

# Trafford News

**Councillors ask for more time on Place Plan consultations for Hale and Sale Moor.**



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**Labour promised to fix potholes before their local election win, so now, shouldn't they keep their promise?**



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# GREEN BELT THREAT EXPOSED

## More Dither and Delay!

**Yet another delay has now been confirmed on deciding the final plans for the future of Timperley Wedge Green Belt part of the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework (GMSF).**

Under the original proposals by the Labour Mayor, Andy Burnham, 2,400 houses are proposed to be built on the green belt between Timperley and Hale Barns. However, Burnham has now delayed confirming on the plans until after he is up for election in May.

Local Councillor, Patrick Myers said, "What local residents want is for the Mayor to stop these plans, and it is frustrating that he has chosen to dither until after the crucial local elections.

The scale of the proposals don't

work for residents in Hale Barns and Timperley; local services such as schools and roads cannot cope with the additional pressures proposed to be put upon them.

In addition, we would lose one of the few remaining green areas around us. We are calling on Trafford Labour to pull out of the proposals, so that we can design a plan together that works for the local community, focusing developments on brownfield land rather than our precious green belt."



**We are not prepared to allow our green belt land to be built on and demand our own Local Plan, which we have begun to produce. The Labour leader in Trafford backs both the GMSF and Andy Burnham's plans to support luxury houses on our green belt.**

**TRAFFORD'S GREEN BELT IS UP FOR GRABS UNDER LABOUR!**

For more information and to have your say: [www.traffordconservatives.com/GMSF](http://www.traffordconservatives.com/GMSF)

# PEOPLE HAVE GIVEN A CLEAR MANDATE



**Cllr Nathan Evans — Conservative Group Leader**

**Following the recent General Election, we have been given a clear message from the electorate. Conservatives in Trafford need to make sure we are placed to deliver on those commitments.**

Making sure we reap the benefits locally that the new Government is committed to. More police, better infrastructure, and investing in our NHS.

We need to capitalise on the better transport links and look to deliver them, maximising the green initiatives.

Research and Development is high on the Government's agenda and Trafford can play a huge role in the North.

We may not have the ear of the Council, but we have the ear of the Government, and we will work closely with the government to seize all opportunities on offer for the area, for our residents and for our businesses.

We see the positives of having the North firmly on the government's agenda. After the massive gains we made, we now have the ability to call upon nine Conservative MPs in the Greater Manchester area to fight our corner.

# COUNCIL CHAMBER NEWS:

## Sale Moor Plan:

Trafford Council has recently commissioned Nexus Planning to prepare a Village Plan for Sale Moor Centre. The Village Plan will look to provide a framework for future changes and any development.

**It is extremely important the consultation is addressed by residents and businesses and stakeholders to ensure you have your say.**

Contact your local Conservative councillor, Chris Boyes for more details (chris.boyes@trafford.gov.uk) or follow the link online: <https://trafford.citizenspace.com/place/draft-sale-moor-village-place-plan/>

## Carrington Moss Update:

Peatlands are highly significant to global efforts to combat climate change. We have called upon this Labour Council and the Greater Manchester Mayor to recognise the value of the peat moss site at Carrington for its Carbon capture abilities, which is considered to be vastly more effective than an acre of trees. To be excluded from Labours plans to include it in the Greater Manchester Spatial Framework because of its environmental importance.

## Free travel set to change for pensioners:

Mayor Andy Burnham and the Labour Town Hall leaders across GM agree to a **£10 charge for pensioners' train and tram passes.**

The once free system is set to change in February 2020, with a fee being added to the tram and train passes. This admin charge will be £10 per year.

This, along with the **additional charge for visiting the tip to get rid of your rubbish is "concerning"** says Nathan Evans, Group Conservative leader of Trafford, as **"it seems people are being taxed at every opportunity"**.

## Raise your issues:

We are encouraging residents to send in their concerns or come and talk on matters that concern them. See back page for contact details

# £70M REDEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR SALE TOWN CENTRE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT

**Councillors in St Mary's Ward are very aware of the effects on their residents that the planned redevelopment of Sale Town Centre will have.**

The £70M redevelopment plan for Sale Town Centre has been given the green light by Trafford Council.

The Ward Councillors want to ensure that it is a town centre that residents can be proud of, and one that offers facilities which support the community.

Cllr. Dan Bunting says, "We are still lobbying on your behalf to get a new leisure centre delivered in Sale.

Residents are rightly concerned, as they see new centres planned or being built elsewhere in Trafford, but the leisure centre offer in Sale falls short of your expectations."

Your local councillors are also holding Transport for Greater Manchester and the bus operators to account as bus services have recently been made worse across the Ward.

Cllr. John Holden said, "As always, we are trying hard

to improve St. Mary's for you in challenging times.

