

Conservative Party candidates' response to the Lots Road Neighbourhood Forum Election Questionnaire

1. What do you believe are the key local issues facing the residents and businesses in the Lots Road Neighbourhood Area?

We want to protect and enhance the unique character of Lots Village - which is made up of a vibrant mix of predominantly low and mid-rise residential and commercial uses - by resisting overdevelopment, the sort of which is visible in neighbouring Hammersmith and Fulham.

We will serve the interests of Chelsea's riparian community - opening up the Thames Path, fighting to stop "mega" houseboats and objecting to a proliferation of new boats on existing moorings.

We know that traffic is a problem, as well as road safety on Battersea Bridge, and that some residents oppose the Chelsea Academy School Street. We will advocate for residents on these issues.

We are determined to improve the parks and open spaces in the area. This includes Cremorne Gardens and Cremorne Wharf.

2. How do you view new developments in the area, particularly issues such as building heights and the impact of new developments on the employment zone and on local infrastructure and services?

We are fighting for Lots Village. And together, we are achieving results. Cheyne Nursery has been paused - and we will oppose high-rise there. The Council will provide open space on Cremorne Wharf. Lots Road South will contain more Employment Space than before, and 65 extra care units. A Green Way is safeguarded in the development. That comes from councillors taking your message to the Town Hall, and from your extraordinary campaigning efforts in the neighbourhood.

New developments must be in-keeping with the area, not high-rise glass towers, and they must enhance Chelsea's only Employment Zone.

New developments must contain appropriate services e.g., doctors surgery, retail units, community space.

The impact of additional traffic on the area needs to be realistically reflected in the planning of new developments. More developments mean more traffic!

3. What is your approach to the specific development of the Lots Road South site?

Lots Road South is the Council's largest site, and so we recognise it will be redeveloped. This development gives a real opportunity to build on what is special about this area. It is part of a creative and design community and this needs to be reflected in the business and employment opportunities that can be created. It will

also help to make the most of Chelsea Creek and build on the environmental opportunities.

However, it must be redeveloped in a reasonable manner. That means mansion blocks, not high-rise glass towers; setbacks, where appropriate, and taller elements away from the Lots Road frontage; more employment space than before - noting this is Chelsea's only Employment Zone - as well as 65 extra care units; community space; services, such as a grocery store and GP surgery; and a Green Way along the railway line.

As Ward Councillors we have worked closely with residents and the council to help ensure that views of residents and businesses are heard and reflected in the final design

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