Introducing Nik Slingsby - Labour’s local candidate who is campaigning on local issues. Westminster Conservatives have been in power for so long they regularly dismiss residents’ concerns. This by-election is an opportunity for you to make clear that residents’ concerns should be heard and not ignored. Your priorities, not big business, come first. Nik believes this firmly and is the only candidate who can beat the Conservatives

“I feel very much a part of our community as I grew up and went to school in Marylebone, playing as a child in Paddington Street Gardens. I learnt to read by borrowing the Roald Dahl books from the library on Marylebone Road and then used to study for my A levels on its old wooden desks. I studied for a degree in Mandarin Chinese and Economics at the University of London and then trained as a lawyer specialising in toy and product safety. I help out with the running of a soup kitchen and night shelter and offer pro-bono legal advice to those who come to the kitchen. I live locally in Harrowby Street – a beautiful part of a wealthy City - and have witnessed first-hand how incompetent the current administration has become. Please use your vote to object to Council bungling / reductions in services such as libraries; open spaces; closure of police / fire stations and cuts in community services – such as taxicard”

Nik’s views on local issues:

**The Future of Moxon Street - It’s time your views came first**

The Council is planning to sell the Moxon Street car park to the highest bidder for redevelopment. Nik believes some of the land should be used for a permanent home for the Farmers’ Market and the provision of a new public square, along with housing and a new library to replace the one the Council is closing on Marylebone Road.

90% of residents favour this community-oriented approach, but the Council will not listen. All the Council want is a maximum price to bail out its financial incompetence - depriving local people of the chance to have a truly favourable development on this vital site. Your current Councillors have gone along with this, selling out the local community so as not to rock the boat at City Hall. Nik is wholly opposed to this way forward and backs the community proposals. It’s time community interests came first.

**Luxborough Street play area to go**

Luxborough Street residents are angry that they will lose their local children’s play area in Luxborough Street when the Council builds new luxury homes and an underground library without natural light. This is what you have told us:

“The proposed scheme removes at least one third of our estate and 6 large mature trees. The play area is relegated to a site which the police are unable to supervise and will be a focus of antisocial activity.”

“Marylebone is very densely populated and there are already enough on-going developments and building sites. It is becoming an area full of younger families with kids – who will need safe places to play.”

“I would like to add my concern to that of other residents on the proposed development of the play area in Luxborough Street. What with the redevelopment of the Chilton Street car park the proposed development of 66 Chiltern Street into residential apartments. We need more open spaces not less”

“Nik Slingsby would be a great addition to the Labour Team on Westminster. He is intelligent, hard-working and totally committed to representing local residents,” says Councillor Paul Dimoldenberg, Leader of Westminster Labour Group

**Vote for Nik Slingsby on Thursday 2nd May**
Promoted by Paul Dimoldenberg of 44 Manor House, Marylebone Road, NW1 5NP on behalf of Nik Slingsby and printed by Westminster North Labour Party at 4g Shirland Mews London W9 3DY

Nik’s view – “I am sorry that Harvey Marshall has had to retire from the Council due to ill health. We wish him all the best for the future”

Marylebone Police Station to be closed and sold off
Nik agrees with residents who have protested at the Mayor’s decision to close and sell off Marylebone police station and those at Harrow Road and St John’s Wood - despite overwhelming community representations.

Nik’s view
“From the views submitted by the Council to the Mayor’s consultation, it would appear that the focus of their interest is in protecting the West End and more Southerly parts of Westminster – to the detriment of wards such as Marylebone. What is required is a strong voice for local residents that can be heard above the vested interests of large business. I object to these closures and would want to work closely with Safer Neighbourhood Police to ensure our area is not forgotten in the scramble by the Mayor to save £20 million from the police budget.”

Paddington Street toilets closed - due to Council incompetence
Many of Westminster’s toilets, including the one in Paddington Street, were closed for weeks as part of a contract dispute between the Council and the Carlisle Group.

Nik’s view “The Council promised that privatisation would not reduce, but improve the quality of service at a cheaper price. In practice we now have closed and filthy toilets which are padlocked to stop residents, visitors, shoppers and cab drivers from using them. It is a complete shambles and the Council should apologise for the breakdown of this service.”

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Working for your interests in Marylebone
Over the past few years, Labour Councillors have acted on hundreds of issues raised with them by local residents in and around the Marylebone High Street Ward:

- Urging the Council and police to take action to stop the problems caused by anti-social behaviour at Holcroft Court
- Raising concerns about late night noise from bars and clubs in Chiltern Street and Blandford Street area
- Persuading the Council and the Polish Ambassador to take action to better control the queues outside the Polish Consulate in New Cavendish Street
- Urging the Council and TfL to consider installing a new pedestrian crossing at the junction of Devonshire Street and Portland Place
- Persuading the Council to deal with rubbish problems at the corner of Dorset Street and Manchester Street
- Pressing for the Council to investigate early morning deliveries at the corner of New Cavendish Street and Hallam Street
- Protesting about the removal of residents’ parking bays at Montagu Mansions
- Complaining to the Council about the bottle collections from outside bars and restaurants in Blandford Street and Chiltern Street in the early hours of the morning.
- Pressing for on-street electric car charging points in the Marylebone area
- Urging CityWest Homes to act on residents complaints about the door entry system and heating problems at Luxborough Tower

Want to help?
If you would like to help Nik Slingsby please phone 07864 042 584 or email pdimoldenberg@hotmail.co.uk
For more information on Nik’s campaign please visit http://labourwestminster.wordpress.com/marylebone-high-street-by-election/

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