



Kensington and Chelsea Election Manifesto 2026



Kensington & Chelsea
Conservatives

Dear resident,

Kensington and Chelsea is Britain's most efficient Council. Don't just take my word for it – an independent *Impower* study said so just last month. And it is no accident.



As a Conservative Council, we have continued to deliver some of the best services in the country. We have the **only twice-weekly bin collections in the capital**. We are the only place in London with a **boroughwide residential parking permit**. We have **Britain's best rated adult's and children's social care**. We also have **beautiful parks, such as Holland Park, and amazing spaces, from Sloane Square to Portobello Road**.

At the same time, we learn lessons from the past, including from Grenfell, whilst working hard to make Kensington and Chelsea a place in which people are still excited to live, work and invest, full of opportunities, over the next term.

And we will do this despite big challenges, including the Labour Government's £108mn cut to our Council's funding, and a serious cyber-crime, from which we are still recovering. **Residents in the Royal Borough still pay the fifth lowest Council Tax in the country.**

But all this is at risk on 7 May 2026 in the Council elections, a straight fight between the Conservatives and Labour.

Our plan for Kensington and Chelsea is based on four clear Conservative principles. **Clean and safe streets. Value for money. Getting the basics right. And making your life easier**, as we have with direct debit parking renewals.

Local Labour's plan is missing in action, as are their candidates. Six Labour councillors have defected since 2022, some to the Greens and some independent.

And the truth is that a vote for Reform just makes it more likely that you will end up with a high spend, high tax Labour Council.

That is why we must...

Vote to keep Kensington and Chelsea Council Conservative on 7 May 2026.

Best wishes,



Elizabeth Campbell
Conservative leader of the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

OUR REPORT CARD SINCE 2022

GREENER

Invested £7mn in our parks - from Holland Park to St Luke's Gardens, plus work underway on a new riverside open space at Cremorne Wharf

Planted 500 new trees – with more greenery and sustainable planting in every single ward in Kensington and Chelsea

Reduced carbon emissions just about the fastest in London – for example by retrofitting six borough schools

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SAFER

Delivered a new warden in every ward – meaning there is a dedicated enforcement officer in all our neighbourhoods to tackle anti-social behaviour

Installed eight acoustic cameras, for example on Holland Road and Chelsea Embankment, resulting in “Silence of the Lambos”, with 750 fines issued to drivers of noisy vehicles

Supported vulnerable children and adults, including by persuading the NHS to keep 10 mental health care beds open at the Gordon Hospital

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FAIRER

Voted for the one of the lowest Council Tax rates in Britain every year, whilst distributing £100 cost-of-living support to low-income households

Built nearly 100 affordable homes in Kensington and Chelsea to help homeless people into safe and warm homes

Opened a new school for pupils with Special Educational Needs in North Kensington ('Kensington Queensmill'), improving support for young people

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We will implement the Grenfell inquiry's recommendations and deliver the promises we have made to the bereaved, survivors and wider community in our response to the inquiry, continuing to strive to become the best Council in light of the tragedy.

How will we govern?

If you vote to **keep Kensington and Chelsea Council Conservative** on 7th May 2026, then you should have a good idea how we will govern – and how we will apply **our principles** not just to existing problems, but to whatever may lie ahead.

1 Clean and safe streets, and amazing spaces

Residents choose to live, work and invest here because it is a special place. But more can be done to make streets safe, and evenings and weekends in London a bit more fun. Vote to keep the Council Conservative – so that we can invest in London’s cleanest streets, and world class public spaces.

We have

- ✔ **Stepped up for step-free at South Kensington station**
We will fund 10 per cent, up to £12mn, towards full step free at South Ken station, and work with TfL to install pedestrian crossings at less safe junctions
- ✔ **Planted 500 new trees across Kensington and Chelsea**
From Portland Road to Powis Square in Kensington, and Sloane Street to Stadium Street in Chelsea – and we will plant 500 more

We will

- ✔ **Back local businesses – having already won £15mn investment in high streets**
We support public realm improvements to international destinations, such as Knightsbridge, and high streets, such as Kings Road and Kensington High Street
- ✔ **Open three new parks at Lots Road, Earl’s Court and Kensal**
A new Lots Road Park, with 5-a-side football – plus new parks in Earl’s Court and Kensal developments, as well as £4.5mn parks investment by 2030

Transformation of one of London's busiest Tube stations takes major step forward

Evening Standard, 01/26

And K&Cs SWAT team, full of new pledges, will make sure streets sparkle into the 2030s...

