

A Conservative Party Member Meeting will be held at the Peabody Estate on **Wednesday 26 April 2017** to vote in Conservative candidates to stand as Councillors for the Northcote Road Ward. If you are a Conservative Party Member planning to attend this meeting, PLEASE read our comments below about the current Council's actions in relation to the proposed Northcote Road Library and Chatham Hall development.

Please vote in your next Councillors bearing this information in mind. Thank you.

How effectively are your councillors protecting residents' interests?

Wandsworth councillors have used public funds to defend the Council's position over its proposed Northcote Road Library and Chatham Hall development.

The Council sent a letter at public expense to the homes of over 5,000 residents. This was after a meeting on 28 February, where residents had raised concerns about the proposed development, including the way the Council was handling the consultation process.

- The letter seems to have been produced in response to the strongly negative views expressed at that meeting.
- It was sent out just one week before the end of the public consultation, so there was no time to respond to its content.
- It stated...“unfortunately there is some misinformation circulating locally that misrepresents what is being proposed”. However, the letter did not then say what was meant by “misinformation” nor “misrepresentation”.

Wandsworth councillors have not carried out the consultation process for the proposed development in a proper manner

1. At the start of the process, the Council did not inform all the parties* likely to be affected by the development.
2. The drawings on show at the start of the process failed to include all the requisite detail:
the scale of the drawings was not given. This made it impossible to confirm the total square meterage stated.
3. Throughout the process, the Council has refused to explain the financing behind this development. There has been no information, for example, as to how the development will be ‘cost neutral’.
4. The Council has offered only one option for the development. However, any consultation process relating to public property is required to offer more than one option in order for it to be considered legitimate.

** Council's letter of 20 March to a local resident: “...Council paper (16-458), ...discussed at the Community Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 16 November 2016. “The business owner attended the meeting, and witnessed the discussion...” In fact, the business owner (Alphabet Nursery) first heard of the Council's plans on 17 January 2017, from her staff. “...There have been three further meetings between council offers and the owner of Alphabet Nursery...” In fact the owner herself initiated a meeting with Councillor Cook (1 March 2017). She has heard nothing from him since, nor received a reply to her letter, “sent signed for”.*