

The Molesey News

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Special edition in support of **Xingang Wang**, Conservative candidate for Molesey East at the 2 May Elmbridge Borough Council elections

DEVELOPMENT AT HAMPTON COURT STATION: YOUR VIEWS

Local Conservative candidate Xingang Wang is asking for residents' views on proposed major development at Hampton Court Station.

Plans have been submitted to Elmbridge Borough Council for a major redevelopment of land around Hampton Court Station.

If the scheme by Alexpo and Network Rail goes ahead, it would see 97 new apartments, an 84-bedroom hotel, a café and a small supermarket built, in addition to station improvements and a reworking of the traffic gyratory on Hampton Court Way. A new public open space connected to Cigarette Island Park would be created.

However, there are significant concerns in the community about the height and density of the scheme and whether the proposed 207 parking spaces will be sufficient.

Xingang Wang is your Conservative candidate in this May's Borough Council elections. The primary role of your local councillor is to represent your views. That's why Xingang would like to know your thoughts on the proposed Hampton Court Station developments.

On the back page is a FREEPOST survey. Just fill it in, fold it up, and post it back to us free of charge.

You can view the plans and submit your comments (by Saturday 5 March) at www.elmbridge.gov.uk/planning by searching for application 2018/3810.



Xingang Wang pictured with East Molesey County Councillor Peter Szanto opposite Hampton Court Station

What's being proposed?



- Hoardings replaced by a public square
- 97 one and two-bed apartments
- 84 bedroom hotel
- 207 space car park (57 resident spaces)
- 180 cycle spaces
- Retail unit and café
- Reworked gyratory with traffic lights by Bridge
- 1.7m higher than previous permitted scheme

TAKING A STAND AGAINST AIRCRAFT NOISE

We know that aircraft noise is a growing problem in East Molesey Planes departing from Heathrow when the wind is from the East are routed over our community. New Performance- Based Navigation (PBN) could lead to even greater concentration. Your Conservative councillors and MP are continuing to engage with Heathrow and press for respite periods and the principles of fair dispersal not concentration of noise.

Councillor Steve Bax has chaired a committee to draft Elmbridge Borough Council's official response to Heathrow's most recent public consultation. He says: "We have come out very strongly against their new plans to use both existing runways for early morning landings. This would mean planes over Molesey 70% of the year from 5.15am. This is unacceptable and we strongly object."

"We also opposed any increase in easterly operations which would result in more noise for Molesey. East Molesey County Councillor Peter Szanto is also fighting our corner at the Heathrow Community Noise Forum and at Surrey. We look forward to Xingang Wang being elected to strengthen our team."

We are conscious that not everyone was aware of this latest Heathrow consultation process. Please take the opportunity to have your say on their proposed new flight paths until 4th March at www.heathrowconsultation.com



Noise concerns: We object to Heathrow's proposals

Boost for neighbourhood policing

Surrey's Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner, David Munro, is recruiting 100 extra front-line officers, staff and PCSOs. He is seeking to bolster crime prevention, neighbourhood policing and protections for vulnerable people.

While there is no room for complacency, it is welcome news that residential burglaries in Elmbridge were down 20.8% between April and December last year, compared to the previous year. This is 126 fewer properties burgled.



On the case: Xingang Wang and Cllr Steve Bax are pressing the EA over unauthorised moorings

Protecting our riverside

Elmbridge Conservatives secured a three-year ban on unauthorised encampments and we are now leading the battle to protect our riverside. In Molesey our councillors continue to apply pressure to the Environment Agency to step up legal action against the unsightly commercial hotel boats, which are moored without permission near Hampton Court.

This situation has gone on far too long and caused much distress to our residents. We will not let it drop until it is resolved. In addition Xingang Wang and Cllr Steve Bax are also working with the Reclaim Our Riverside campaign to tackle the issue of our riverbank being fenced-off by occupants of boats moored on unregistered land.

NEW LEADERSHIP FOR ELMBRIDGE

Elmbridge Conservatives have elected James Browne as their new leader.

James is hugely experienced, having served on the Council as Cobham's representative for 11 years, and was until recently the Cabinet Member for Planning.

As head of the largest party, he also becomes Leader of Elmbridge Council and is promising to carefully manage the Borough's finances with a laser-like focus on eliminating waste.

James says: "Elmbridge is one of the best places in the country to live, but I am also acutely aware of how difficult it can be to get on the housing ladder. If a Conservative administration is re-elected in May - with Xingang Wang as part of it - we will provide more starter homes while also protecting our precious parks and green belt."

Cllr Ruth Mitchell, Cabinet Member for Resources, will be working with James as Deputy Leader.



HOW TO RETURN THE SANDOWN SURVEY

- 1** Fill in the survey overleaf and let us have your views on the issues that matter to you
- 2** Fill in your details so we can respond to your concerns and represent you better
- 3** Tear off this page of the leaflet along the dotted line
- 4** Fold this page into 3, with the address below visible on the outside and your survey results tucked away inside
- 5** Secure it and put it in a postbox - no stamp required!

HELP FOR OUR TOWN CENTRE

Shop closures in Walton Road concern us all. Xingang Wang recently joined local councillors Steve Bax and Peter Szanto in visiting traders to hear how we can help.

Steve is pressing for a continuation of the 3 hours free parking and if the Conservatives continue to run the council we will set up a Task Group to identify ways to rejuvenate Molesey town centre.



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XINGANG WANG'S HAMPTON COURT SURVEY

Fill in, fold up, and send back to us **FREEPOST**

1 Should land around Hampton Court Station be redeveloped at some point?

- Yes No

2 Based on what you know today, do you support the Network Rail/Alexpo plans for the land around the station?

- Yes No

3 If you **support** the plans, what is your main reason?

- Open space
 New homes
 Improved traffic flow
 Employment opportunities
 Something else _____

4 If you **oppose** the plans, what is your main reason?

- Too dense
 Too high
 Insufficient parking
 Not enough affordable housing
 Something else _____

6 Thinking ahead to the **local elections in May 2019**, how likely are you to vote?

<No chance of voting Certain to vote>

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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Are there any comments or issues you'd like to raise?

5 Should Elmbridge allow temporary station parking at Cigarette Island Park if the development goes ahead?

- Yes Don't know
 No

7 In order to make this survey representative, how did you vote in the last local elections?

- Conservative Molesey Residents
 Labour Didn't vote
 Lib Dem

8 Again thinking ahead to the local elections in May 2019, what are the chances of you voting for each of the following parties – on a scale of 0-10, where 0 means there would be no chance of you voting for the party and 10 means you would be absolutely certain to vote for the party?

Please tick <No chance of voting for this party Certain to vote for this party>

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Liberal Democrat	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Labour	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Conservative	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Molesey Residents	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Green	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Other	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

(Please state name of Other) _____

YOUR DETAILS

PLEASE WRITE IN BLOCK CAPITALS

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____ Tel. No. _____

Email address _____

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