There is a lot happening, and much planned in the Ward and across Sale. We will ensure that your voice is heard as we work together to make the area better for all residents."



# ACTION ON POLICING NUMBERS

**The National Policing Board was set up by Prime Minister Boris Johnson in July 2019 to help achieve the Government's recruitment pledge.**

The Police Federation of England and Wales' national chairman John Apter said, "Investment in policing is long overdue and, for the first time, we now have the actual number of officers each local force will increase by in the next year.

These figures have been based on the current funding formula models and, while this method is not perfect, I accept it is the only solution

available to deliver the numbers quickly in year one."

Priti Patel, the Home Secretary, said, "The public are clear in that they want to see more police officers on their streets, whether they live in the city or the countryside."

**This is the people's priority and it is exactly what the Government is delivering. "Every single police force in England and Wales will be able to recruit additional officers this year to help keep all of our communities safer."**

The three forces with the highest recruitment target for

year one are:

- Metropolitan Police (1,369)
- West Midlands (366)
- Greater Manchester (347)

It is now down to the Police and Crime Commissioner (and Mayor), Andy Burnham, to deliver on the investment.

Though we welcome the few attempts we have seen to take action, we still feel that Andy Burnham's efforts fall far short on the levels we need to see here.

**As the borough that overall pays the most in Council Tax, it is only right that we see our fair share.**

# WE'RE HERE TO HELP..

**We're out and about, helping residents across the borough all year round and, unlike the other parties, not just at election time.**

If you have a problem, get in touch! Phone, email or use the feedback slip, which can be found on the back page of this newsletter.

Nathan Evans is the Conservative Group Leader for Trafford. If you have a matter to raise then please contact him at:

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t: 07843 368041

# ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME THAT THE LABOUR COUNCIL FINALLY ACT ON THE POTHOLES?

**Potholes remain a massive issue throughout Trafford.**

We welcomed investment in the roads for the areas where the Manchester Marathon ran. It appears that this investment was a short term fix for the runners in the Manchester Marathon as overall, we see things getting worse.

Despite Labour winning power with big promises for our roads, they have been left to deteriorate and cause more problems.

**Labour have clearly chosen not to take action and are now blaming the Tories at the national government level for a 'lack of action'.**



The government have set aside billions in new funding for potholes, and this money is available to councils.

**It's time for Trafford Labour to stop passing the buck and start tackling the issues for local residents and businesses.**

## POT HOLE REPORTING

If you know of a pothole which needs reporting, please get in touch with your local Councillors or report it at: [www.traffordconservatives.com/shameapothole](http://www.traffordconservatives.com/shameapothole)

## With Trafford's domestic waste collections continuing to suffer from Labour's mismanagement, Conservatives are calling for a root and branch inquiry to take place to resolve the mess that residents are suffering from.

**In 2019, over the summer months, complaints to the Council rose by almost 50% from the previous period due to a shoddy green bin collection service.**

In October, councillors were inundated with complaints about the bin service, when most residents collection days

changed and refuse workers were sent out on new routes that they were unfamiliar with. Conservatives predicted that there would be chaos, and regrettably, those predictions have come to be correct.

On Friday 10th of January 2020, there was also the odd spectacle of the Council writing to its own contractor, admitting an inability to manage them following round changes that itself agreed, yet shouldn't have allowed to happen.

The 'strongly worded letter' from the Council warns the contractor that it may take back control of waste

services — something that the ideologically driven Labour administration at Trafford has been itching to do since seizing power at the Council.

Under the previous Conservative administration, waste collection regularly achieved more than 99% first time collection. This letter from Labour comes too late. Labour is content to provide residents with a poor bin service, as they want the waste contract to fail. The contract, if delivered as specified, would be causing no concern. There are mechanisms that the Conservatives built in to the contract to tackle poor performance and levy penalties.



## HALE VILLAGE PLACE PLAN DRAFT CONSULTATION

**Trafford Council has recently commissioned Nexus Planning to prepare a Village Plan for Hale District Centre. The Village Plan will look to provide a framework for future changes and any development. The Councillors have asked for the consultation time to be extended.**

It is extremely important the forthcoming consultation is addressed by residents and businesses and stake holders to ensure you have your say.

Contact your local Hale Conservative councillors if you need more information: denise.haddad@trafford.gov.uk, alan.mitchell@trafford.gov.uk, patricia.young@trafford.gov.uk. You can find it online at <https://trafford.citizenspace.com/place/hale-village-place-plan/consultation/subpage.2020-01-14.4889198220/> or google Hale Draft Plan.



# LOCAL NEWS FROM AROUND TRAFFORD

## George Carnall update:

Labour has underestimated the concerns of local residents regarding the lack of information or future for the leisure centre in Davyhulme.

