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Dear Resident,

I am inviting you to support your three Conservative candidates standing for election in Brompton Ward on 4th May. I know that, if elected, they will be valuable members of a team that is committed to improving both the services provided by the Council and representing your interests in all the public services provided in Kensington and Chelsea from health and policing through to street cleansing and transport.

External inspectors tell us that we are one of the very best performing councils in the country. Whilst welcome, it is your opinion that matters most to us and the enclosed leaflet outlines some of our achievements since 2002 and our commitments to you for the next 4 years, if we are re-elected.

Not only do we have to think about the present-day needs of our community but also those of future generations. For instance, the Chelsea Academy should open in 2009, fifteen years after I started making our case with Government. Whilst such proposals will require change in some areas, we also seek to conserve those things that make Kensington and Chelsea unique and London's foremost residential borough. That is why we are setting up an independent Commission on Retail Conservation charged with developing policies and recommending legislative changes that would protect our valued local shopping areas such as Chelsea Green, Holland Park Avenue and Portobello Road from the relentless onslaught of high street chains and the impact of Ken Livingstone's congestion charge.

We know that all residents expect excellent services and good value for money but that many live on fixed, limited incomes. That is why we have tried to achieve relative stability in the level of Council Tax you have to pay and why we have organised the Council's finances so that there is money available to achieve many of our major ambitions yet still to be able to freeze Council Tax for the next two years. We believe that reaching this balance is a major achievement and our aim is to continue such stability in future years provided national Government lets us get on with implementing your priorities rather than theirs.

I hope our priorities for the next four years match yours and that you will support **Iain Hanham, Margot James and Shireen Ritchie** on 4th May.

Most definitely not!
(See the section
on the site 'Local
Council & LGO')

Yours faithfully,

Cllr. Merrick Cockell
Leader of The Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea Council