

# Choose an effective, hard-working councillor, vote Liberal Democrat

## A personal message from Neil Brinkworth

I am delighted to be standing again to represent Woodfield Ward. Many of you put your trust in me last year and with a little extra support I could join the group of effective Liberal Democrat councillors who are already working on behalf of residents in Chells and Manor Wards.



Local people have already told me how their lives could be improved: by being told about local changes, by more parking and by making it more pleasant for people who walk about the area.

The Labour-controlled Council has a poor record of environmental maintenance. Litter is left uncleared in common areas like greens and woodlands. Too many green spaces are sold off for inappropriate housing developments. Car parking space is often inadequate, leading to conflict between neighbours.

**You have the right to demand better than this.**

I hope I can persuade you, whatever your views, that local elections are about local and not national issues, despite the temptation to vote for the same two parties, Labour and Conservative.

**Local elections are about getting an effective voice to represent you on the local Council.**

*Neil Brinkworth*

## Lib Dem councillors demand action

- Why is there a backlog in parking restriction and yellow line requests?
- Why were there unacceptable failures with grass cutting in spring/summer last year?
- Why does Stevenage Borough Council have high levels of sickness absence, at over 8 days per employee per year?

## Your money spent locally

Local councillors get small budgets they can spend locally in their wards. In Martins Wood, Councillor Robin Parker used some of his to refresh the white lining in the rear car park at Emperors Gate. We



want to see local money spent on local priorities. Why not let local ward councillors decide:

- which roads need funds for residents' parking
- how often grass is cut
- how often street refuse bins are emptied?

## Lib Dem councillors let you have your say



Local Liberal Democrat councillors hold regular meetings so you can have your say and get feedback on the action or inaction of your Borough and County Councils.

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**Lib Dem councillors: listening, working, consulting all year round**

## Why Liberal Democrat?

People living in Manor and Chells wards are served by a strong team of Liberal Democrat councillors. They respond quickly to local problems and ensure funds go to local amenities like zebra crossings, tidy verges and seats and benches. They lobby hard to get road surfaces and broken street lights fixed.

## Let's clean up Stevenage!

Our town has a poor record of maintaining the environment. Stevenage also has the worst recycling rate in Hertfordshire. Data from the Hertfordshire Waste Partnership reveals that only 38% of Stevenage's waste is recycled compared with an average for the county of 51%.

In contrast, Liberal Democrat-run Three Rivers Council has a recycling rate of 62%.

Following trials in nearby Manor Ward, initiated by Liberal Democrat councillors, 84% of residents told us they would prefer just one large recycling bin.

## Redevelopment of the town centre?

For more than three decades the council and a succession of MPs have been talking about redeveloping the

town centre. As each successive scheme falters on poor planning, unrealistic costings or squabbling between the council, MP and government, the town centre declines further. We are happy to work with whoever is the MP from whatever party to make the regeneration happen.



## Stop inappropriate development

Local Liberal Democrat councillors opposed a development of 600+ extra homes in the green belt on the east of Stevenage right from when it was first proposed three years ago. Labour failed to inform people about it at the time. This proposal by Conservative-controlled East Herts District Council and backed by Labour in a Memorandum of Understanding is completely inappropriate.

Similar large schemes now being proposed on land off North Road and off Back Lane are equally unwelcome. Housing developments on the edge of Stevenage put a massive strain on our roads, local services and infrastructure. We need a better housing strategy that looks again at building beyond the A1M to the west of the town.

## Hands off our green spaces!

Our children need somewhere to play but too many parcels of green space are being sold off to developers by the Labour-controlled Stevenage council. People need green space in their neighbourhoods!

## Town centre parking: Free ½ hour, not 3!

Our Conservative MP wants 3 hours' free parking in the town centre. No similar town to Stevenage in Britain offers that. Car park charges provide vital income to the Borough Council to fund its services. A free first half hour, however, would help those people who need to access banks and to collect goods. Meanwhile, the Borough Council still fails to put money aside for residents' parking schemes.

**You can find out more about Lib Dem policies for Stevenage and the UK by going to:**

<https://stevenageliberaldemocrats.org.uk/>

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for WOODFIELD WARD

## The Liberal Democrat plan for Stevenage:

- Review excessive car parking charges and add short free periods
- Put money back into local residents' parking schemes
- Stop selling off your green spaces
- Stop building yet more houses on the edge of Stevenage that burden our crumbling roads, services and infrastructure.
- Launch a town-wide rubbish clean-up campaign led by neighbourhood wardens.
- Increase locality budgets so local people can decide what gets priority
- Back the regeneration of the town centre and end the political slanging match between the Labour Council and Conservative MP

Stevenage Borough Council needs a strong and vocal opposition. We need more Liberal Democrat councillors to carry forward the work of our existing team.

*See over for more details*