

A better cycle route through Eltham

Controversial road changes on Well Hall Road installed despite alternative proposals



Charlie and Spencer on the newly installed (&damaged) traffic island.

In September 2018, Charlie and Spencer asked for the Council to review its decision to change the road layout at the junction of Well Hall Road and Dunvegan Road. The changes were supposed to encourage cyclists to use Dumbreck Road as part of a Transport for London (TfL) Quietway scheme from Greenwich to Bexley.

At the review meeting, which was also attended by Greenwich Cyclists, Conservative and Labour backbench Councillors

unanimously agreed that the Council should look at alternative routes, in particular along Glenlea Road as an existing cycle path ran through Eltham Station. Local shop owners also attended the meeting and spoke about the negative impact the changes to parking & road layout would have on their businesses.

Unfortunately the Council leadership simply refused to listen, pushing ahead with the changes despite the predicted problems they would cause.

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Charlie Davis & Spencer Drury

Working hard for Eltham

Cleaning the Eltham sign

In February, Charlie and Spencer asked questions about the cleanliness of Eltham High Street. Charlie's focus on cleaning the marble Eltham sign at the western end of the High Street led to a commitment to clean the whole area properly three times a year.



We were grateful for all the help we received to get re-elected a year ago.



Charlie and Spence attended the Funday at Winchcomb Gdns in June



Spencer campaigning with ex-Greenwich Councillor Graeme Coombes



Charlie completed the London Marathon in 2019

Parking Zone changes delayed

Spencer has kept up the pressure on the Council over changing parking zones to reflect residents' wishes around Strongbow & Eltham Park Gardens. Despite promising changes last summer, the Council seems to be incapable of making the promised alterations.

New hotel for Orangery?

In Dec 2018, Charlie pushed for the Council's Masterplan for Eltham to be updated. While confirming updates in Woolwich & Greenwich, the Labour Cabinet Member made no commitment to Eltham, where developers plan a new hotel on this site outside the Orangery.



Restoring station's steps

In May 2018, following many enquiries by Spencer, the Council completed the repair and improvement works on the steps leading down from Glenlea Path to Eltham Station. The steps had been closed for some months, so this re-opening was welcomed by many local residents.



High Street review completed

In Jan 2019, Charlie followed up on a blog from Spencer by quizzing Labour about the regeneration of the High Street. Greenwich Council spent the £6.5m allocated by Boris Johnson as Mayor and a survey suggested that, as a result of the work, residents may be less likely to visit Eltham & traffic was worse.



Charlie Davis Spencer Drury

Reporting back to Eltham

Keeping Greenwich Council focused on Eltham

Dear Resident,

After a year as your Councillors, we (Charlie and Spencer) wanted to report back to you what we had been doing as your representatives in the Town Hall at Woolwich.

It has been a busy year with a new Council Leader who has bought a new style to the role (with more selfies than any other London Leader as one blogger claims). From our point of view our first year has bought some success for Eltham:

- The return of Town Wardens to our High Street which Eltham's police suggested would free them up to spend more time patrolling residential areas where burglary was a problem.
- The installation of a new water fountain in Eltham Park South as part of the 'Ward Budget' scheme
- A commitment from the Council to cleaning Eltham High Street more regularly and thoroughly.
- Ensuring that the Council and Mayor of London respond properly to residents' reflections on the regeneration works on Eltham High Street.

We know that this has been a difficult year for the Conservative Party nationally, but we want you to know that we are still working for you locally, making sure Eltham's voice is heard and principles like sound financial management or support for our armed forces are discussed in the Town Hall.

Yours faithfully,

Charlie Davis *Spencer Drury*

INSIDE REPORTING BACK

Police update

Campaign to keep Eltham Police Station open wins Shaun Bailey's support.

Ward Budget

Councillors agree Water Fountain for Eltham Park but want more ideas.



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Charlie standing for London Assembly

Cllr Charlie Davis was delighted to be selected recently as the Conservative candidate for Greenwich and Lewisham in next year's London Assembly election, which takes place at the same time as the Mayoral election.

Having grown up in Eltham and served as a Councillor in Eltham North for the last two

and a half years, Charlie knows how important it is to our local communities that their voice is heard.

Charlie commented "I want to put our local communities at the heart of my campaign, whether that is on crime, housing or transport, I'll be your voice in City Hall".



Eltham Councillor Charlie Davis speaking at the selection meeting.

New water fountain for Eltham Park

Eltham North Councillors have used funds from their Ward Budget of £30,000 to install a new water fountain in Eltham Park. The Ward Budget scheme was created following in 2014 following an initial suggestion from Spencer as a way for local Councillors to positively support their local communities. In the previous four years, Eltham North Councillors supported a wide range of schemes including the re-etching of names on the Eltham War Memorial, Reading sheds at the Gordon School and wi-fi in Eltham Park. If you know of any group which might need support with a project, please do contact us.

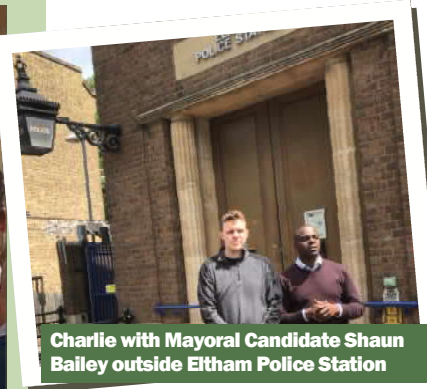


Spencer wrote the bid which led to the installation of the water fountain in Eltham Park (South) this summer. All bids are supported by all three Councillors.

