

# On 6<sup>th</sup> May Croydon faces a stark choice

## Do you want Conservative sound management or Labour irresponsibility?

Inside: Conservatives to fund more police, our key election pledges, standing up for Addiscombe

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## A team which stands up for Addiscombe

*On the 6th May the people of Addiscombe decide who will represent them on Croydon Council for the next four years. As two-thirds of the team who have stood up for Addiscombe since 2006 (Maria and Andrew are seeking re-election for a second term), it has been a great honour to serve the community. We hope you will agree that our record is strong enough for us to deserve your support again.*

When we stood for election in 2006 we promised to stand up for Addiscombe. Sometimes that has meant arguing against the 'party line', and we have been very successful in getting a change of policy where we think it is in our area's best interests.

In 2007 and 2008 we opposed the development of an Arena on the site next to East Croydon Station, because we were concerned about the impact it would have on the part of Addiscombe around the station. Working with residents, we won the planning inquiry, meaning the scheme could not go ahead.

In 2008 and 2009 we opposed the Menta scheme for the other side of the station. Whilst elements of that scheme had merit - not least tidying up an area in great need of regeneration - we felt that the scheme proposed was too large and the height of the tower blocks completely out of proportion to the low-rise terraces nearby. Faced with concerted local opposition, the developer withdrew the scheme. These are two examples of how we have protected Addiscombe's interests, even at the price of sometimes making us unpopular within our own party!



*Clockwise from top left: We successfully opposed the Menta scheme; And also the Arena on the Gateway site; the new Railway Park is a great asset to the area.*

But being a good councillor is not just about opposing; it is also about making a positive impact on local communities. Since 2006 we have developed and opened Addiscombe Railway Park, increased on-street parking provision, introduced conservation area status in the East India estate and successfully opposed insensitive planning applications in Lebanon, Stretton, Elgin, Canning and Addiscombe Court Roads (and many others too!)

***We hope you will support us on May 6th!***

Your local team

Maria

Rob

Andrew

**VOTE**  
Conservative



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**Unlike Labour's team, all three of our candidates live in the ward**



## More police for Croydon



*If elected as the next Council administration, we will enter into a binding agreement with the Met to fund an additional 25 police officers for Croydon who cannot be redeployed elsewhere*

Now that we have a new guarantee that any additional police officers the Council funds won't be redeployed elsewhere in London, we intend to shift spending from funding uniformed Council officers to full police officers. Whilst the Council officers have done a good job, they do not have the powers of a police officer and we know, from all the feedback we get from residents, that it is more police officers you want to see.

Addiscombe candidate, Rob King, says "We really welcome this development, which will see the uniformed police presence on our streets rise noticeably. All across Addiscombe, residents tell us that more police will help them feel safer, but only a Conservative administration will provide the financial stability to provide them. The question is: can you trust Labour to make the same sort of investment in public safety?"

# VOTE Conservative



in the Local Election on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May for

**An efficient Council and the lowest possible Council Tax**

**A road resurfacing programme to deal with the decade of Labour under-investment**

**25 extra council-funded police officers on the beat**

**Extended recycling including food waste**

**Free parking in district centres**

**Record investment in the Borough's fabric**

## News in Pictures



*Left: Maria is delighted that flats in Addiscombe now have recycling containers and is looking forward to the expansion of food waste recycling in the borough.*

*Right: A key priority for the team is to deal with the increasing congestion at East Croydon Station: an additional ticket hall at the other end of the platforms and a pedestrian link from Cherry Orchard Road to Lansdowne Road are the objective*



Which would you prefer?

**0.8%** OR

**27%?**

**VOTE Conservative**  
Local Election: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May



In 2010 your Conservative Council set the **lowest** Council Tax increase ever in Croydon at 0.8%: in 2003 Labour increased it by the **highest** amount ever, a whopping 27.3%