

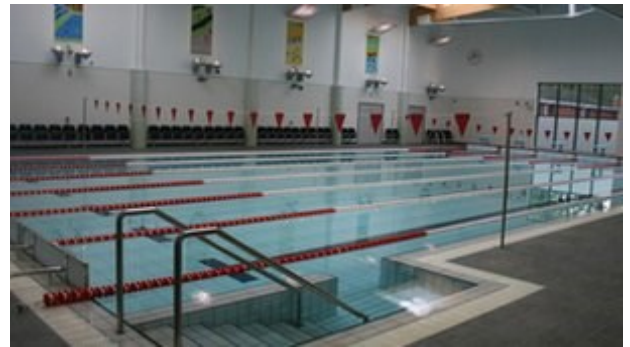
Labour Action



Summer 2014

News from Labour in Northfield, Weoley, Kings Norton & Longbridge from Richard Burden MP and Councillor Brett O'Reilly, Chair of Northfield District.

A New Leisure Centre for Northfield: A Brighter Future



Harborne's Swimming Pool: why shouldn't Northfield have the same?



"It's make your mind up time for Birmingham City Council over a new leisure centre and pool in Northfield and local people deserve better than second best," says Richard Burden MP.

The Labour-run City Council has announced a long-term plan to provide a total of 6 new facilities across the city by 2017. This includes a smart new swimming pool and leisure centre for Northfield people.

Richard welcomed the fact that, under Labour, the Council is facing up to issues that the previous Conservative administration ignored. "For the whole 8 years they ran Birmingham, the Tories knew Northfield Pool would need replacing or refurbishing around now, but they made no plans. It's still not clear what they think. They supported a brand new pool in Harborne but in Northfield they're against it one moment and in favour of it the next."

"If, following consultation, the Council decides that the new pool should be built elsewhere in Northfield, there are of course, questions about what should happen to the current building. I'd like to see it used for alternative community uses and I'd certainly support the front of the building being retained – it's an important part of Northfield's heritage. I'm also very pleased that the Council has learnt the lessons of the past and has committed to keep the existing Baths fully open until the new pool and leisure centre is ready and open for business."

You can read Richard's views in more detail on his website at: www.richardburden.com

There is also a chance for local people to come along to a public meeting on **Wednesday 30 July** (see over for full details) and put their views forward about the future of Northfield's leisure provision.

"I hope that people will take the chance to have their say and I look forward to meeting people there," says Richard.

If you can't get along you can still make your views known both by writing to me at The House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA and/or by logging on to The Council's "Be Heard" website at: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/>

Labour - Still Standing up for Northfield



Northfield Labour Councillor Brett O'Reilly says "News of the new pool is fantastic for everybody in Northfield and the surrounding area. For too many years Birmingham's suburbs - such as Northfield - have been badly neglected by a Tory administration, and I am proud to see Labour investing in the future health and wellbeing of the area."

Brett says that after initially trying to block Labour's proposals for a new Leisure Centre in favour of a "make do and mend" approach, local Conservatives now favour building the new facility on Victoria Common. But Brett said: "We are proud of our public open spaces. Far from building on them, your local Labour team will stand up for Northfield and say no to any Tory proposals to destroy them. Building on Victoria Common is not a viable option."

Labour is continuing to stand up for Northfield, and guarantees that the current leisure centre and pool will not close until the new one is open in 2017.

Have your say: A Public Consultation

A public meeting and workshop has been arranged to consult with local people about the future of leisure facilities in the Northfield District.

The meeting is on **Wednesday 30 July**, starting at **6:30pm**. The venue is **The Factory Young People's Centre, 5 Devon Way, B31 2TS**.

Can't make the meeting?

Visit: <https://www.birminghambeheard.org.uk/>



Do you think that Northfield deserves a new pool and leisure centre? Please give us your views:

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If the General Election was tomorrow, which party would you vote for? Labour/Conservative/Lib Dem/Other

Have you ever voted Labour at any past election? _____

There are also elections to Birmingham City Council on May 7 2015. Which party will you support in these elections? _____

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Yes Maybe No

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