



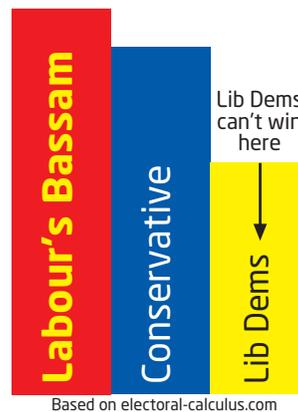
The Ealing, Acton & Chiswick

# Rose

from Bassam Mahfouz

Your local news and views

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## Labour Pressure Brings End to Tram Plan

London Mayor Ken Livingstone has just announced that he is happy to drop his tram plan in favour of improved bus services and the proposed high-speed Crossrail link between west London and the city.



Labour's Transport Spokesman Bassam Mahfouz

welcomed the news stating, "In 2006 I took over as Labour's Transport Spokesman in Ealing, I listened to what local people said and I knew we had to find an alternative public transport solution to west London's congestion problems. We made it clear to the Mayor that people in Ealing opposed his tram plan and I respect him for making the right decision for local residents."

Crossrail will bring an improved high-speed link to central London for those living near **Hanwell, West Ealing, Ealing Broadway** and **Acton Main Line** stations once built and also bring the much needed improvements to these stations that will make them fully accessible.

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### About Bassam...

Bassam Mahfouz was recently selected by the local Labour Party to be your local candidate at the next General Election.



Bassam has grown up and lived in the borough of Ealing since the age of four. Education is important to Bassam who attended school locally at Gunnersbury RC High School in Northfields and currently serves as Chair of Governors at the borough's school for children with severe special educational needs.

As Ealing Labour's Transport, Environment & Climate Change Spokesman he has brought about Labour's new position on the tram (see left), has pushed for increases in recycling and wants more action on tackling climate change locally.

As a councillor he has shown that he is committed to working alongside local residents and together making a difference for the better.

### Mahfouz wants your views on making our tube stations more accessible

**North Acton, Acton Town** and **Turnham Green** stations are going to benefit from unprecedented Labour government investment in our underground as they become step-free by 2013.



Transport for London are offering the opportunity to upgrade **West Acton, East Acton** and **South Ealing** tube stations as part of the next phase, but only your voice can make the difference. If you feel these stations need to be made step-free then visit [www.bassam4ealingacton.com](http://www.bassam4ealingacton.com) to see how you can have your say, if you don't we could lose out!

**Bassam Mahfouz ... A strong local voice in Ealing & Acton**  
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# Save our Freedom Passes

The Freedom Pass, which is a lifeline to thousands of Ealing, Acton and Chiswick residents aged over 60 has come under threat from recent Conservative proposals.



Ealing Tory councillor Phil Taylor has called for the Freedom Pass to be "re-targetted away" from most pensioners to those who were "very old". Conservatives in Parliament have rubbished the scheme as a "waste of public money". To add insult to injury the Tories are also calling for bus passes for under-18s in full-time education to be taken away as well!

**Cllr Bassam Mahfouz** is fighting to save the freedom pass for the thousands of local residents who benefit from this vital scheme.

**Sign Bassam's online petition to Save the Freedom Pass from these awful Tory proposals today!**

# Labour Offer the Real Green Choice in Ealing

Climate change is one of the biggest issues facing our country. The reality really hit home with the summer's floods. We must act now - Bassam Mahfouz and Labour offer the green choice locally.



*Bassam backs Oxfam's campaign to tackle climate change at the London Mela*

Cllr Mahfouz is promoting more recycling and innovative ideas to make Ealing a greener place to live. Recycling rates in Ealing have been boosted and thanks to Bassam recycling facilities will be made available to more homes than ever before.

"The government is tabling a Climate Change Bill that is the first of its kind anywhere in the world. It is not only a serious statement of intent, it goes beyond that and will set legally binding targets for this country to reduce carbon emissions."

"The Tories talk about being green but have ditched their 'Green' logo after only 12 months and have opposed the Climate Change levy in parliament. The Lib Dems claim to be green, but their councils oppose the building of renewable energy sources."

**Complete Bassam's online Climate Change Survey online to have your say on the issue.**

# Ending Poverty in a Generation

Whilst the wealth of our country has undoubtedly increased over the past ten years, Labour believe we still have a duty to make sure that every child and pensioner is not left behind.



**Bassam Mahfouz, who has been leading a local campaign** to end child and pensioner poverty, "The government has taken big strides in helping parents and others get back to work with the country's first ever minimum wage, child tax credits, record levels of employment, free and affordable child care places and projects like Sure Start in South Acton are making a real difference here. The level of child poverty in this country was the worst in Europe. Now it is falling faster than in any other European country, but the work continues until every child has a fair start at life."

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Education Minister Ed Balls has recently announced that Ealing Council will be given £28.5 million over the next three years for early years and child care, including £19 million to the expand the number of ever popular and successful Child Centres (based on Sure Start).

For more details visit **[www.bassam4ealingacton.com](http://www.bassam4ealingacton.com)**

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