

JONATHAN SIMPSON, MBE

- Councillor for Kings Cross Ward since 2002 [20 years]
- Mayor (twice): 2010-11; 13-14
- Cabinet member for Community Safety; also Communities & Culture [until 2020]
- Camden's Arts community Champion
- Awarded MBE in Queen's Birthday Honours, 2021 for his work championing Camden's live music venues and cultural organisations.

Lives: Kentish Town (off Rochester Square) *[from interview]*

Education: BA Politics and Philosophy (UCL) 1992-1995

MA Philosophy (Birkbeck) 1995-97

Link to Camden Council's [Register of interests](#)

Appointment to outside bodies

- Camden Arts Centre

Non-pecuniary interests

- Trustee of Amy Winehouse Foundation
- Member of GMB Union

Employment: (since July 2022) MPC - Regional Director for London & the South East

From MPC's website: "We exist to ensure the built environment is used as a catalyst for positive change.

We provide a range of consultancy services - including public affairs, public relations, political engagement and social value - to build support for new development."

Previous employment:

Business Director, Cascade Communications

Cascade is a specialist communications consultancy committed to delivering strategic advice and results for our clients in property, development, planning and construction. We have earned a well-respected reputation for delivering some of the most high-profile and complex developments in London and the South East. *[from Linked In]*

Director at Quatro Public relations

Combining expertise and experience with a network of influential connections, we help our clients to cut through the red tape, bypass the bureaucracy and get their message heard. We specialise in providing advice and consultancy across property, infrastructure planning and campaigns, to encourage support, raise awareness and build trust. *[from website]*

Interviews / articles on-line include:

<https://www.hamhigh.co.uk/news/birthday-honours-jonathan-simpson-mbe-councillor-8045544>
(June 11 2021)

<https://www.kentishtowner.co.uk/2014/01/28/ich-bin-kentishtowner-jonathan-simpson-mayor-camden/>

<https://www.pinknews.co.uk/2010/05/28/london-borough-of-camden-has-new-gay-mayor-and-mayoress/>

<https://www.cascadecommunications.co.uk/2022/02/local-elections-whos-standing-down-in-may/>

Written by Jonathan Simpson, 22 Feb 2022

Supporter / promoter of the West End Project from its inception

Minutes of Cabinet meeting: 21.01.15

Cabinet Councillors: Sarah Hayward (Chair), Theo Blackwell, Patricia Callaghan, Julian Fulbrook, Abdul Hai, Angela Mason, Phil Jones, Sally Gimson and **Jonathan Simpson**.

Councillors Harrison, Madlani and Francis, Bloomsbury ward councillors were present at the meeting and expressed their support for the proposals. Councillor Jones thanked the ward councillors for their work and involvement in this project.