

Is this what we pay for?

Across Earlham & Bowthorpe, there have been widespread concerns about the basic services people receive from City Hall.

From Waldegrave in Clover Hill, to Caddow Road in Three Score, to the Shoemaker in Earlham, there are examples of chronic neglect from Norwich City Council.

Across the community, there are weeds growing through pavements, verges that are overgrown and pathways that aren't littered with the debris of a few leaves, but covered in Autumn's fall of leaves, leaving a rotting mulch underfoot.

Your local Conservative team say:
This is not acceptable.

For the last two years there has always been an excuse. We were promised things would get better when Connaught took over - they didn't. We were told that things would get better when the interim contracts were awarded - they didn't. Now we face another winter without proper maintenance.

Local Conservative Councillor Andrew Wiltshire said, "Norwich City Council is facing heavy financial pressures to slim down its budget - we want to make sure the Labour party provide the basic services for our communities first. For too long has the Labour Party swept issues like the Shoemaker and proper grounds maintenance under the carpet and now we're just left in a mess.

"We are launching a series of petitions to put pressure on the administration and provide real answers to why this isn't being done".

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Top picture: Andrew keeps a watchful eye on the problems in Waldegrave, Clover Hill

Bottom picture: Conservatives have long campaigned for the Shoemaker to be cleaned up; but Labour have refused to act



Labour's Parking Tax Hike

Residents have complained that just weeks after being elected, one of the first acts of the newly-elected Labour Councillor around here was to support increases in residents parking permits by up to 17%.

Conservative Councillor Niki George said: "What a pity that Labour don't look more at reducing the massive bureaucracy and waste at City Hall before lumping more and more charges onto local people. For example, we have been urging the council to reduce the number of highly paid managers at City Hall and slash money for councillors instead of rising fees and charges."

Get in touch –

we really want to hear your views!

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Labour's Budget Silence

As budgets are set to be cut this year, the County Council has run a high profile consultation, so why haven't Labour run City Hall asked us what we think of their plans?

County Councillor Paul Wells has thanked all of the residents of Bowthorpe and Earlham who attended his public meetings, as well as those who sent him emails and letters, to discuss the County's response to its reduced budget.

"Issues ranged from support for the West Norwich Partnership to the eligibility criteria for social care and lolly pop ladies, and I am working with the council to ensure that as many of these concerns as possible are resolved," **Paul said.**

Norfolk has to find £155 million to cover the black hole left by Labour in the Government's finances. The Conservative County Council in response launched the biggest consultation in its history so that as many people as possible could be involved.

The contrast between this and the indifference to local views shown by Labour controlled Norwich City Council is angering many local residents. **Tom Cannon, an Earlham resident said,** "In these difficult times the Conservatives are trying to engage with people, Labour are just doing whatever they please in the city council without any attempt to consult."

Paul concluded; "Nobody goes into public life to reduce spending and services, but at least the County is listening to us which is more than can ever be said about City Hall."



Paul Wells has been asking people their views on spending reductions, including holding public meetings in Bowthorpe and Earlham

News-in-Brief:

Now Labour close the Cashier Service at City Hall too ...

Despite protests from residents Labour have gone ahead and closed the cashier desks at City Hall so people will no longer be able to pay over the counter. You can still pay on the internet (Norwich.gov.uk), over the phone on 0344 980 3333 or set up a direct debit. Conservatives would like to see the Post Office being used more for things like this.

Extra Parking to Help the Disabled

Later this month the council will introduce a new policy to give disabled people a "buy one get one free" on hours in council car parks. If you buy 4 hours you get the whole day for parking. This is as a result of the Equality Act; instead of free parking everybody now pays but it gives extra time to those who need it.

Crackdown on benefit cheats

Council investigations and tip offs from the public about people who are incorrectly claiming Housing benefit has raised the council around £300,000 so far. If you wish to talk to the council about benefits just call on 0344 980 3333

Questions, Suggestions, Comments, Queries, Complaints, Offers of Help

Dear Andrew,

We would like to keep in touch with you about the issues affecting our area. If you would be happy for us to do this by email and mobile phone, please complete your details below:


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Address

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