

A PROBLEM STILL WAITING FOR A SOLUTION

Mike Chapman discusses Bovingdon's roads with Lib Dem county councillor Nick Hollinghurst. Yes, we know road maintenance is expensive and difficult and we know that since there are so few companies involved, there is not much market competition - but Herts County Council really must develop a more imaginative and robust approach to the contractors and contract management.

Poor communication down a pyramid of sub-contracting is leading to mistakes and slack quality control. All too often sub-contractors cut corners - and get away with it.

The current flurry of pre-election work (some potholes have recently been filled in) will not be sustained - and may not have been well done.

We need a long term solution to poor quality.



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quieter and calmer and the risk of lung disease is reduced.

Lib Dems practise what they preach. But where can you charge up in Bovingdon? There's not even a car park to put a charging point in. Another example of the villages being short of facilities!

Elmhurst Ward (Aylesbury Vale)

06/04/17 result:

LDEM: 63.5% (+37.9)

LAB: 12.2% (-10.0)

CON: 11.9% (-9.3)

UKIP: 9.0% (-14.4)

GRN: 3.5% (-4.2)

LIB DEM GAIN FROM UKIP

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NOTICE

There are no Labour or Green candidates in the DBC By-Election

It is a straight choice between Liberal Democrat and Conservative

Bovingdon, Flaunden & Chipperfield DEMOCRAT



June 2017
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BY ELECTION SPECIAL!

(including Felden, Bulstrode, Venus Hill and Pudds Cross)

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There are **TWO** Elections taking place in Bovingdon, Flaunden & Chipperfield on June 8th

The second election is a By-Election for Dacorum Borough Council

The By-Election has been caused by the resignation of one of your three Conservative councillors for a failure to attend meetings.

It's Time for a Change at Dacorum Borough Council!
Choose the Lib Dems - Local Councillors for Local People



Liberal Democrat Mike Chapman is standing for Dacorum Borough Council on June 8th

The Liberal Democrat candidate for the Dacorum Borough Council By-Election in the Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward is the former barrister and Bovingdon resident, **Mike Chapman**.

The **cause** of the **By-Election** is the resignation of one of the three Conservative councillors **for failure to attend meetings**.

The **By-Election** will take place on **June 8th**, the same day as the General Election. Only two candidates are standing - a Conservative and Liberal Democrat Mike Chapman. Says Mike, "Under these circumstances I hope

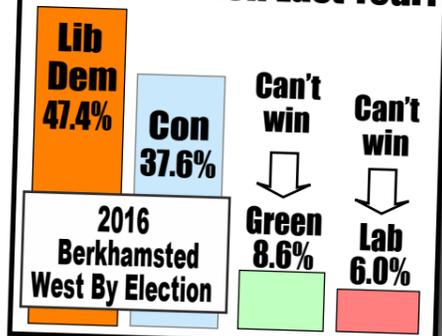
both Labour and Green supporters will recognise I am far closer to their views than the Conservatives."

Mike Chapman lives with his wife and daughter in Stoney Lane, Bovingdon. He is dismayed by the lack of facilities in Bovingdon. "The traffic management in the High Street is very poor, with unannounced road works causing havoc and with chronic disruption in the village centre. There is no car park at all and the consequent on-road parking is a major cause of the congestion." Mike is looking forward to supporting the Liberal Democrat Opposition on the Borough Council if elected.

Mike concluded, "**The Conservatives are complacent at all levels**. From local government to Downing Street they take the voters' support for granted and pursue their own dogmatic policies at the expense of the wider public interest."

Learn more about Mike Chapman inside.

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THE CONSERVATIVES HAVE RUN THE BOROUGH COUNCIL SINCE 1974
Now they run the Government too. They are the Problem - not the Solution!

Liberal Democrat MICHAEL CHAPMAN is standing for DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL on June 8th

- Michael Chapman has lived in Bovingdon for 5 years.
- He is married to Marion and they live just outside the centre of Bovingdon, with a daughter attending one of the local schools.
- Michael has a degree in Social & Political Science from Cambridge, has worked as a Senior Lecturer in the Law Department of City University and practised as a barrister for over 10 years.
- Mike strongly supports the Liberal Democrat policy of encouraging good economic management, while caring for the vulnerable or disadvantaged.
- He greatly values the lively activity of the villages, each with a strong community spirit.
- However Mike feels that Dacorum Council has for years neglected the villages under a complacent Conservative administration.
- On the borough council he will work hard to improve local facilities, protect the environment and help the many local community and social groups .



Mike delivering his leaflets. Mike says, "Delivering leaflets yourself saves money - it's cheaper than going to a gym for one thing! But it's also a good way to keep up to date and spot problems - plus it's a chance to meet people as you go round!"

Mike says,

"We really appreciate the advantages of living here. It's not far from Chesham - for shopping, entertainment and the Met line. It's also not far from the line to Euston or Milton Keynes. But the village needs transport and traffic improvements to make all this easier to access.

There is a bus service between Hemel Hempstead and Chesham, but the frequency is not good enough at commuter times and it doesn't pick up from the station after 7.13 pm. There is no footpath along Box Lane to and from the station. We need a shared off-road footway/cycle track.

The shopping in Bovingdon is varied and serves the villages well but I am worried that the development at the end of the High Street should add to our retail trade without us losing any existing shops.

Our shops could be helped if we had better traffic management in the High Street - a shoppers short stay car park somewhere or a "Stop and Shop" scheme on part of the High Street.

A part on/part off-road parking scheme has been put in at New Mill, Tring. One of these on one side of the High Street would go a long way to cutting out the frequent traffic jams!"

Conservative Complacency is Letting Us Down!

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Yes, **Zero out of Nine** for attendance! That was the record of the Conservative Councillor who resigned to cause this By-Election. From Jan 1st to May 11th, out of 9 possible attendances at council meetings and committees **he did not attend even one!**

And it wasn't something new, either. Since 8th June last year there were 18 possible attendances and he showed up just 3 times.

Now there can be many reasons for situations like this to arise - moving away or illness for example.

However, there was plenty of time to put it right. And *it was the Conservatives' responsibility to sort it out* and ensure that the people of Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield had a full complement of councillors to represent them.

The fact is that **the Conservatives take you for granted**. They just couldn't be bothered to do their duty until forced into it by the reality of the calendar and the risk of an automatic disqualification.

Don't reward Conservative complacency by supporting them again.

Vote for Mike Chapman and help the Liberal Democrats to make things better in our Borough!



Bovingdon High Street Jammed Up on a Wet Day

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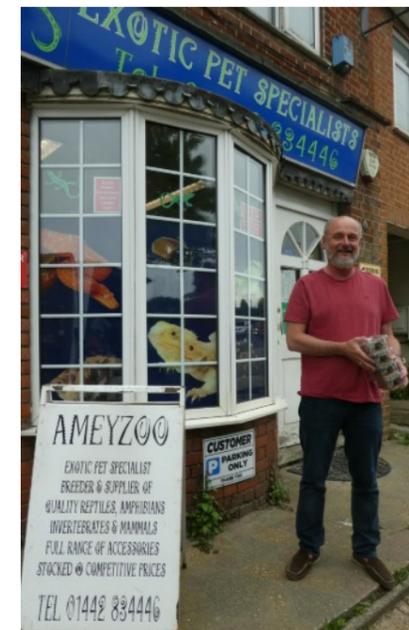


"The High Street's OK.."

...but let's...



...make it better...



...for traders and villagers alike!