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OVER DEVELOPMENT & OUR COMMUNITY

Our Families Needs Should NOT be forgotten about in the Council Chamber

About our candidate Lisa Newport

Lisa has lived in Rayleigh since 2000 with her husband and children who have attended our excellent local primary and secondary schools. She currently works in the town centre. Lisa is extremely passionate about making sure Rayleigh's rich history as a market town is preserved and that we all have a safe and pleasant environment for us to live in.

PLEASE VOTE LISA NEWPORT

ON 3RD MAY



Dear Fellow Resident,

Over development has blighted Rayleigh during the period of Conservative control. In peak times getting around by car can take an age. There is a big policy document (Local Plan) being prepared by the Council that could lead to a lot more building in our town. That's why the Lib Dems have already started campaigning to minimise the development in Rayleigh. We are insisting on infrastructure, like new roads, be provided before any building. Last time the Council drafted a plan (then called a 'Core Strategy'), we campaigned and managed to get development in Rayleigh significantly reduced – but it was still too much! We need your support in the local elections to fight over development.

Youth services have taken a real hit in the government austerity cuts over recent years. Most local kids are well brought up and are basically good at heart. But we risk creating problems if we continue to provide so little for them to do, especially during the long summer holiday period. When the Lib Dems ran the Council we provided funding for schools to open up their sport and arts facilities during holidays for all children. Today

what little use is made of school assets seems to be for fee paying clubs, not always suitable for our young people.

You only need to look at the state of the roads to see the Conservatives are not doing a good job in key areas. Our roads are heavily potholed making driving hazardous. Roads are a County Council responsibility but with Conservatives in control at all levels of government so they cannot escape criticism.

Another example of their bad management is the way that they are building new unsightly toilets in the conservation area in Crown Hill, instead of taking the cheaper option of refurbishing the historic toilets which are *not* in a very bad condition.

If you want change please vote for me, Lisa Newport the Liberal Democrat Candidate in the local election on 3rd May 2018.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Newport
Liberal Democrats

We ARE United 4 Democracy!

Liberal Democrats and other opposition parties: 'Greens', 'Rochford District Residents' and the new 'Friends of Rochford' party have been working together during recent months for the benefit of local people. None of these groups have a 'party whip' which means local Councillors can act for their residents not just follow a political line as the Conservatives do.

With your support during the 3rd May election, we can make our Council more open and accountable, we can also save some taxpayers money at the same time!

Here is what we plan to do:

✓ **Abolish the 'Cabinet System'** and go back to the Council Committees. This will mean all Councillors can represent their residents views on Council Committees and then can get things done for local people. *This change alone is estimated to save £100,000 per year!*

✓ **We will protect the environment**, we have made a start by monitoring air quality but there is much more to do.

✓ **Restrict development in the new Local Plan**, protect greenbelt land, ensure necessary infrastructure is provided **before** any future development.

Working hard all year round

Killer Air Quality

We've been monitoring Air Quality across the district, paid for by the Lib Dems and other opposition parties, since January 2017. In Rayleigh, air quality along the London Road breached the EU legal limit multiple times during the year. This is a cause for concern particularly as both Glebe Primary and Sweyne schools, border the main road. When we first raised the issue of air pollution in our ward, the Conservatives did not ask for more monitoring and neither were steps taken to protect our residents from what is described by Public Health England as "a public health crisis". Pollution from Nitrogen Dioxide is exasperated by slow moving vehicles and with the congestion we see in Rayleigh vulnerable groups, children and the elderly, are at greater risk. Residents however, will find it hard to move to cleaner vehicles as we have ZERO electric vehicle charging points in our district.



9 facts the Tories didn't want you to know

1. **7500 New Private Houses** planned across the District and again, sites put forward in 'West Rayleigh' could deliver a minimum of over **6000** houses
2. **Over 900 residents** on waiting list for housing and very little social housing being built
3. No additional air quality monitoring outside schools and other vulnerable sites
4. Over **£345,000** spent by Tories on new toilets with NO costs for refurbishment obtained!
5. Tory Councillors 'collect' over **£100,000** in 'Special Allowances' when there is an ever-increasing budget gap in Council finances
6. Public petitions are '**ignored**' by Tory majority
7. New social media policy to attempt to **gag opposition Councillors** from revealing the truth about how the Conservative administration mismanages the public purse
8. There are almost **500 homes empty** across the district and the Tories have failed to use legal powers to bring them back into use
9. Tory majority votes for above inflation Council Tax rise with **£5m** already in reserves!

Looking After Our Local Environment



Residents helping with the community litter pick in Sweyne Park open space

Protecting our local environment for future generations is high on my agenda. With reductions in Council budgets, litter removal from our open spaces isn't as good as it could be. We recently organised a community litter pick in Sweyne Park to lend a helping hand to remove a lot of rubbish that has accumulated over several months. Despite the bad weather we had a good turn out from volunteers and cleared a lot of rubbish.



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Contact the team


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- ✓ **Against OVER DEVELOPMENT and the building of more houses WITHOUT infrastructure**
- ✓ **Fight for the removal of the cabinet system and 8 Councillors claiming £100k a year in 'special allowances' and return to a democratic decision making process**
- ✓ **Continue to be vocal about decisions and argue for an open and transparent Council delivering value for money to residents**

OR

SAY NO TO

- X Secretive decision making behind 'closed doors' in favour of meeting NATIONAL Conservative policies rather than in the interests of our LOCAL residents**
- X Building 7500 houses over greenbelt land WITHOUT any new roads or associated infrastructure**

... and Labour are a distant third in this election and cannot win here

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