Making our area better

A message from Sadiq

“TOOTING is my home. I was born here, went to school here and we’re now bringing up our children here. My top priority as MP is working with local councillors and residents to make our area a better place for us all to live.

I am pleased that our fantastic local campaigns have recently seen some great results...

Earlsfield Station

Since I was first elected in 2005, I’ve been campaigning to improve local stations. I secured funding for the excellent new facilities at Earlsfield Station, including a new booking hall, lifts and extra ticket machines.

Road safety success

As a parent, I know how important road safety is. I have long campaigned for safe crossings on Furzedown Road, by the Thrale Road roundabout and, with the congregation of St Boniface Church, for one on Mitcham Road. Wandsworth Council said no, but we kept fighting and both crossings have now been installed.

Burnwood School

When the Tory-led government scrapped Labour’s Building Schools for the Future scheme, I fought to ensure that the work still went ahead at Burnwood School. I’m delighted to see the new classrooms being built.

A big part of my job is meeting local residents at surgeries and helping with any individual problems they may have. A BBC survey highlighted that I see over 1,500 constituents in surgeries in a year, amongst the highest of any MP in London.

Remember, that I’m here to help, whatever your politics.

Do get in touch.”

Tories slash local police numbers

Across the country, the Tories have been inflicting devastating cuts on neighbourhood police services.

We will have fewer bobbies on the beat in our area. The number of officers dedicated to some local patches is being cut in half; which means losing officers with vital local knowledge and relationships with residents.

On top of this, Tory Mayor Boris Johnson wanted to close Tooting Police Station at Amen Corner to the public. Thanks to Sadiq’s campaigning, the station will now stay open three hours per week, and he is continuing to campaign to extend this further. The nearest 24-hour station will be in Battersea, Brixton or Wimbledon.

Sadiq Khan MP said, “Proposals from Mayor Boris Johnson are reckless, further cutting police numbers and removing officers with vital local knowledge from our streets. I’m glad that the Mayor listened to local concerns and that the station will stay open, but three hours a week is not enough.”

“Police morale is at its lowest point for a decade and local residents deserve better. That’s why I’m fighting the changes every step of the way.”

For more on the campaign and the proposals visit www.sadiqkhan.org.uk.

What the Tory Mayor’s plans mean for you and your family:

⇒ FEWER police officers with local knowledge of our community

⇒ FURTHER to travel to an open police station to report crime

Action needed to get our economy growing

Growth down, youth unemployment up, borrowing up and millionaires laughing all the way to the bank. That’s David Cameron and George Osborne’s record after three years in power.

Our economy is flat-lining, prices are rising faster than wages, nearly a million young people are unemployed and the government is set to borrow a staggering £245 billion more than they planned to pay for this failure.

We need a bank bonus tax to fund a jobs guarantee for young people, a new lower 10p starting rate of tax to ease the squeeze and investment to build 100,000 affordable homes and get construction workers back to work.

Instead, the Tories and Lib Dems have given 13,000 millionaires a tax cut worth an average £100,000 while slashing tax credits, child benefit and introducing the bedroom tax.

Sadiq Khan MP said, “David Cameron and George Osborne’s economic plan is failing but they can’t admit it and won’t do anything about it. Meanwhile, millions of British people struggle to make ends meet and the national debt goes up and up.”

“We need real action to break this cycle of debt and misery. But the government’s priorities are helping millionaires and cutting public services. We need a change in government to get our country back on track.”
Bedroom Tax to hit hundreds of Tooting families

Hundreds of local families are being punished by the Tory-led government for having a spare bedroom – even if they need it.

An estimated 855 people – often in low-paid jobs – in Tooting constituency who need help with housing costs will lose around £15 a week.

In many cases the room isn’t spare at all, for example because they are divorced and they have their children stay with them for some of the week. Others have had their home designed to help them cope with a disability.

Even if they don’t need the room and could move, there aren’t enough smaller homes for them to move to. Across Wandsworth, over 2,000 families are affected but recent figures show that there are just ten one- or two-bedroom properties they could move into.

Sadiq Khan MP said, “We have a housing crisis in this country, especially in London. What we need is the government to invest in new homes – this would boost the economy and help people find a place to live that’s right for them.”

“Instead, David Cameron is imposing the bedroom tax on some of the poorest people in our area, including many working in jobs that don’t pay a living wage. At the same time they’re cutting tax for millionaires. Once again the Tories are showing that they only really stand up for the richest in society.”

Local Tories making you pay more for less

Wandsworth Tories have rejected Labour’s proposals to freeze Council Tax this year – and have put its share up by nearly 3%.

Labour has identified £5m worth of administrative savings, in part by reducing the number of senior managers, many of whom earn more than £100,000 per year.

Councillor Rex Osborn, Leader of the Labour Group said, “Our plan would freeze the Council Tax, and restore some of the services that have been cut – such as One O’clock clubs and school crossing patrols.”

As well as putting up tax, local Tories are stopping the ‘meals on wheels’ service that provides daily hot meals for vulnerable and elderly people across Tooting.

Sadiq Khan MP said, “Wandsworth Tories are happy to axe services that local people rely on. Yet dozens of Town Hall bosses are paid over £100,000 a year. Who do the Tories think they are elected to help?”

Ed Miliband in Tooting

Labour Party Leader Ed Miliband visited Tooting to outline Labour’s plans to build a united One Nation Britain based on integration, tolerance and respect.

Sadiq Khan MP said, “I was extremely proud to welcome Ed to Tooting. People of all different ages, ethnicities and religions were there to listen to the speech and to ask some really good and thought provoking questions”.

Ed Miliband MP said, “Tooting is a fantastic part of London. It is somewhere where people of all different backgrounds, Christians, Muslims, Sikhs, Hindus, Jews and those of no faith, live and work together. A place where people don’t just tolerate each other, but build friendships, families and businesses across communities. That’s the kind of country we want to build.”

SADIQ OUT & ABOUT

Sadiq is working closely with mums at the Windmill One O’Clock Club on Wandsworth Common, to fight the Tory Council’s plans to close the club this August.

Sadiq welcomed year 9 students from his old school, Ernest Bevin, to Parliament. They discussed why a foodbank is sadly needed in Wandsworth and what people can do to support them.

Sadiq supported people running the London and Brighton Marathons for St George’s Hospital charity. He invited them to Parliament to say thank you for raising money for such a good cause.

You can read more about Sadiq’s activities on his website at www.sadiqkhan.org.uk

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