

Your Lower Morden Report



Cllr Ellie Cox

Your Lower Morden ward Councillor

Dear Neighbour,

I'm pleased to share an update on my work as your Councillor and ongoing initiatives in our community.

Over the past year, I've assisted residents with fly-tipping, road repairs, housing issues, parking concerns, planning applications, anti-social behaviour, Council Tax queries and accessing local services. I've also helped coordinate Council efforts to keep our parks tidy for everyone to enjoy.

In 2024, I also stood as your London Assembly candidate for Merton & Wandsworth and General Election candidate for Mitcham and Morden, campaigning on these key issues for our constituency:

- **St Helier Hospital:** The current Labour Government has delayed the refurbishment of St Helier until at least 2032. The programme was funded by the previous Conservative Government, but now Labour are putting the hospital at risk. I am campaigning for the refurbishment to be carried out in full.
- **Morden Town Redevelopment:** For over 15 years, Labour's Council and MP have failed to deliver the investment we need. I remain committed to advocating for redevelopment that creates local jobs, affordable housing, and revitalises our town centre.
- **Scrapping ULEZ Expansion:** I campaigned against Labour's unfair ULEZ expansion, listening to residents and advocating for fair treatment of drivers.
- **Planning:** I have been sharing residents' views of planning applications with Council Planning Officers, including the current proposed plans for the redevelopment of 358-372 Grand Drive (24/P3185) and the electric-only bus garage at 220 Garth Road (24/P0170), both of which I have opposed as they have raised concerns among residents. The plans for both planning applications can be found here: tinyurl.com/2z36evv3

I am proud to serve as your Councillor. If there is anything I can help you with, please do get in touch.

With best wishes,

Ellie Cox

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Community Updates



Upgraded crossing outside Hatfeild School

I am delighted that the Council plans to improve pedestrian safety by upgrading the existing crossing outside Hatfeild School to a zebra crossing. This upgrade will make the crossing more accessible and safer by incorporating the existing speed table and crossing point. The work is expected to begin in April 2025. Merton Council will update residents via a newsletter.



Protecting shops on Grand Drive

I've been working with residents to oppose the proposed redevelopment of 358-372 Grand Drive. The plans would require the closure of local shops, which many residents, particularly the elderly, rely on. In a survey I conducted, many expressed concern about losing these services. I will continue to oppose this development and ensure the community's concerns are heard.



Fighting for St Helier Hospital

The Labour Government recently announced that they will delay the refurbishment of St Helier Hospital until at least 2032, meaning that patient care could well be compromised in our local hospital, due to the disrepair of some of the building. Deputy Chief Executive of the local Trust, Dr James Marsh, said: "If the Health Secretary thinks we can continue to care for patients for 10 years in this building, we invite Wes Streeting to come and see the state of the estate himself." I will continue to campaign for the refurbishment of St Helier Hospital to be carried out in full.



Tackling Crime

Motor vehicle thefts and related crimes remain a key concern in our ward. Your local police team are investigating all reports thoroughly through leafleting, door-knocking, and email appeals to identify offenders. Recent ASB at the Assembly Hall car park is being tackled with increased patrols and improved security measures. Additionally, action has been taken at a property on Dunster Avenue with a closure order to reduce crime and ASB. I will continue working with our local police team to address these issues.