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on Eltham South

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Conservative police cuts will hurt London

Conservative Mayor of London Boris Johnson has slashed £16million from the Metropolitan Police budget this year in a move that will see 455 police officers cut by 2012.

"Lib Dems want to increase police on the streets and cut waste. For example the Mayor spends huge amounts on consultants and press officers. This money would be better spent recruiting people to fight crime," said Eltham South Lib Dem campaigner **Mark Pattenden**.

The Liberal Democrats on the London Assembly put forward proposals that would have seen 246 more front-line police officers across London.

Mark Pattenden continued "When he was first elected Mayor Boris Johnson promised to make fighting crime his number one priority. Cutting 455 police officers is an insult to Londoners and is an odd way to keep your promises."

How the Liberal Democrats would cut waste and perks in the Metropolitan Police

- Abolish chauffeurs and limousines for senior officers other than those needed for security purposes.
Saving: £1.615m
- Stop business and first-class travel by senior police officers, unless it is security related.
Saving: £0.57m
- Halve the number of press officers.
Saving: £3.035m
- Reduce the use of consultants by a third.
Saving: £3.76m

Total cash saved = £8.98million
Police officers cut = NIL



NHS commitment - local Lib Dem campaigners Mark Pattenden and Boba Rangelov outside the Passey Place Centre

Nick Clegg's Lib Dem NHS Guarantee: We will protect vital frontline services

Labour is cutting frontline services. Many Conservatives want to sell off the NHS.

Only Nick Clegg and the Liberal Democrats will protect the vital services we all rely on.

Nick Clegg says, "Every vote for the Liberal Democrats is a vote to keep our NHS safe."

"We will cut waste and bureaucracy and put the money to good use. That money can be used to improve care and protect frontline services."

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A fresh start for our local area - Liberal Democrats

Tenants lose out as Labour gets its sums wrong

Local council tenants may have to wait years longer for desperately needed repairs to their homes because Labour-run Greenwich Council has got its sums wrong.

The cost of buying back properties due to be demolished on the Ferrier Estate has doubled to over £23million. Labour councillors have decided to fund some of this gap by taking money out of the housing investment budget, which is normally used to repair council homes."

Local Liberal Democrat campaigner **Michael Lewis** says, "The Labour Council has mishandled the Ferrier redevelopment and council tenants across the borough are going to suffer.

"The Council should be doing more to bring its properties up to the standard that residents are entitled to expect.

"Raiding money set aside for housing repairs to pay for Labour's financial mistakes will only make things worse."

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Residents' concern over road safety

An issue that keeps coming up as the Lib Dem FOCUS team talk to local residents is road safety.

*Mark Pattenden first raised the issue of traffic speeds in **Blanmerle Road** back in 2006 when he was a councillor for the local area. But the Labour council won't take action until there is an accident.*



Boba Rangelov, who has previously worked with Greenwich Council's Road Safety Team teaching parents and children road safety skills, has been contacted by local residents about dangerous hotspots like **Court Road** and **Southend Crescent**.



Mark Pattenden has welcomed the news that Greenwich Council is looking seriously at the dangerously high traffic speeds in **Green Lane**. A real solution can only be found by genuinely consulting local residents.

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If you know of a local problem which needs attention use this space to have your own say...

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