

FOCUS



JAMES NEWPORT: FIGHTING FOR OUR AREA

- ✓ STOP OVER DEVELOPMENT ON OUR GREENBELT
- ✓ CAMPAIGN FOR BETTER POLICING & COMMUNITY SAFETY
- ✓ STOP THE LOSS OF VALUABLE COMMUNITY ASSETS

JAMES NEWPORT SELECTED AS LIB DEM CANDIDATE FOR DOWNHALL & RAWRETH



JAMES RECENTLY ORGANISED A SUCCESSFUL 'LITTER PICK' AS PART OF THE NATIONAL CAMPAIGN 'GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN' IN SWEYNE PARK WITH THE HELP OF MANY LOCAL RESIDENTS

"As long standing Lib Dem Cllr Ron Oatham retires, I am proud to have been selected to follow in his footsteps"

As a previous District Councillor, I know how challenging the role can be, as well as incredibly rewarding. If elected, I am determined to fight for these BIG issues that effect the whole community.

Speaking to residents in Downhall & Rawreth on their door step, I know first hand that they share the same deep concerns as myself. Lack of Policing & Community Safety, Traffic Congestion, Air Pollution, Our High Street & of course Over Development without infrastructure. These should all be KEY PRIORITIES in our Town & District.

Working alongside my Lib Dem colleagues, I share the same determination to not to let the Tory decisions go unscrutinised and fight for residents.

Yours, James Newport

WHAT RESIDENTS ARE SAYING ABOUT JAMES NEWPORT...



"James Listens, Responds & Takes Action"

I have communicated with James on many occasions to discuss issues effecting residents. He is always quick to respond, looking for solutions and listening to suggestions and ideas to explore and put forward.

James is very active within our online community and in my experience I have found James to be truly passionate and hard working on our behalf of residents to improve our area and community.

Mrs Williams, West Rayleigh

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It's the Lib Dems or the Conservatives here!

What I Stand For

- ✓ **Oppose the Conservative plan to spend 3.4 million pounds on new offices and to re-site the Council Chamber in Freight House Rochford. Local residents money should be spent on local services for local people**
- ✓ **Oppose Conservative County Council's threat to move Rayleigh Library and sell off the building**
- ✓ **Demand that the Council proactively monitors our congested roads for air quality levels**
- ✓ **Ensure our parks & play spaces are properly maintained ALL YEAR ROUND**
- ✓ **Abolish the cabinet system at Rochford District Council to give back democracy**

Failures At Rochford DC

- ✗ **Lax planning control at Rochford Council has led to over development for many areas. This has caused terrible traffic problems throughout the District. Lots of new homes but no new roads! Oppose development without infrastructure to support it**
- ✗ **Rochford Council have delayed bringing forward a travellers site in the 2014 adopted 'Core' Strategy, which means because of central government laws, travellers could potentially buy any greenbelt land and settle on it. They seem content to kick the can down the road!**
- ✗ **It is inevitable that we will again have development pressures in the future. At that time we must investigate the possibility of a 'Garden Village' development to the east of the district close to the Southend border where retail facilities and reasonable road systems already exist. We should not allow more housing estates**

DO THEY WORK FOR YOU?

✓ HOUSING

- Since 2016 there has been planning permission granted for 2000 new homes in our district, that are not yet built. Conservative Councillors continue to approve new homes, at times ignoring the 35% affordable housing policy
- There are nearly 750 residents on the housing register list and they can expect to have a 2 to 3 year wait for the Council to house them. Meanwhile, they will have to live in temporary accommodation which can mean a whole family living in one room!

✓ FINANCES

Conservative Councillors will often use spin that they have 'no borrowing' or they are prudent with taxpayers money

- IT Project budgeted at £300,000, actual cost £780,000 and now costs more to run than the old contract
- £3.4m on new Council Offices & Chambers
- £9m in reserves but continue to INCREASE Council Tax

It's a clear choice in our area:

Local Lib Dem JAMES NEWPORT

- A proven local campaigner
- A record of fighting for the community
- Keeping residents informed

OR

Just another Conservative

- Cutting services
- Unrealistic Development on greenbelt
- Expensive self serving, 'vanity' projects