**Trafford Conservatives had a plan to see the site as the new Manchester Giant's home and redevelopment of the area, offering homes, health care and leisure facilities.**

It appears the centre is now set to close under Labour. We wonder how residents and users will react to this and whether the bitter pill will be held off until after the May elections.

## Car charging points:

Following Conservative demands for more electric car charging points in Trafford at the last budget, we have seen no action. Our demands appear to have fallen on deaf ears.

We see little point in declaring a climate emergency in Trafford in the council chamber, whilst making no headway to take action.

This is a mixed message as Labour still plan to build on the green belt, which appears to be the height of hypocrisy. The Green Party, on another transport note, simply refuse to engage with any realistic transport concerns other than to mute that we must all walk or cycle everywhere.

## Speeding Cars:

We have received numerous complaints about speeding vehicles across our towns and villages. If you notify your councillor of any issues, they can raise them with Greater Manchester Police and work to arrange for speed checks to be carried out.

## Comment on a planning application:

Normally, only a single spokesperson is allowed to speak.

<https://www.trafford.gov.uk/planning/development-control/secure/planning-enforcementreferral-form.aspx>

**For urgent contact concerning the unauthorised demolition of a listed building, you can phone the Planning Control Section on 0161 912 3149.**

# TOWN HALL REPORT:

Trafford currently has a Labour-run Council — Labour has 36 of the 63 seats; Conservatives have 20 seats, Liberal Democrats have three and the Green Party have three seats.

## Poor Value for Money:

Since coming to power, Labour have spent huge amounts on management consultants, senior director salaries and a top heavy management structure. Conservative Councillors have again called for measures to tackle the money wasted here and would rather see it spent improving the lives of our residents.

## Blue Badge Scheme:

Trafford residents with 'hidden' disabilities such as autism or mental health conditions are set to benefit from Government reforms to the 'Blue Badge' scheme.

## Community Matters:

Businesses, community groups and residents of Altrincham, Bowdon, Broadheath, Timperley, Hale, Hale Barns, Sale, Sale Moor and Ashton on Mersey to name a few really add to the festive season through fundraising efforts.

The community groups "MAKE STUFF HAPPEN" festive lights, family events and Christmas trees.

**The community spirit does not go unnoticed, and we would like to thank each and every one of you that has stepped up to take part and make a difference.**

We know how many of you add to the community with "In Bloom" events, street tidies and the support you all offer to the Manchester Marathon runners that has grown to be the 2nd largest in the country.

Event funding is available in the form of community grants.

Thrive Trafford provide advice regarding applying.

info@thrivetrafford.org.uk

Or you can call 0330 123 9766 to find out more.



# BETTER OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

School leavers in Trafford are set to benefit from three new initiatives announced by the Conservatives to improve advice, options and further studies:

## 1 IMPROVING CAREERS ADVICE:

Trafford is included in among 20 areas for new 'Careers Hubs' of schools and colleges working with universities and employers to improve career education.

## 2 SUPPORT FOR APPRENTICES:

Since August 2019, care leavers in Trafford who chose to start an apprenticeship are eligible to apply for a £1,000 bursary to help them transition into the workplace.

## 3 SPECIALIST STUDIES:

Young people in Trafford who wish to continue studying maths related subjects are set to benefit from a new world-leading maths education with a brand new specialist school backed by a top university.

# CONSERVATIVES HAVE WARMLY WELCOMED UA92

**UA92 – the new higher education facility in Stretford adds further educational choice for Trafford residents.**

It was the previous Conservative administration led by Cllr. Sean Anstee, who helped to create the UA92 vision and ensure that the much loved, iconic old Kellogg's building on Talbot Road in Stretford continues to benefit residents and visitors alike.

If Labour had been in power locally three years ago, UA92 couldn't have come about. It was financed through the Conservatives investment strategy repeatedly opposed by the Labour Group. Their negativity regarding UA92 and Trafford's investment strategy is well documented.

Also, had Labour been in power ten years ago, we would no longer be home to Lancashire



County Cricket Club either, directly as a result of their opposition to revitalising Emirates Old Trafford.

We would have lost the cricket club, the Test Matches and all the investment the club is bringing to Stretford.

# HELP US MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

Get involved in our campaigns: [traffordconservatives.com](http://traffordconservatives.com)

Join as a member for £25 a year: [conservatives.com/join](http://conservatives.com/join) - every member makes us stronger!

Become a candidate for the Council - [traffordconservatives.com/getinvolved](http://traffordconservatives.com/getinvolved)

## LOCAL PROBLEM, ISSUE, IDEA?

Tell us about it...

Name
Address
Email
Home/Mobile no

Please only complete the Email and Phone boxes if you consent to being contacted by us this way.

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