



From Tessa Jowell – your local MP for Dulwich & West Norwood

New West Norwood Secondary School opens next year

Parents in the West Norwood area with children starting Secondary School next year will have an extra school to choose from.

Elmgreen School, which will open its doors next September in temporary accommodation, has been backed all the way by Tessa Jowell MP.

The school will be the first ever 'parent promoted' school. It has come about because local parents were fed up with seeing their children head off to dozens of Secondary Schools. New legislation allowed them to take action.

Tessa Jowell has worked closely with parents on this issue, holding a number of meetings between parents and Education Ministers to resolve issues as they arose.

Tessa commented: *"It is great news that this new parent-promoted school will open in West Norwood next year. It is a testament to the hard work of the truly remarkable group of parents who have led this project".*



Flashback: Tessa Jowell with campaigners for a new Secondary School in West Norwood.
Tessa presented a petition to Education Ministers who have now backed the new school

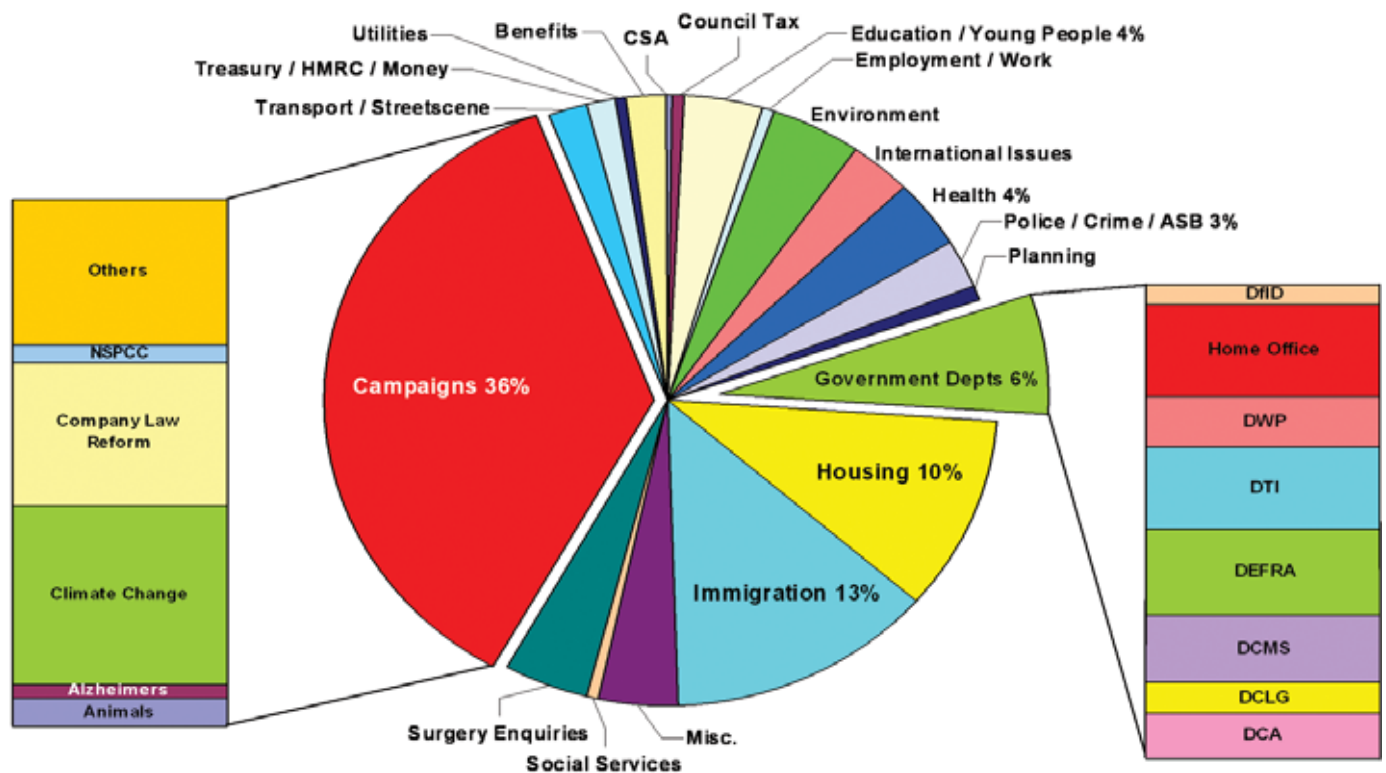


Safer Neighbourhood Teams roll out across Lambeth

Tessa Jowell has welcomed the arrival of new Safer Neighbourhood Teams to help police the local area. These teams are based locally and were made possible by legislation introduced in the Police Act 2002 and the Police and Justice Act 2006, both of which Tessa Jowell supported.

The new teams, consisting of Police Officers and Community Police Support Officers, have an increasingly visible presence - reflecting the record numbers of police officers we now have in London. Tessa Jowell has regular walkabouts with the new police teams and community representatives across her constituency. She has also invited local residents to discussions about specific local crime and anti-social behaviour issues.

Tessa Jowell - Providing more help and advice to local people than ever before



Dealing with constituents' problems and responding to their concerns is a vital part of Tessa Jowell's work as an MP as she reports below:

Dealing with the problems local people raise with me is absolutely central to my work as an MP. It helps me to understand the day to day concerns of the people I have been elected to represent. My local advice sessions are well attended by constituents and I deal with issues raised by telephone, letter and email. I am also active in a great many campaigns involving local groups. There has been a big increase in the number of enquiries handled by my office with almost 4000 individual cases being dealt with in the past twelve months. This makes my office one of the busiest in Parliament. The number of people approaching me for help, or to raise policy issues, has increased by a third in the past four years. The chart above gives an indication of the particular problems and concerns that my office deals with on a day to day basis. Problems with housing and immigration continue to form a large part of my caseload with concerns for certain issues, such as the environment, showing particular growth.

Climate Change - a Hot Issue

I have dealt with an increasing number of what I have described as 'campaigns'. These include postcards, letters and emails sent by a number of constituents about particular issues. Of these campaigns climate change has understandably generated a huge amount of interest - particularly by email.

The Government takes the issue very seriously and a Climate Change Bill, aimed at tackling greenhouse gas emissions, will be a key piece of legislation in the current Parliamentary session.

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