Streets

fixing problems on streets, from potholes to graffiti, and seizing e-bikes, within 24 hours



Waste

e-buggies in all K&C areas, time banded commercial waste rounds, plus more sweeping and dog bins



Anti social behaviour

50 new CCTV cameras, plus a nighttime enforcement team to crack down on late night ASB







Town centres

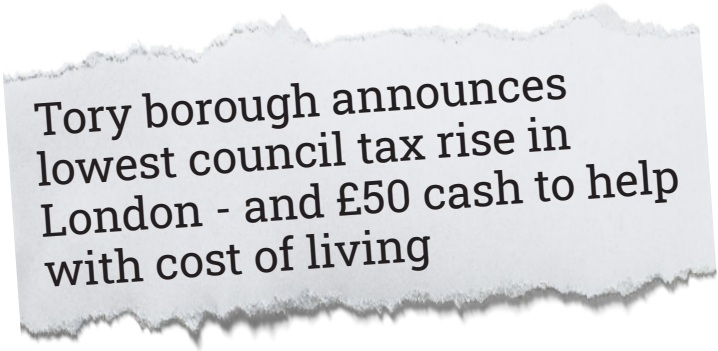
three amazing spaces every 12 months, incl. Portobello, Stratford Road and Gloucester Road

2 Value for money

Government funding cuts mean this is no time for novices on Hornton Street. We have a track record as Britain's most efficient Council, with low rates and £21mn of savings last year. Vote to keep the Council Conservative – so that we can bring about a leaner, more efficient state.



We have

-  **Kept Council Tax in London's lowest quartile, and fifth lowest in Britain**
Whilst London Labour boroughs increased taxes by an average of 4.9 per cent every year since 2022, we froze Council Tax in 2022/23
-  **Saved £60mn+ in the Council's budget, whilst protecting frontline services**
We have improved efficiency, at the same time as protecting the front line, from youth clubs to social care
-  **Started on site on 450 homes, 200 at social rent, in the borough**
New homes at Kelso Cochrane House were named the best new affordable housing in the country in 2023. We are now on site on Barlby Road new homes
-  **Unlocked £100mn from our Pension Fund to reduce homelessness**
£100mn to buy temporary accommodation has been unlocked thanks to strong Pension Fund returns, helping us innovatively tackle a big problem



Evening Standard, 02/25

We will

-  **Keep Council Tax in London's lowest quartile**
Only the Conservatives can be trusted to balance the budget and spend money wisely – making savings where needed, with tax rises a last resort
-  **Run balanced budgets – without running down our reserves**
We will not over-borrow to fund speculative capital schemes, like many boroughs have, and nor will we fund day-to-day spending from reserves
-  **Increase local affordable extra care homes and social care provision**
65 extra care units will open at Lots Road – plus better service at Kingsbridge Road in North Kensington and Princess Beatrice House in Earl's Court
-  **Raise the standard of Council homes across the borough**
Works will carry on to make homes warmer and safer at World's End and Lancaster West. We will also press housing associations to invest in their stock



Work on 65 extra care units is underway on Lots Road

3 Get the basics right

We will get the basics right by focussing on your priorities, not chasing trends or messing around with vanity projects. The bins will be collected; the lights will stay on. Vote to keep the Council Conservative – so that we can fight for the best deal from TfL, the Met, Thames Water et al.





We have

- ✔ **Made it easier than ever for local people to tell us what they think**
Residents can speak at Council, join our Citizens Panel, and attend surgeries. We will also make it much easier for people to access services online
- ✔ **Won ‘Outstanding’ ratings for adults’ and children’s social care**
CQC and Ofsted say our services are Britain’s best. We will ensure services remain high quality, and that schools are Good or Outstanding
- ✔ **Campaigned for more police and for police stations to reopen**
We will lobby for more police on our streets – and we are angry the Mayor closed Notting Hill Police Station and Kensington’s 24/7 front counter
- ✔ **Kept on fighting for the best deal for K&C**
We persuaded TfL to deliver full step free at South Ken, and Thames Water to contribute to flood mitigation on Portobello, big wins for local people

