



**Balham Congress Hall**  
38 Balham High Road,  
SW12 9AH

**Tuesday, July 7**  
**from 7.30pm**

**The council wants to know what you think  
about life in Balham 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 your community.

The meeting will be chaired by council leader Ravi Govindia. Your three ward councillors - Paul Ellis, Clare Salier and Caroline Usher - will all be present along with leader of the opposition, Rex Osborn and senior managers from the main council services.

**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).

**Contact your local councillor:**

**Paul Ellis**

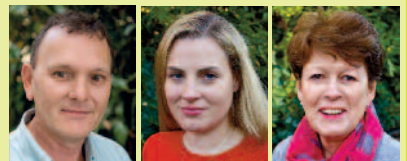
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# Your ward councillor report

**More affordable homes** The council is planning to build nearly 1,700 affordable homes between now and 2018. Here in Balham this includes supported living accommodation on Nightingale Lane and a new development on Oldridge Road which provides a new early years centre for local families plus extra facilities for Alderbrook School. An additional floor offering six new affordable units was recently added to Abbott House while other sites are being identified.

**Safer Nightingale Lane** Following consultation with residents in the Nightingale Lane area, the council is carrying out more work to make this busy road safer for pedestrians and road users. This includes adding a much needed pedestrian crossing at Thurleigh Avenue and other safety enhancements at junctions.

**Town Centre's going places** Thanks to the Mayor's Outer London Fund works to upgrade the look and appearance of the town centre are nearing completion. Hildreth Street has been transformed, the notorious 'ugly wall' has been covered up and attractive tiling has enhanced the railway bridge. The town centre is definitely going places with more independent shops opening and adding to the town centre's vitality. Your ward councillors will continue to press for further investment to ensure it remains one of

London's best areas to live.

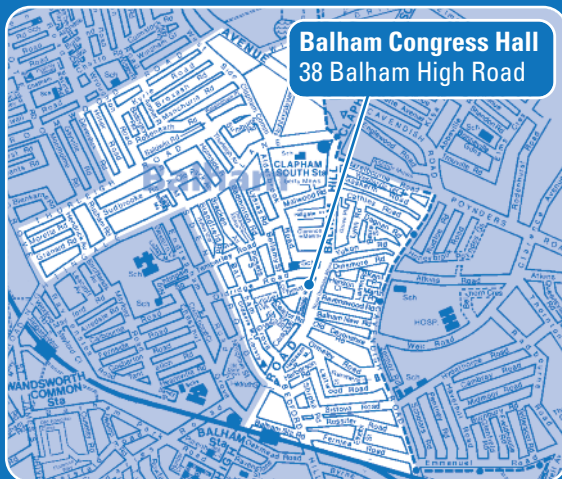
**Tackling crime** Wandsworth is the safest inner London borough and Balham has one of its lowest crime rates, but it does occasionally experience problems from aggressive beggars and other types of anti-social behaviour. Your local councillors are working closely with the police, neighbourhood watch groups and residents associations to identify the culprits and tackle these problems.

**Investing in the area** Residents in Balham have asked that the Community Infrastructure Levy be spent on upgrading roads & pavements, improving parks & open spaces and investing in new community facilities. The Wandsworth Grant Fund also helps fund schemes that enhance the area and benefit the community. A number of local projects are currently being considered and your ward councillors would like to hear about new ideas and projects they could support.

**Catch the night train** From September TfL will be operating a 24 hour service on the Northern Line, on Fridays and Saturdays, meaning no mad rush to catch the last train home. This will reduce overcrowding and make late travel home cheaper and safer.

If you have questions about this leaflet or require a large print version please call (020) 8871 7520.

**Do you have a disability?** If you have and require special arrangements to attend, e.g. a signer or provision of a loop system, please telephone Gareth Jones on (020) 8871 7520 in advance of the meeting.



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