

Message from David Burrowes MP - 2016 has been an extraordinary year with a change of PM, BREXIT and Trump and plans for boundary changes to wipe Enfield Southgate off the map. It is a good time to be in Parliament, particularly as Labour is more divided and weak than ever. We need to make the most of this opportunity to ensure our Government achieves the best possible deal on Europe and delivers on its promise to work for everyone. Many thanks for all your support. David"

SAVE OUR SOUTHGATE - BOUNDARY COMMISSION PROPOSE ABOLITION OF ENFIELD SOUTHGATE

In September, the Boundary Commission announced proposals for changes to parliamentary constituency boundaries that would abolish the Enfield Southgate constituency in time for the 2020 General Election. The aim of the changes is to equalise the number of voters in each constituency across the UK and reduce the number of MPs

David Burrowes MP writes: "Many thanks to all who submitted responses to the Boundary Commission's consultation in a bid to prevent the dismemberment of Enfield Southgate. Keeping Enfield Southgate together makes sense in terms of transportation, business and the local communities. I hope the Commission see sense and rethink their plans to disperse our wards across five different constituencies. We will hear back from the Boundary Commission in April 2017 when it will publish the responses and move to a further phase of consultation before publishing revised plans".

During the Autumn, David and ESCA mounted the **Save our Southgate** campaign to challenge these proposals. We developed counter proposals supported by the national party that largely maintain the status quo and retain the community, geographical and local government links between Southgate and western Enfield. Our proposals add Bush Hill Park Ward to Enfield Southgate and increase the number of voters to the required level (approx. 75,000).



Govia. For too long constituents have suffered poor performance from successive train operators along the route to and from Central London. Govia have now proposed reducing train frequency at Hadley Wood and Grange Park stations in a recently published consultation. Last month, David held a very well attended public meeting with representatives from Govia where he and constituents made the case that we don't just need a continued service but an improved service for long suffering commuters.

The Councillor selection process is starting

[If any member is interested in standing as a councillor please notify Maria Alexandrou at office@southgateconservatives.uk by 20th January 2017](mailto:office@southgateconservatives.uk)

The ESCA Executive met on 29th November to consider new arrangements for selecting candidates for the council elections in May 2018. This may seem a long way off, but it is vital we have candidates in place to spearhead our campaigning from now until the elections. It was agreed to undertake a two stage process:

- A) An initial interview to enable the Association to draw up an approved list of prospective candidates. Candidates will not be given seats in individual wards but will be placed on probation so that the Association can ascertain their commitment and suitability.
- B) A second interview in May next year to place candidates in seats in individual wards following a further assessment of their performance to date

The interview panels will consist of ward Chairmen and other experienced members of the Association. The objective of this process is to place the best candidates in the safest seats.

Existing councillors who wish to stand again will also be required to go through the same procedure. There will be advice for applicants from experienced councillors to explain what is involved.

Campaign Manager

The November Executive Committee gave approval to appoint a Campaign Manager to manage ESCA's campaign for the 2018 local elections. This person will work with existing councillors and new candidates, David Burrowes MP and active members. We will consider someone on either a part-time or full-time basis. The contract will be for a fixed term until 31st May 2018. We intend to place an advert on the Parliamentary W4MP website as soon as possible.

David Burrowes MP and the ESCA Executive would like to take this opportunity to wish members a Happy Christmas and a peaceful and healthy New Year

Andre Chris - President
Cllr. Edward Smith - Chairman
David Conway - Deputy Chairman (membership)

Cllr. Alessandro Georgiou - Deputy Chairman (political)
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HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver leaflets
- Attend social events
- Join the local Party
- Vote by post
- Stand for Council

How we use your information

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REPORTING BACK...

■ Campaigning and fund raising

ESCA, together with our MP, David Burrowes, undertook three major campaigns in 2016: The London Mayoral campaign; the response to the Council's Cycle Enfield statutory consultation and the Save our Southgate campaign. We have also printed and delivered 14,000 In Touches in Southgate and Winchmore Hill wards as well as other campaigning material.

Our political activities required the printing and distributing of large amounts of campaigning leaflets, door to door canvassing and holding public meetings. These activities are costly and we thank you for your support. They were financed by a wide range of constituency and branch social events and donations which so far this year have generated a profit of over £32,000. I am indebted to Andre Chris, our President, Lynda Rigg, Chairman of the Womens' Constituency Committee, (WCC) and Maria Alexandrou, our Office Manager, in particular, for their unstinting efforts in helping to raise this money.

Could I also give special thanks to our stalwart band of ESCA deliverers, some 40 in total, who have helped to deliver a huge amount of campaign literature over the past year.

■ Membership

Membership has steadily risen throughout the year and now stands at 397 paid members across all the branches, compared with 242 paid up members as of 31st March 2014. As a consequence of this and our fundraising activities, I am glad to report our bank balance is now healthily in the black.

ESCA will as usual be sending out a renewal letter to members in January 2017. Please respond promptly.



■ ESCA properties

Our office in Chaseville Park Road plays a vital role as a focal point for the Association's activities. It contains our IT, telephone and printing facilities without which we couldn't function. It also has a large meeting room available for branch and other meetings, including political discussions and regular lunches arranged by the WCC.

We have this year had to re-plumb and redecorate the lavatories; ensure that the appropriate insurances and other certifications were renewed; clean the carpets and generally remove the debris that had accumulated over the years. There are also further internal and external works that need to be carried out next year.

We have replaced the old printers with a newer leased model, but this is slower and quite expensive and we are therefore considering purchasing a modern, high speed printer in the New Year.

We have also arranged for the office IT to be upgraded so that we can use Outlook email and achieve a reliable performance from our computers and our new printer.

ENFIELD CONSERVATIVE COUNCILLORS

One of ESCA's main roles is supporting our 10 local conservative councillors. They represent their residents by dealing with complaints and concerns in their wards. They also attend statutory meetings, usually in the evening, such as Full Council, Overview and Scrutiny, Planning and Licensing, etc. where they scrutinise the Labour Administration and hold it to account. This is a vital function.

One of the most contentious issues this year has been the imposition of cycle lanes along Green Lanes/London Road between Palmers Green and Enfield Town. ESCA councillors have campaigned vigorously to oppose what we believe will lead to more traffic congestion, greater pollution and will disadvantage bus passengers. We will continue to do so.

The Conservative Group is also concerned with how the Council has responded to the unprecedented reductions in government grant over the past few years. The Council has managed to reduce its headcount by 18% by digitising many customer services, but we think this process has been badly mismanaged with unacceptable reductions in performance and loss of experienced staff.

The London Mayoral contest earlier this year sadly resulted in the Labour candidate Sadiq Khan being elected. An analysis of the results showed that formerly safe wards in the Constituency such as Winchmore Hill, Southgate and Southgate Green are now at risk. ESCA's main priority over the coming year will be to focus on campaigning for the Council elections in 2018 with targeted In Touches, more publicity across the media, increased door to door canvassing and higher visibility and engagement.