

**A SAFER, CLEANER, GREENER
EALING**

**EALING CONSERVATIVES
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Vote for your local Ealing Conservative candidates.

We will:

Open a police hub in every ward.

Improve street lighting and increase CCTV coverage

Oppose unwanted tower blocks.

Increase the number of family-sized homes

Reinstate weekly street cleaning.

Install 2000 electric car charging points in the Borough.



Ealing Safety First

Ealing residents must feel safe as they move around the Borough. Our measures will focus on safety for women, and a reduction in domestic violence, robbery and drug-dealing.

Ealing Conservatives pledge to:

install a police hub in every Ealing ward.

upgrade street lighting and reverse the policy of dimming street lights after 10pm.

support “Ask for Angela”, OWL and other police initiatives

install more street CCTV coverage and create a CCTV library for the Borough

act against speeding drivers, motorcycle offenders and unlicensed e-scooters

ensure anti-social tenants are quickly transferred out of Ealing’s housing

encourage resident participation in ward safety panels

help victims of domestic violence by working with local hospitals

act relentlessly to prevent all hate crime and bullying

tackle female genital mutilation, forced marriages and abuse of children.



Cleaning Ealing

Residents have reported a significant increase in the amount of rubbish on Ealing's streets. Fly-tipping has increased since the pandemic, with criminal gangs operating almost at will. Conservatives will work with residents to make Ealing London's cleanest borough.

Ealing Conservatives pledge to

restore weekly street-cleaning in all Ealing streets

tackle fly-tipping and littering by raising fines to the maximum allowed by law

end the £82-a-year Garden Tax, restoring free collection of green waste

provide clearer information on what can be recycled

end the booking system at the Greenford recycling centre

end charging for disposal of DIY materials at the Greenford recycling centre

cut bulk collection charges by 50%

unblock street gullies and work with Thames Water to prevent flooding.

empty heavily used public bins more frequently.

install more public recycling bins

provide more dog waste bins



Ealing's Environment

Ealing Conservatives are committed to raising air quality by encouraging the use of electric vehicles, opening up more green spaces and planting more trees.

We will act resolutely against deliberate pollution of Ealing's roads and waterways, but we will not reinstate the ineffective Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.

Ealing is defined by its magnificent green spaces. We will not permit these to be sold for development

We will encourage healthy activity like cycling and walking and we pledge to re-open the Gurnell Leisure Centre.

Air quality: we pledge to

install 2000 extra electric charging points in the borough.

impose £80 fines for deliberate engine idling.

provide grants to private landlords who make new Ealing homes more sustainable.

replace the Council's diesel vehicles with electric vehicles.

encourage going to school by foot, bike, or public transport.

Cycling: we pledge to

hold a consultation on the need for bike parking spaces

offer bicycle health-check drop-ins.

extend the Council's cyclist training programme, with free lessons for under 18s.

back more local cycling quietways.



Ealing's Environment

Opening more green spaces: we pledge to

open pocket parks for recreation and environmental improvement.

plant 50,000 new trees on streets across the borough.

reinforce and reorganise the tree pruning department.

place Tree Preservation Orders on all ancient trees and most veteran trees.

support the Queen's Green Canopy and other national initiatives.

Protecting local biodiversity: we pledge to

plant hedgerows next to fences on council land.

amend planning guidelines to encourage hedge-planting in new developments.

plant wild flowers in green spaces where possible.

designate more nature reserves in Ealing and open a wildlife corridor.



Ealing's Growth

Ealing's neighbourhoods are internationally renowned for their beauty and character. Each community has a distinct identity and personality which Ealing Conservatives want to preserve. We nevertheless recognise the need for more housing and will focus on increasing the number of family-sized homes.

Development must not threaten quality of life. We will oppose unwanted tower blocks that dwarf communities and developments that are out of character with their surroundings. We will not permit development on Metropolitan Open Land.

Construction can be disruptive. We will mitigate its impact by improving construction management and clamping down on developers that break the rules.