Local authorities awarded top Ofsted rating for unprecedented third time

Social Work Today, 01/25

We will

-  **Focus on your priorities, and on what works, by doing less**
If it is residents' priority, we will try to make it happen. If it isn't, and the system ain't broke, then we won't spend public money on a fix for the sake of it
-  **Guarantee twice-weekly bin collections across the borough**
Twice-weekly bin collections (see below) are here to stay under the Conservatives, with more recycling and food waste collections
-  **Protect the whole borough resident parking permit**
We will retain the single permit for Kensington and Chelsea, keep traffic moving and do all in our power to reopen Albert Bridge to vehicles
-  **Not chase trends or pursue vanity schemes, like LTNs**
We will say no to fads that do not work, like Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, and will not chase grant funding for vanity schemes that may not be right for our patch



K&C is the only London borough picking up bins twice-weekly

4 Make your life easier

People should have agency to get on with their lives. Too often, the state thinks it knows better, only to make things worse. Vote to keep the Council Conservative – so that we can reduce barriers to services, get out of your way and make it easy for you to do the right thing.

We have

✔ Introduced digital parking permits - with subscriptions and direct debits

This saves 32,000 permit holders in K&C countless needless hours on the phone or in the Town Hall's Customer Service Centre to renew permits

✔ Helped people pay for their own care needs

A new 'digital wallet' means we have cut out middle men and given independence back to older residents who rely on our adult social care

✔ Innovated to let owners of historic homes install solar panels

We adopted a first of its kind planning order to let listed homeowners, 4,000 of whom live here, install solar panels – with no impact on Conservation Areas

✔ Made the al fresco revolution permanent – 500 new outdoor licences

We support outdoor dining in K&C – especially in amazing spaces, like Chelsea Green (see right) and Hollywood Road - with two-year pavement and BST licenses

The alfresco revolution goes west with outdoor dining every summer in London

Evening Standard, 03/22

We will

-  **Get the Council ‘match fit’ for the modern world**
Replace old customer service systems struck by cyber with new systems that save residents time and money
-  **Attack the backlogs in planning and licensing**
We will move fast to clear the backlogs in planning and licensing, redeploying staff and streamlining processes to get back on track by Christmas
-  **Make it easier for residents to green their homes**
You should be able to install double glazing and heat pumps – even in listed buildings - so long as there is minimal impact on Conservation Areas
-  **Help local people report dumped e-bikes, graffiti and litter in one click**
Our new “Report It” style app will mean you can report dumped vehicles, graffiti and fly-tipping all in one place – with fines to deter offenders not far behind



Chelsea Green was one of our first amazing spaces

And now that you have got a sense of four of our core Conservative principles, take a look at five things we want to deliver by 2030:

- ✔ **65 new care homes** and a new park on Lots Road
- ✔ **Portobello** – safer, greener and more resilient
- ✔ **Gloucester Road transformed** – wider pavements, new surfaces and more trees
- ✔ **Kensington Park Road** – the best of al fresco in Notting Hill
- ✔ **Barlby Road** – more than 80 new homes in North Kensington



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OUR PRINCIPLES IN KENSINGTON & CHELSEA

CLEAN AND SAFE STREETS

We will invest in clean streets, amazing spaces and parks, and we will protect what makes our borough special, including its built environment and unique character.



VALUE FOR MONEY

We will make efficiencies and modernise our processes so that tax rises are a last resort, despite the Labour Government's £108mn funding cut over the next four years.



GET THE BASICS RIGHT

We will protect twice-weekly bin collections and our boroughwide parking permit. We will also transform adult care facilities to look after older people, including at Lots Road and Kingsbridge Road.



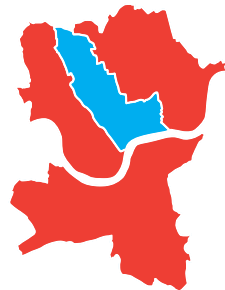
MAKE YOUR LIFE EASIER

We will save busy residents time by reducing barriers to service, for example with direct debits on parking permit renewals and by supporting outdoor dining.



THE CHOICE ON 7 MAY

It's Labour or the Conservatives in our patch - don't waste your vote on third parties - and vote to keep Kensington and Chelsea Conservative.



Keep K&C Conservative on 7th May



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