



Sidcup Matters

Your local Conservatives, working for you

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WE'VE GOT WAITROSE



James Brokenshire MP



After months of lobbying, we are delighted to announce that Waitrose will be coming to Sidcup and could be open for business by the end of August.

Almost exactly a year ago Waitrose decided to put proposals for a Sidcup store on hold, prompting fears that the retailer might pull out altogether.



Sidcup Councillors and residents urging Waitrose to open in Sidcup.

This led to the launch of the "We Want Waitrose" campaign, backed by Bexley Council with the support of James Brokenshire, Sidcup's Conservative Councillors and Mayor of London Boris Johnson. Thousands of local residents signed a petition urging the retailer to change its mind.

Following further work, the Waitrose board has now given the go ahead to the Sidcup store. The retailer is finalising its opening schedule and will be recruiting up to 70 new staff.

Being able to welcome a high end retailer like Waitrose to Sidcup represents a strong vote of confidence in our wider plans to regenerate the High Street for the benefit of local traders and residents alike.

As your Sidcup action team, we strongly hope that this news will stimulate further activity and interest in Sidcup amongst prospective businesses.

James Brokenshire MP:

"This is absolutely fantastic news for Sidcup after the concerted campaigning of so many people. The Sidcup Waitrose will give a big boost to the High Street and create welcome new jobs. We never gave up on efforts to persuade Waitrose to come to Sidcup."

Clr June Slaughter:

"I am enormously grateful to Sidcup residents who last year supported our "We Want Waitrose" petition. I've no doubt that this was an important factor in Waitrose's decision to open the Sidcup store after all. Let's all support our High Street!"

Clr Aileen Beckwith:

"I am obviously thrilled with this news, and it is a testament to Clr Mrs June Slaughter and her husband, Clr Mike Slaughter who never gave up on Waitrose. Together, Ward Councillors have worked long and hard for residents to achieve this wonderful result. We thank everyone who supported us"

Clr Teresa O'Neill (Leader of Bexley Council):

"I'm delighted that the Waitrose Board listened to the Council and local residents, and are now coming to our High Street. Their presence will be a welcome boost to the work we have all been doing to rejuvenate the area."

YOUR SIDCUP WARD ACTION TEAM

As members of your Sidcup Ward action team, we are determined to work hard for all residents.

With three elected councillors here in Sidcup, residents' concerns are taken up with Council officers throughout the year. As a team, we also canvass frequently, asking residents for feedback on the doorstep.

We work hard continuously, not just when elections are on the horizon. If you need any advice or support, do feel free to contact us.



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KEEPING IN TOUCH

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- Deliver leaflets
- Attend social events
- Join the local Party
- Vote by post

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COUNCIL TAX FROZEN FOR SIDCUP RESIDENTS



With the wider economic situation remaining fragile, your Sidcup action team appreciates the pressures facing families and households.

As such we are delighted to report that your Bexley Conservatives have frozen Council Tax for a fourth consecutive year, ensuring a **15% real terms cut** for all residents.

Unlike so many local authorities across the country, Bexley's councillors, including your Sidcup team, have worked hard to find savings by improving the efficiency of services rather than increasing the burden on taxpayers.

At the same time, Bexley Council has been able to maintain high levels of service by adopting common sense solutions.

For example, the Council is bringing all services and staff under one roof from next year, sharing some services with neighbouring boroughs and reviewing every area of expenditure in depth to make efficiencies - without making cuts to those front line services that are important to you.

Moving forward, you can be sure that your Sidcup team will continue to build on this solid track record of success and endeavour to keep our council tax down.

BEXLEY COUNCIL SERVICES

Local authorities like Bexley Council provide an array of important services to local residents. Amongst other issues, Bexley Council is responsible for:

- Roads
- Pavements
- Refuse collection
- Environmental issues
- Housing
- Social Services
- Planning
- Schools

Your Sidcup Action Team will always stand up for residents' interests in these areas so do get in touch should you require any assistance.



Your Sidcup Action Team

QUEEN MARY'S UPDATE

Like everyone who lives in or around Sidcup, we have been extremely concerned about the future of Queen Mary's Hospital.

Whilst the A&E closure under the previous Government was a matter over which the Council had no direct say or power, your local Sidcup councillors have long campaigned to save services at the site.

Working alongside local MP, James Brokenshire, we are pleased to confirm that Queen Mary's will now be placed under new NHS ownership with clinical services - including a new radiotherapy centre - being provided by a number of NHS organisations. With Queen Mary's becoming a specialist NHS site, we hope that local residents will benefit from the additional services.