We will separate the Planning and Regeneration departments to ensure that planning is fully independent from the political and financial interests of the Council.

Building: we pledge to

oppose unwanted high-rise developments.

increase the number of family-sized homes.

promote high-density housing in terraces, mansion blocks, and mews housing.

oppose basement excavations which threaten neighbouring properties or impact underground river flows.

ban back-garden developments.

resurface damaged roads and repair dangerous pavements.

tighten construction management plans, limiting hours of work and enforcing construction site rules.



Ealing's Growth

Planning: we pledge to

reinstate letters to neighbours announcing planning applications.

make sure that Ealing fulfils its legal obligation to take account of Neighbourhood Plans

strengthen conservation areas by updating out-of-date Conservation Area statements.

reform the Planning Department to make it more transparent and accessible to residents.

devote extra resources to planning enforcement.

Repairing our roads and pavements: we pledge to

invest in a major repaving and resurfacing programme.

fix dangerous pavements and repair potholes.

Restoring our heritage: we pledge to

protect Ealing's heritage for future generations

restore historic street furniture and install elegant street signs.



Ealing Education

Ealing Conservatives are committed to making sure our borough has enough good and outstanding school places for every child. London's schools now lead the country, and we want Ealing's to do the same.

We will hold a root-and-branch review of how our schools serve our worst-off and marginalised families to ensure every child makes the most of his or her potential.

We will help heads and teachers to improve discipline and tackle bullying, including homophobic and racist bullying. We will encourage schools with the worst behaviour to learn from the best.

Ealing Conservatives pledge to:

support governors if they decide to collaborate with other schools, whether in an informal partnership or by joining a multi-academy trust.

ensure computing and coding are taught in all schools throughout Ealing.

promote enterprise education and teaching of soft skills.

support teacher training by sharing Apprenticeship funding with all schools

increase employability by encouraging apprenticeships, links with universities and organising more work fairs.

encourage continuing professional development in the borough.

raise the takeup of free school meals.



Ealing Education

Providing for all children: we pledge to

ensure that all children benefit from the Government's free childcare of 30 hours a week for families of 3-and 4-year-olds thereby saving families around £5,000 per year.

expand schools that provide alternative provision and for those who have been excluded.

deliver more school places for children with complex Special Educational Needs, such as so-called ARPs (Additional Resource Provision).

encourage intervention in schools where there is entrenched underperformance.

ensure that parents can choose the schools that best suit their children

Raising school standards: we pledge to

work with Ealing Learning to raise school standards.

assist enterprise education across all schools, teaching young people about creative problem-solving, collaboration, and other key business skills.

retain our commitment to the core subjects while also investing in arts, music, and sports.

invest in primary school PE teaching

help schools make good use of their sports facilities, promoting physical literacy and competitive sport.

help local independent schools to share resources with state schools, benefitting all pupils.

Sixth formers, school-leavers and adult learners: we pledge to

offer training opportunities and apprenticeships to all 16–24-year-olds

offer career advice to young people leaving education at 16 and 18.

work with schools to give students the confidence to apply to the college or university of their choice.

work with businesses to provide life-long training.



Reforming Ealing

Ealing Conservatives believe in conserving what's best about our Borough but we also believe in reforming and fixing what's wrong.

We believe that Ealing Council is too wasteful, too unaccountable and reluctant to engage with residents. Since 2010 Ealing Conservatives have been the only party to provide an alternative that would lead to lower taxes, less waste, and more money for front-line services.

We will improve the efficiency of council transactions such as parking and waste collection services and we will thoroughly overhaul all telephone and digital communications. We will support ward forums and examine a range of new ways for residents to connect with ward councillors.

Council revenue: we pledge to

freeze Ealing's share of core Council Tax for each of the next four years.

only collect the tax necessary to fund essential public services

use the revenue from former LTN fines for repairs to Ealing's roads.

ensure all contractors are paid at least the London living wage

Value for money: we pledge to

freeze councillor allowances, reduce the size of the Cabinet and abolish the political office of the Leader of the Council, saving £130k per year.

end the funding of trade union branch officials using taxpayers' money

reduce spending on Ealing's publicity department.

