

DUNDONALD WARD ALLIANCE

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ELECTION SPECIAL

DUNDONALD ALLIANCE TEAM



RON LOCKE - A Chartered Electrical Engineer, from WILTON CRESCENT; a tireless campaigner against education cuts and vigilant defender of the local environment.

PETER KNOWLSON - Liberal Research Director known for his efforts to save the centre of Wimbledon from over-development and strangulation from traffic chaos. Peter's home is in HARTFIELD ROAD.

Liberals and Social Democrats in Dundonald Ward have announced their team of three candidates for the Merton Borough election on May 8th. The three are all local residents, well-known in the area for their efforts to improve amenities and services in Wimbledon. With the enormous expansion of ALLIANCE support throughout the country, they are all looking forward to being elected to what is expected to be a new style Merton Council. The three are:-



MARY MINTO - Chairman of the local SDP; teacher and author; an ex-Councillor who has served as Chairman of the Health Committee. Mary lives in THORNTON HILL.

COUNCIL IGNORES RESIDENTS VIEWS AGAIN !

Disregarding protests from residents in GLADSTONE and HARTFIELD ROADS, Merton Council's Development Committee has given Merton Council planning permission to build a link road which will isolate ASHBOURNE TERRACE and channel one-way traffic past the front of the TESCO supermarket.

The ALLIANCE believes that there is no justification for spending millions of the ratepayer's pounds on the new one-way system which will turn central Wimbledon into a giant racetrack roundabout. We believe that it is better to spend money on repairing existing roads, and in planning a Town Centre which can be used by local people.

THE SDP/LIBERAL ALLIANCE WANTS TO GET THINGS DONE

**If YOU want to
get things done
— join us.**

WE CARE FOR YOU



Merton Alliance campaigns for

Open Government

* A new style of government - open, participative and based in the community; not secretive, arrogant or remote in Crown House, Morden !

Planning for People

* Sensitive planning of Wimbledon Town Centre, with local residents. Keeping familiar landmarks like the Town Hall and avoiding attracting too much traffic to clog surrounding roads.

Road Improvements

* Increased spending on local road and pavement repairs and better street lighting. Deferment of major road schemes for further consultation.

Better Education

* A rise in the number of nursery places; more spending on essential equipment and materials to improve the standard of Merton's education and the morale of our teachers. No more school closures without real local consultation.

Better Services for the Elderly

* Improvement and expansion of day care facilities and introduction of a seven day Home Help service. Halting recent cuts and sell-offs.

Housing

* Speeding up vital repairs to Council housing and introduction of partnership schemes with private developers.



TORY NEGLECT OF WIMBLEDON !

Recent Council decisions have underlined the apparent determination of Merton's Conservatives to destroy Wimbledon as we know it. Having just closed down their offices in the TOWN HALL they now plan to move both the main reference library and the Council Chamber to Morden and demolish the CIVIC HALL in order to build a massive shopping centre and multi-storey car park with a vast new one-way traffic system, all of which will attract more traffic to Wimbledon's congested roads - especially DUNDONALD ROAD.



The ALLIANCE is committed to keeping the TOWN HALL and developing a Town Centre with a mix of specialist shops and new stores which meets the needs of local people, instead of grandiose schemes.

Other signs of the neglected state of this part of the Borough can be seen in the atrocious state of the street lighting, particularly at the RAYNES PARK end of the ward, and in the graffiti and rubbish which is allowed to increase unchecked, as well as the bottle banks which so often overflow onto the pavements.



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Better Town
to Live in.