

FELLOWS COURT SPECIAL EDITION

Last month Hackney Independent members knocked on doors across Fellows Court. After speaking to people at 86 homes we found some very clear results:

We don't want to see Haggerston School turned into a privately-sponsored mixed-sex City Academy.

Nine out of ten people we spoke to (86%) opposed the councils plans

We want to see more council housing built in Shoreditch, not luxury flats.

Eight of out ten people want more council housing. Even those who do want to see more private housing agree that council housing is more important.

Our councillors are nowhere to be seen.

Only one person out of 86 knew the names of the 3 Labour councillors elected to represent Haggerston at the Town Hall.

Our councillors are doing nothing to help save our local facilities.

Eight out of ten said that councillors should be made to meet their responsibilities in providing facilities like Apples & Pears and Haggerston Pool

The repairs to our windows and roofs were welcome, but long overdue. The builders were badly supervised by the council. Leaseholders are facing big bills in some cases for getting badly carried out repairs.



**Hackney Independent's
Peter Sutton gives his
view on the results:**

"Talking to residents on Fellows Court and discussing the local issues, we got some very clear responses. Haggerston's Labour councillors are letting us down - doing nothing to save Laburnum School or to get the Pool re-opened. While they push through the development of luxury flats, Fellows Court residents know that we need more council housing for overcrowded tenants and our sons and daughters. We support Haggerston School and oppose Labour's plans for a privately-sponsored City Academy.

If the council hadn't waited 25 years there would have been no need for a big repairs programme. The works took too long and the standard of work wasn't checked. Leaseholders know they have to pay towards the costs, but they should only pay a fair share and I don't think all the charges were fair."

If you want to discuss these results or talk about any other issues on Fellows Court, please call **Carl Taylor** on 020 7684 1743 or go to our website at www.hackneyindependent.org