Supporting Business: we pledge to

support Small Business Rate relief for businesses in Ealing.

ensure that all businesses in Ealing have access to super-fast broadband.

work with High Street Watch, chambers of commerce and business clubs to promote retail and make Ealing a major London destination.



Reforming Ealing

Engaging with ward councillors: we pledge to

support and fund regular ward forums

give ward forums extra powers to examine traffic management, community safety, environmental issues and planning.

examine other opportunities to engage with ward councillors, in person and online.

Improving communications: we pledge to

reduce waiting times for the Contact Ealing phone line

overhaul Ealing's website, email communication and digital media output.

engage with community groups and advice centres.



Ealing's Housing

We will uphold the requirement for new developments to contribute to affordable housing and end Labour's practice of waiving or reducing this amount.

We recognise that new homes cannot be provided in isolation and must be supported by accompanying infrastructure.

Ealing Conservatives will fight for a better deal for the third of local residents that rent privately.

We will review the licensing of Houses of Multiple Occupancy and take enforcement action where they become the focus of antisocial and criminal activity.

Building more affordable housing: we pledge to

require all developments over 10 units to provide 50% affordable housing

build 3,000 genuinely affordable homes.

track the number of new houses built by regularly publishing an Annual Monitoring Report.

require developers of large sites to make S106 financial contributions that are no less than the market price of an average 3-bedroom flat in the borough.

secure a site for a Community Land Trust within the Crossrail corridor.

Value and upkeep for council leaseholders and tenants: we pledge to

pay contractors only when the work is signed off by residents

track works by creating maintenance logs for every council property

Private renters

We will set up a scheme to offer bridging loans to cover security deposits when they move within Ealing. This will allow tenants to pay a new deposit and then repay Ealing when their old deposit is returned.

New residents

We will provide welcome packs to movers when they register to pay Council Tax. Packs will state the names and contact details of ward councillors, explain local services and introduce community groups including resident associations.



Ealing's Elderly and Vulnerable

In the new era of high inflation and a leap in the cost of living, Ealing Council's first responsibility is the needs of its most vulnerable residents. We will work with neighbouring boroughs, government agencies, and charities to address some of their major problems.

That means caring for our elderly, combating social isolation, making life easier for disabled residents, tackling Ealing's homelessness crisis, and supporting low-income families.

Care users and their families will be central to our partnership approach to delivering social care, ensuring that the journey from presentation to receiving care is as smooth as possible.

Mental illness is a growing problem that must be treated more effectively. We will adopt best practice for local authorities from mental health charity Mind and give equal weight to mental health and physical health.

Caring for Ealing's Elderly and Vulnerable: we pledge to

revive luncheon clubs, walking groups and other social activities.

help older people let spare rooms to younger people at a reduced rent by screening prospective lodgers.

encourage intergenerational volunteering among Ealing's large student population.

ensure Ealing is a dementia-friendly community.

Helping disabled and at-risk residents: we pledge to

train care providers to integrate health and adult social care.

Work with TfL to maximise safety for disabled or older people and people travelling with prams.



Ealing's Elderly and Vulnerable

Supporting the NHS and mental health: we pledge to

hold local NHS leaders to their commitments not to close beds at Ealing Hospital unless they see a sustained reduction in attendances.

work with our partners in the NHS and the community to develop programmes targeted at prevention and at keeping people healthy and independent for longer.

ensure that health facilities are provided as part of new developments by considering GP and dentist surgery places in development decisions.

assist the NHS with capital funding, provided by developments through S106 contributions, to purchase or invest in sites.

Tackling homelessness: we pledge to

ensure we have staff with the foreign language skills to help homeless people regardless of their background.

work with the police to tackle spice and other synthetic street drugs,

work more closely with shelters and other charitable groups.



EALING COUNCIL ELECTIONS

5th May 2022



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