



Keeping **Whitchurch** Informed all year

**Vote Steve Neilson on 5th May**

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# 98 new homes will be affordable to rent

## The Local Plan is agreed at last - and Labour Councillors did not vote for it

After seven hard years the Local Plan for Basingstoke & Deane has been approved by a government inspector. It confirms that the target for Whitchurch is 350 new homes over 15 years and that 98 of those will be for rent from Housing Associations. Another 42 will be other affordable homes such as part rent, part buy.

Targets for the rest of the Borough were increased but the 350 figure put forward for Whitchurch by Lib Dems five years ago will be in the adopted plan.

**Liberal Democrat Councillor Keith Watts** has consistently voted for these affordable homes while Labour sat on their hands. Labour wouldn't suggest any sites in the Borough for houses for fear of upsetting the neighbours!

**Liberal Democrat Candidate in the Borough Council Election Steve Neilson** said "now we can quote the adopted plan at public inquiries to stop developers getting planning permission for more houses than Whitchurch needs".



### **£9,000 spent on Neighbourhood Plan - so where is it?**

After three years, and spending £9,000 of public money, Whitchurch is still waiting for a draft Neighbourhood Plan fit for local people to vote on in a referendum. Oakley people have already voted to approve theirs after less than two years.

### **Warehouses north of the Railway?**

Steve Neilson opposes the plan for building on the AONB north of Whitchurch Railway Station. He says "To build on precious land like this would need an exceptional purpose. This land-hungry, high traffic, low employment development is not good for Whitchurch."

# KEEP THE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TEAM

Since Tommy Brooks was first elected in 1978, Liberals and Liberal Democrats in Whitchurch have worked together with other Lib Dems in the interests of local people. We now have new people in our team, one of whom is **Steve Neilson**, our candidate in this election.

We still have work to do. While new houses are being built, Hampshire County Council will receive hundreds of thousand pounds from builders to pay for necessary road improvements. **Keith Watts** has set up a Transport Infrastructure Project to recommend how that money can be spent to the benefit of Whitchurch.

Steve Neilson is keen for people to understand the different things the Town Council, the Borough Council and the County Council do so that they may influence how the money is spent.

Above all, we will work to ensure that Whitchurch gets a fair share of all the available resources in these difficult times.



## COUNTY CUTS

**Women and children suffer first**  
Hampshire County Council spending cuts have led to the local Snowdrops Childrens Centre being closed and the end of Breastfeeding Clinics across the Borough.

The Liberal Democrat team on the County Council vigorously opposed these and other important services being cut, but nothing can be done about them in this Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Election.

Next year the whole of Hampshire County Council will be up for re-election so we will be able to get rid of this dreadful Conservative team.

### Stop Press **STAGECOACH**

#### **Only 86 to serve Evingar and Bell Street**

After a six-month "pilot" of bus routes through Whitchurch, consulting passengers at a very late stage, Stagecoach have decided to change to something not suggested before. The 86 will return to calling at the Station with a very infrequent service. It will be the **ONLY** bus serving Bell St, Evingar Rd, Newbury Rd and turnings off. If you object to this change write to Michael Watson, Managing Director, Stagecoach South, The Bus Station, Chichester PO19 8DG email: michael.watson@stagecoachbus.com

## 3 positive reasons to vote for Steve Neilson

- **An approachable Candidate who is regularly available to deal with problems and issues.**
- **A down to earth local Candidate who will keep YOU informed and seeks YOUR views through Focus all the year round.**
- **A Candidate who will speak up strongly for ALL local people.**

**The best person for the job**

*if you need a lift to vote phone 896969*

**Steve NEILSON**



**On the bottom line of the yellow ballot slip**



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