



## Northcote

### Autumn 2014



**Ravi Govindia** Council Leader

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can still submit your questions to the council via the website  
[www.wandsworth.gov.uk/letstalk](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/letstalk)

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## Bolingbroke Academy

Wakehurst Road, SW11 6BF  
**Thursday 6 November**  
**from 7.30pm**

**The council wants to know what you think about life in Northcote ward.**

Whether it's services like recycling, street cleaning, parking, education and housing where the council has a direct responsibility - or other areas like policing, public transport and the NHS - we want to make sure that we understand your priorities for our community.

The meeting will be chaired by council leader Ravi Govindia. Your three ward councillors, Peter Dawson, Jane Dodd and Martin D Johnson, will also be present along with leader of the opposition, Rex Osborn and senior managers from the main council services.



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**Bolingbroke education & health** As well as a popular and successful new state-funded free school, this council owned former hospital site will soon boast a new medical centre providing GP-led healthcare services for people in the area.

**Keeping a close eye on building works** Your ward councillors share the concerns of many residents about large basement projects, particularly those that extend under gardens. We are pressing for a review of this policy and also keeping a watchful eye on the growing number of unneighbourly, bulky rear extensions that are out of character with the area.

**Northcote Road shop frontages** We have been successful in securing further protection for part of Northcote Road with two additional zones being designated 'Protected Secondary Frontages'. This should help maintain retail shops and limit the spread of bars and estate agents.

**Helping local businesses** We have encouraged small business owners to take advantage of a business rates rebate which could be worth up to £2,000. Over 84 per cent of Northcote Road businesses have applied for the scheme, one of the highest take-up rates in London.

**Keeping Northcote tidy** We work closely with local businesses, our town centre manager and the council to maintain the cleanliness of our busy shopping areas. This includes monitoring litter and general waste hotspots.

**Northcote Books** Having sponsored Northcote Books for a successful Wandsworth Big Society grant we continue to support their vision to establish a community bookshop at Northcote library.

**Primary school admissions** The council is consulting on proposals to make it easier for primary age children to attend their local community school, by ending the preference given to siblings even if their families have left the area. This would make admissions fairer to children who live closest to schools.

**Clapham Common West Side** Earlier this year we presented a petition to the Mayor of London about traffic speeds along Clapham Common West Side. We have had further discussions with officials from TfL and will continue to push for action to curb vehicle speeds here.

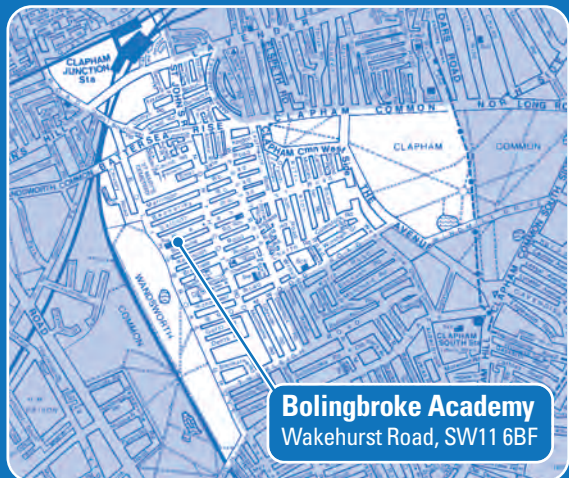
**Brighton Yard crossing** Campaign success: a new pedestrian crossing on St John's Hill, close to the new entrance to Clapham Junction station, has recently been unveiled.

**'Boris bikes'** We campaigned for this popular bike hire scheme to be extended to Northcote. There are now three local docking stations and usage figures are on the up and up.

**Estates inspection** Following the summer inspection of the Chatham Road and Honeywell Road estates, the council is carrying out further maintenance and other improvement works.

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