Working to keep Eltham safe

CALLING TO REOPEN ELTHAM POLICE STATION

Councillors Charlie and Spencer have been campaigning all year for the Council to purchase Eltham Police Station and re-open it, following the Mayor of London's decision to sell it off.



Charlie with Mayoral Candidate Shaun Bailey outside Eltham Police Station

In 2018 Charlie raised a petition to oppose the closure and sell-off of Eltham Police Station. Since their re-election in May 2018, both Spencer and Charlie have asked the Labour Cabinet Member responsible for Community Safety to consider purchasing the police station—as has happened in the London Borough of Havering. The Cabinet Member has firmly

Greenwich Council not objecting to Eltham police station closure
Greenwich Council has not objected to the closure of Eltham police station, which is set to be sold off as part of cutbacks at the Metropolitan Police.
853 blog, Oct 2017

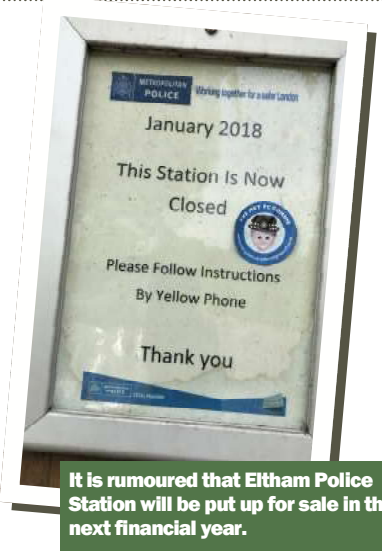
rejected all requests to purchase Eltham Police Station, stating that it is a decision for the Mayor of London. Charlie commented "I am disappointed by the Council's negative attitude to keeping a police presence in Eltham. The Mayor of London's police is wrong and I am going to keep campaigning on this."

Putting wardens on the High Street

After an absence of almost 18 months, pressure from Councillor Spencer Drury has led to the return of regular Town Centre Warden patrols around Eltham High Street on at least two days a week.

Following a local police meeting where the absence of the wardens was raised, Spencer questioned the Cabinet Member for Community Safety in December 2018 who rejected the claims, stating that "We do

have wardens in Eltham High Street on a fairly regular basis". However, Spencer's subsequent investigation revealed that no Town Centre Warden patrols had been timetabled for Eltham High Street since September 2017 when they had been transferred to Plumstead.. Eventually, at the March 2019 Council meeting, the Cabinet Member for Community Safety was forced to admit that there had been no patrols



It is rumoured that Eltham Police Station will be put up for sale in the next financial year.

scheduled for the whole of 2018 and the first two months of 2019.

Spencer commented "Standing up for Eltham was vital to get our shops and police officers the support they needed. The Council's decision to transfer Wardens to Plumstead needed to be reversed and I am pleased my pressure led to this change."

Greenwich Council moved Eltham High Street's wardens to Plumstead

Town centre wardens are set to return to Eltham for the first time in over 18 months after being moved to Plumstead, it has been confirmed.

853 blog, April 2019

With a new Labour Leader, Greenwich Council has taken a more party political approach on issues including Councillors' pay and refusing to openly answer questions in public.

June 2018

The first move of the new administration is to force through a change to the rules making it harder for Opposition Councillors to ask them questions and so hold them to account.

July 2018

A Labour Councillor for Glyndon Ward is charged by Greenwich Council with fraud & perverting the course of justice after an investigation into her council tenancy and the ownership of "a number of properties".

October 2018

Ignoring the Constitution, Labour Councillors vote through an increase of £15,000 in allowances for three of their number, meaning 70% of Labour Councillors now get extra money for being on Greenwich Council.

November 2019

Labour Councillors use the Town Hall for a party conference and charge themselves a reduced rate.

February 2019

Greenwich Council's Education Committee hears that Greenwich schools are the worst in

'Weddings will pay for security': Town hall fees row hits Greenwich Labour conference
A Greenwich councillor was told that two wedding parties were expected to pay the costs of security and cleaning for a Labour Party event in Woolwich Town Hall...

853 blog, April 2019

London for GCSE achievement (Attainment 8) and among the worst for most other GCSE performance measures. Council run John Roan is mentioned as a particular cause for concern.

March 2019

After publishing the report on allowances for Councillors unconstitutionally late, Labour Councillors vote through a further rise in their allowances.

April 2019

Greenwich Council's Housing Committee is informed that the Council spent £35m of 'Right to Buy' money purchasing 109 private properties on the open market from Jan 2018 to Feb 2019. Only £2.9m was spent on building Council homes over the same period.

May 2019

Figures published by the BBC reveal that Greenwich Council has one of the ten largest drops in reserves (-44%) between 2015 and 2018.



See it for yourself!

The Royal Borough of Greenwich Town Hall is based in Woolwich. There are regular meetings which are open to the public. Do contact Charlie or Spencer for further details if you would like to attend.