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## Your Town

This year Esher will be a central part of the 2012 Olympics as the cycle route passes through the town. The Council will be setting aside funds from a central government grant to provide legacy projects to mark the Olympics and also small grants for good ideas to help celebrate the occasion. There is also likely to be funding to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee year. If you have projects or ideas in mind which you would like partial funding for or have just simply ways of improving our town then please let your local Conservatives Tim Oliver, David Archer and Simon Waugh know and we will make sure they are included in the list for consideration. It should be a magnificent year of celebration so let's make sure that Esher benefits from any available funding.



You will also see that work has now started on the former Post Office site in the centre of the town. It is being redeveloped to provide new retail and restaurant units and a quality office building which will tidy up this area of the High Street.

## Police & Crime Commissioner Elections 2012

The first ever elections for Police and Crime Commissioners will be held on the 15 November 2012. Each of the 41 police force areas in England & Wales, outside of London, will directly elect a Commissioner. Commissioners are at the heart of the Government's programme of decentralisation, where power is returned to people and communities.

If you would like more information or feel that you may have the candidate requirements to become a Police Commissioner, please visit [www.conservatives.com/policecommissioners](http://www.conservatives.com/policecommissioners).

## Pathway

You will have noticed the significant improvement to the pathway to the library from the High Street. The area has been trimmed back following pressure from your Councillors and it now makes it a much brighter and safer route through to the car park.



## Council Tax

Your Conservative led administration continues to keep a close control on the cost of running the Council and of delivering quality services. Tim Oliver, has been for the past year the Cabinet Member for Resources and was closely involved in the Council's finances. Following the Government's recent announcement that it will make a central grant to enable councils to freeze Council Tax rises this year, there was no increase in Elmbridge which will be the fifth year out of six that there has been no rise in the tax. Equally, there has been no deterioration whatsoever in front line services which is a testimony to how well Elmbridge Borough Council is now being run.



# News from your local Conservatives in Esher

## Planning

Your Conservative Councillors continue to fight hard on your behalf. There are always going to be challenging applications to be considered and there is always going to be divided opinion on the merits of particular schemes.

They were unanimously against the extension of the existing planning permission for the redevelopment of Esher Tennis Club on Milbourne Lane but were overturned at Sub Committee and planning permission has been renewed. The Tennis Club are looking to relocate to Moore Place following the development of the new Care Home. Your Conservatives wish to ensure that any planning consent is sympathetic to the existing golf course as we are committed, not only to ensuring the protection of good quality buildings in the town, but also to securing the long term future of recreational and sports facilities in Esher.

Your Councillors will continue to work to retain the character of the town and are committed to ensuring that apartment schemes are only developed in appropriate locations and not in areas without sufficient infrastructure. Broom Close is an example of this where there have recently been a number of applications to redevelop family houses into flatted developments and appeal decisions have upheld your Councillors views.

There is an application for retrospective permission to install mobile phone telephone masts at the top of Hardy House, opposite Waitrose. Your Conservative Councillors will be closely monitoring that application in view of the fact that this is in a conservation area.

We are, however, keen to see the redevelopment of rundown/poorly designed properties as and when it is appropriate and as long as they are of sensitive and good quality design.



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## Car Parks

Your Councillors have asked the Police to step up their regular monitoring of the car parks in the town, particularly in West End.

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## Membership

We are looking for new Conservative members to join the association and would welcome hearing from you. Please contact Simon Waugh (details below).

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## Your Local Conservatives

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