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**EDWARD DAVEY MP**



**HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA**

*Dear Resident,*

March 2005

My eighth report updates you on my local and national work. I hope you find it interesting.

Iraq remained the defining political issue last year. While the recent elections give cause for hope, the instability has created a breeding ground for terrorists. We must learn from the mistakes and work for peace in the Middle East and beyond. We need a timetable to withdraw our troops safely and end the drain on the taxpayer.

In Parliament, I shadow John Prescott, the Deputy Prime Minister. He covers local government and I've become very worried about his plans for council tax re-banding. Since Kingston house prices have risen far faster than the national average, these plans for revaluation will hit us here with large council tax rises. Re-banding in Cardiff this year has seen 64% of homes go up one or more bands, and only 2% down! We must stop council tax revaluation, and axe this unfair tax.

Locally, my top campaign, again, was for extra police officers. I spent many hours on a Met review of police numbers across London, pushing Kingston's case. A similar review 3 years ago said we had 30 officers too many - this time, we gained 5 extra officers! Coupled with new community beat teams, we are at last seeing the increase in police we've long battled for. Other campaigns focused on NHS dentists, post offices and scrapping student tuition fees.

With all good wishes

**Edward Davey  
Liberal Democrat MP for Kingston and Surbiton**

## Say No to Council Tax Revaluation

Council Tax is an unfair tax and revaluation will make it more so. Council taxes are rocketing where revaluation has taken place, especially where house prices have risen fast since the 1991 valuation. We therefore call on Ministers to stop Labour's revaluation, scrap Council Tax and replace it with a system based on people's ability to pay.

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

## Say No to Tuition & Top-up Fees

I/we, the undersigned, call for the Government to scrap Tuition Fees and Top-up Fees.

Name

Address

Telephone

Email

## Help Edward's Campaign

**Edward Davey needs your help to campaign on issues affecting residents in Kingston & Surbiton.** There are a number of ways you can help him.

- I can deliver leaflets in my area
  - I can help with clerical work at Edward's HQ
  - I can sit at a polling station for an hour or two on election day, taking voters' numbers
  - I can display a poster at election times
  - I can make a donation to Edward's campaigns
- £50     £25     £10     £.....other

Please make cheques payable to 'Liberal Democrats'. A donation of £5 or more entitles you to become a member of the Lib Dems. Please tick here if you do not wish to be enrolled.

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