conservatives**

**Keeping in touch**

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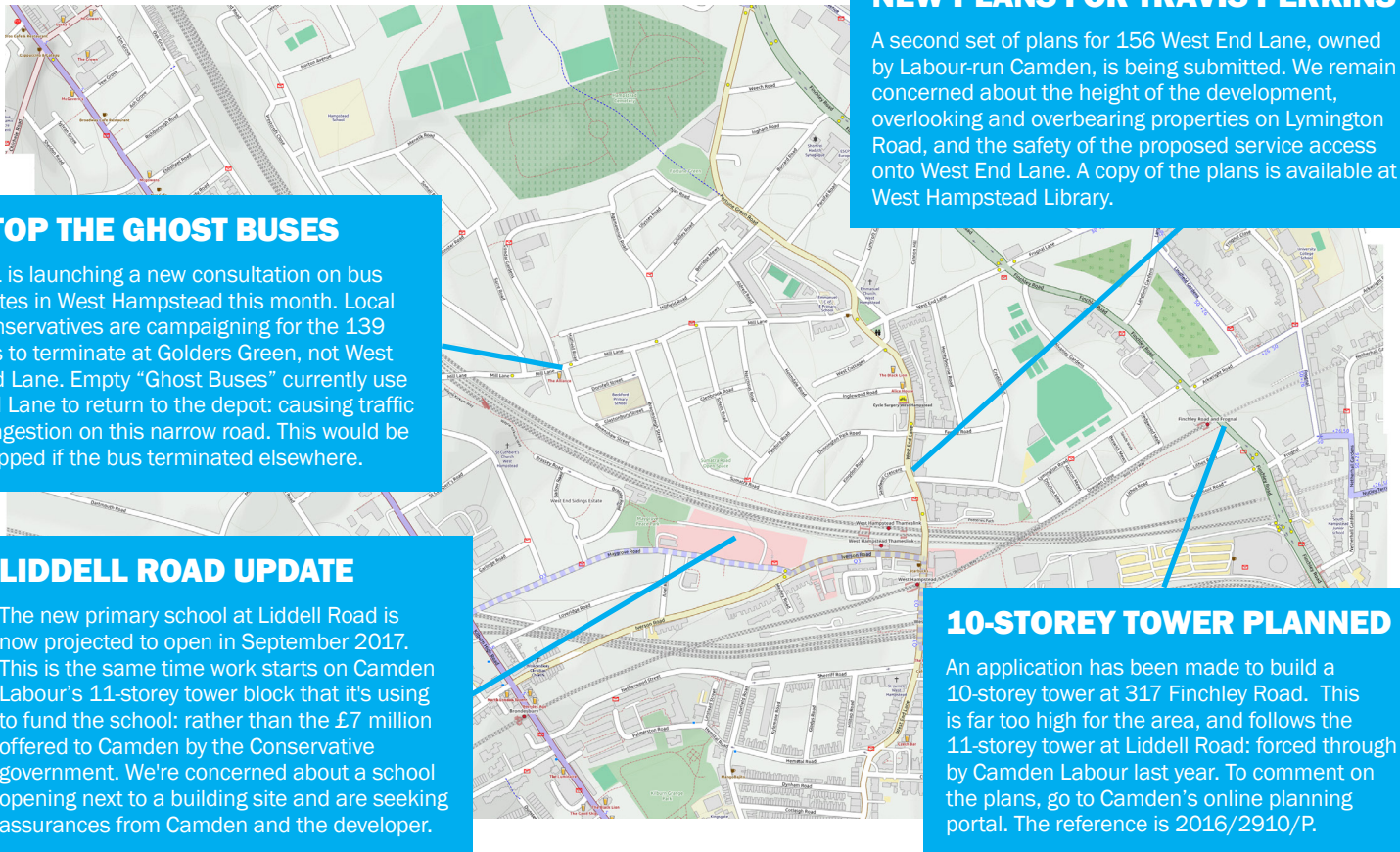
Please raise any issue or problem of concern you would like help with.

**How can you help us?**

- Join the local Conservative Party**  
Joining the Party is the best way to get involved and support our campaigns. You'll be invited to regular events.
- Deliver newsletters in your street**  
These newsletters are delivered free by volunteers like you. You can help us.

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**STOP THE GHOST BUSES**

TFL is launching a new consultation on bus routes in West Hampstead this month. Local Conservatives are campaigning for the 139 bus to terminate at Golders Green, not West End Lane. Empty "Ghost Buses" currently use Mill Lane to return to the depot: causing traffic congestion on this narrow road. This would be stopped if the bus terminated elsewhere.

**NEW PLANS FOR TRAVIS PERKINS**

A second set of plans for 156 West End Lane, owned by Labour-run Camden, is being submitted. We remain concerned about the height of the development, overlooking and overbearing properties on Lymington Road, and the safety of the proposed service access onto West End Lane. A copy of the plans is available at West Hampstead Library.

**LIDDELL ROAD UPDATE**

The new primary school at Liddell Road is now projected to open in September 2017. This is the same time work starts on Camden Labour's 11-storey tower block that it's using to fund the school: rather than the £7 million offered to Camden by the Conservative government. We're concerned about a school opening next to a building site and are seeking assurances from Camden and the developer.

**10-STORY TOWER PLANNED**

An application has been made to build a 10-storey tower at 317 Finchley Road. This is far too high for the area, and follows the 11-storey tower at Liddell Road: forced through by Camden Labour last year. To comment on the plans, go to Camden's online planning portal. The reference is 2016/2910/P.

**Protect our green spaces like a national park**

■ **West Hampstead Conservatives are backing a campaign to treat London's green spaces as if they were part a national park: improving our community's beauty, residents' health, and local biodiversity.**

**Nick Grierson, David Brescia, and Rahoul Bhansali** back the National Park City Initiative, which aims to ensure all Londoners can access high-quality green spaces and improve air and water quality each year.

The initiative is funded entirely by sponsorship, without costing taxpayers a penny, and would send a signal to government that Londoners want their green spaces to be protected.

Your local Conservative campaigners have long fought to protect and enhance West Hampstead's green spaces: from West End Green to Maygrove Peace Park.