

It is an honour and a privilege for me to be leading this great borough for the next 4 years and after months and months of doorstep conversations about what Haringey needs, now is the time to get on with it.

Having grown up in Haringey I understand what our residents experience on a daily basis and rest assured in the months and years to come, we are determined to change the way things are done.

I want us to collaborate and share power. It should be local people who have the biggest say over what happens in their neighbourhoods. We should start with people and codesign what we do with people.



And there is a lot to do. There is deep poverty and inequality in Haringey. We are living through some of the worst inflation in generations. The price of just about everything is up. Petrol, diesel, gas, electric are all through the roof. There are things we can do, but they have to be done with you – not to you.

We have to get the basics right – home repairs, bin collections, broken paving slabs and gaping potholes – all of it. You need to know that when you ring up the council you won't have to wait half an hour. I don't think we should settle for anything less than great standards.

What I want to ask from you is, where you can, please get involved. Please join community and design groups. Share your ideas. Tell us what's going on and what's going wrong. Contact details for all our councillors are near the back of Haringey People, which has been freshly re-designed, and refocused on collaboration with our residents, following your feedback.

Elections only come around every 4 years. Our local democracy depends on people taking part wherever they can. I know we need to earn the trust and belief that it's worthwhile, but we need your help. We need your knowledge and imagination. If we're going to reimagine local streets, renovate housing estates, or renew local parks, we need the experience and creativity of communities to get it right.

Our infrastructure and services should be first-rate. We want great designs and great quality. The council homes we build in the next few years should be just as good as private homes. The streets in our poorest communities should be as well-designed and well-maintained as any other.

We want a fairer, more equal borough. To get there we need your voice and your involvement in so much of what we do. That's the change we want to see – and it can't come soon enough.

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Councillor Ahmet's ward surgery and contact details are shown on her [councillor web page](#).