

Birchanger focus



A RECORD OF ACTION - A PROMISE OF MORE

MAY 2015

YOUR CLEAR CHOICE ON 7 MAY: YOUR HARD-WORKING LOCAL LIB DEM TEAM...



The hard working balanced Lib Dem team Melvin Caton and Lori Flawn have both lived locally for over 30 years so they have day to day knowledge of the problems facing local residents. Melvin lives in Stoney Common which was in Birchanger before it was transferred into Stansted and Lori in nearby Takeley.

Lori has promised to be the **champion for Birchanger**. She said "Living in Takeley, I know what it is like to live with Stansted Airport in your back garden with the constant threat of Stansted expansion. It will be my role to be especially vigilant to safeguard Birchanger's identity and environment while understanding the benefit that the airport brings to the local economy".

Melvin will work with Lori and Birchanger Parish Council to get promised road safety measures installed along Birchanger Lane by the Tory controlled Essex County Council and to ensure that the green belt around Birchanger remains in any new Local Plan. Birchanger has a choice between Melvin and Lori...

...OR THE FARAWAY TORIES

Both Conservative candidates live 14 miles from the ward - one on the way to Chelmsford, the other beyond Thaxted. They do not face the day to day problems of living in our villages.

One runs a business that is clearly associated with the airport- Stansted Airport Lettings. Will he stand up for local people against future airport plans to expand?

Similarly, other fringe candidates lack local knowledge as they do not live anywhere near Birchanger or Stansted.

The Conservative-run district council spent £2m and wasted eight years producing a Local Plan that was thrown out by the planning inspector because they hadn't listened to local people saying that the local road network couldn't cope with the extra traffic.

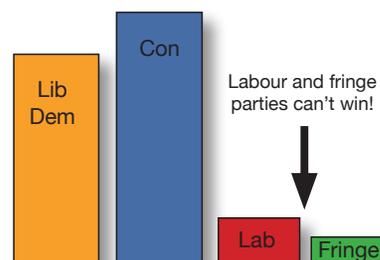
JUNCTION 8 THREAT

The new housing planned by Uttlesford and East Herts district councils in the area will cause Junction 8 on the M11 to seize up, say highway engineers. This is one of the reasons why the government inspector rejected Uttlesford's Local Plan and its inaccessible new town at Elsenham.

Plans are being made to increase the capacity of Junction 8 which will mean the loss of countryside around Birchanger to make way for more roads. One more reason why the new town planned by the Tories in the Elsenham area is a terrible mistake. The Lib Dems have committed to producing a new and better plan.

VOTING IN UTTLESFORD

Uttlesford elections are always a close race between Conservatives and Lib Dems. Labour and fringe parties such as UKIP and the Greens can not win in elections here. Voting for them just helps the Tories win.



Melvin
CATON



Lori
FLAWN



STANDING UP FOR BIRCHANGER



LIB DEM TEAM NEGOTIATES HEALTH CENTRE PARKING



The Lib Dem team successfully negotiated parking for patients at the new health centre currently being built in Lower Street in Stansted. 33 spaces in the Lower Street car park will be marked out for the health centre, with around half for medical and administrative staff and half for patients. So despite earlier reports that parking at the new health centre would be more difficult and costly than at the St. John's Road surgery, it is likely to be better.

Patients who have to drive to the health centre, such as those from Birchanger, will not have to compete with commuters, shoppers and local workers for a place to park and they won't have to pay to see the doctor.

The long-awaited health centre is currently expected to open in September 2016.

MEET MIKE HIBBS



I believe in personal freedom, in a fair and open society where no one is held back from achieving the best they can. I believe we need greater equality for the good of everyone in the community. I have been a local councillor for 30 years, have served as mayor of Saffron Walden twice and was chairman of the district council in 2003-04. I've campaigned locally for a better housing deal because I care about this area. We need affordable housing for our young people and for key workers in Stansted, and we need the infrastructure to go with all the new housing - roads, schools and doctors' surgeries. I have also campaigned for many years to improve facilities for our young people.

I was brought up in Saffron Walden and raised my family here too. I'm standing for parliament because our constituency needs an MP who will speak up for this area. I'm proud of our record and of what the Liberal Democrats have achieved from within the coalition for families, the disadvantaged, the environment and renewable energy.

ACTION

on Stansted Airport

Your local Lib Dem team opposes any expansion of Stansted Airport beyond what is currently permitted and want to see an end to night flights.

ACTION

on speeding traffic

The Lib Dem team will campaign for a speed-sensitive sign on Birchanger Lane, on the approach to Bradley Common turn.

THREE REASONS TO VOTE LIB DEM ON 7 MAY

- Your hard-working Lib Dem team always keeps in touch all year round
- Both Tory and all fringe party candidates live miles away from Birchanger. Your Lib Dem team live locally and understand the day to day issues facing Birchanger residents
- We can't afford another £2m and eight years wasted on preparing another rejected Tory Local Plan. The Lib Dems will help fix it.

FOR UTTLESFORD

FOR WESTMINSTER

Melvin
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