

Richard Merrin selected for Hornsey and Wood Green

Richard Merrin was selected last night by the Conservative Party to stand in Hornsey and Wood Green at the next general election.

Businessman Richard, 42, is the managing director of a London based public relations agency, and has a long record of campaigning in Highgate.

"I am absolutely delighted to have been selected by the members of the Hornsey and Wood Green Conservative Association, an area of London my family live and I know so well," commented Richard. "I lived in Crouch End for many years and my family live in Muswell Hill.

"Labour run Haringey Council is officially the worst in London and one of the bottom four in the UK. The people of Hornsey and Wood Green have been hit by a double whammy – an inept council and a sub-prime government well past its sell-by date."

Richard continued: "The current economic crisis is affecting everyone, from those now being made redundant to those with savings. On Crouch End Broadway and elsewhere in the constituency you can already see the closed shops and 'For Let' signs springing up.

"What we need more than ever is an MP who understands the pain families and businesses are going through. Someone who has a grasp of the seriousness of the current economic situation and someone who will stand up for those who have lost their jobs, seeing their homes come under threat of repossession, and those who living off fixed incomes who are seeing their incomes shrink."

"So I throw down a challenge to Lynne Featherstone: After 4 years in Parliament, it is high time to step up to the plate and address the big national issues for a change. We all know that Lynne was a popular local councillor for Muswell Hill. But a quick look at her website shows that she hasn't moved on. She is still focusing on the 'parish pump' council issues that she should now be entrusting to her former councillor colleagues.

"Lynne, let them get on with their job and you should get on with yours: being a voice for this constituency on national issues at Westminster. You're not in Haringey Civic Centre any more." he concluded.