

On Barton Ward FOCUS



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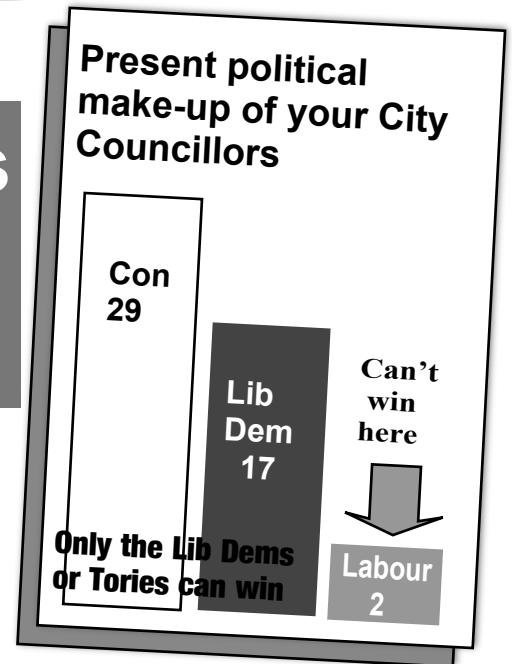
Tories Cut Our Services & Keep Their Allowances

Local residents deserve decent services. Liberal Democrats on Canterbury City Council wanted to keep as many of these services as possible - particularly those that people who responded to the council's budget consultation said they most wanted to keep. We don't understand why the Conservatives are cutting things residents voted to save - and kept things they had said could be cut. What was the point of consulting people and then ignoring them? The Conservatives voted against residents' top two choices and just did what they wanted anyway.

Lib Dems proposed that ALL councillors take a cut in their allowances to save the services that are important to local people. But the Conservative councillors said no. They voted to hang on to their allowances and cut things like funding for voluntary organisations, money to provide loans for the public, recycling sacks and the Out of Hours Nuisance Service.

The proposals we put forward would not have cost council tax payers a penny more. They would keep Council Tax at current levels and most importantly they would reflect the views of local people. We also proposed scrapping the £20,000 they are paying toward the Open Golf in Sandwich.

They wouldn't listen!



Barton Councillor Action in January & February includes . .

- Pilgrim's way - request to council for a bus-stop shelter near school
- Request for new bus route linking opposite sides of the city
- CCTV request for subway
- Oaten Hill - letter to Inspectorate re: Planning Appeal
- North Holmes Road area & Spring Lane estate - ASB issues resolved
- Graffiti reported - subway & various locations in ward
- South of the ward - various Highways issues resolved
- St. George's Field - request to ensure it remains public Open Space
- Motion submitted re: recycling sacks
- Talk to resident group re: Local Investment Plan

Traffic threat to people living in North Holmes Road area.

At the moment, bollards at the junction of Havelock Street with Broad Street and at the junction of North Holmes road with Old Ruttington lane keep through traffic out of these residential roads. If leading Tory councillors get their way these bollards could go.

At a meeting of Canterbury city council on 13th January, during a discussion about the congestion and poor air quality in Broad Street, two leading Conservative councillors suggested that a possibility to solving the problem might be removing the bollards in nearby side roads to allow traffic through.



But your Barton Ward Liberal Democrat councillors will fight any plan from the Tories to send the through traffic via Monastery Street or North Holmes Road.

Sack The Council?

At the recent budget debate Liberal Democrats proposed that recycling sacks should once again be available from Community Centres, Parish Councils, Council Offices, village halls etc. This was rejected by the Tory ruling group.

We keep being told that all local residents have to do to receive more recycling sacks is to register with the Council. But when you reach in a drawer and find you have run out you don't want to have to go online or make a phone call - and then have to wait



6-8 weeks for the sacks to be delivered. The Council are depriving local residents of the tools they need to protect the environment.

Fix my street

Residents can report specific problems such as potholes and faulty lamp posts to Kent Highways Using fixmystreet.com.



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