

Excerpts from an interview on with Karen Buck MP
08/04/2016

18min 02sec

- 00.00 Karen gives a background to how she got to know about Maxilla
Susy Parsons
- 01.20 North Kensington of the mid-late 20th Century
- 02.20 Karen became actively involved in the mid 90s representing her
constituency of Regents Park and Kensington North
- 04.25 End of 90s – the formation of Sure Start
Harriet Harman visited Maxilla – an outstanding example of an integrated
early years centre
- 05.40 Maxilla as a comprehensive model – multi ethnic, and a broad socio-
economic mix
- 06.50 2003 the Boroughs attempt to restructure Maxilla
- 07.45 A powerful campaign from the local community to protest against this
The importance of cross party alliances
The Schools Organising Committee
- 09.30 The preservation of the garden
- 10.35 Karen's response to the closure of Maxilla in 2015
- 11.20 Children's Centres are now in full retreat
- 15.20 Continued advances in the offer for under 5s, but there is something lost
as well as something gained
- 16.00 Children's Centre had a multiplier role – community cohesion
- 17.38 Maxilla was an important piece of social history and it was right