

In Touch

**Cllr. Di Harrison's
Election Address
Special**



Conservatives

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Conservatives keep *In Touch* all year.....
not just at election time !

CONSERVATIVE VALUES

Conservatives make a real difference to local government because we have different values from the other parties:

- Conservatives believe in quality services, but do not accept that higher standards mean higher taxes. We want to see councils run in an efficient, cost effective and businesslike way
- Conservatives believe government, national or local, should take less of people's money. We start from the assumption that the money a council spends belongs to local people and not to the council
- Conservatives have an instinctive pride in their local community. We see the local council as the servant of that community, not its master
- Conservatives believe in decent, common sense values. We want councils to promote these values, not experiment with political correctness
- Conservatives believe in letting people take more decisions locally for themselves. We want to see power devolved from national government to local government, and we want decisions that affect local people to be taken by locally elected representative Borough Councillors

These values and principles are wholly distinct from those of the other political parties, so the Councils we run should be wholly distinct as well. Functioning in this way local government epitomises everything we stand for: quality services, low taxes, civic pride, minimum interference, self-reliance, personal responsibility and the devolution of power to local level. We will consult fully with all interested parties before making major decisions.

While Government policy requires that all planning applications should be permitted unless there are sound, clear-cut reasons for refusal we will always have the highest regard for environmental, design, infrastructure and other matters when considering planning applications in order to obtain the best possible development within the constraints of the legislation.

If these Values and Principles are yours too, on
THURSDAY, MAY 1st
PLEASE VOTE

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Dear Electors

I am once again seeking your support in the Fareham Borough Council elections on Thursday 1st May. I first had the honour of representing Fareham West when I won a By-election in July 1999, incredibly nearly 9 years ago. I have been immensely proud of it ever since.

My Ward colleague Leslie Keeble won his seat the following year and we have been your Ward members ever since. I couldn't wish for a better working colleague or indeed friend; he and Christine who works so hard in supporting us, and other colleagues, have been valued friends of mine ever since.

I serve on the Planning Development Control Committee, Public Protection Review Panel, and Audit Committee (deputy) but my main role for the last four years has been as Chairman of the Licensing and Regulatory Committee and it's Licensing Panels, all of which I chair.

Widowed in February 1999, I have ample time to give total commitment to this demanding role.

In 2005 when the Licensing Act 2003 transferring responsibility for Licensed premises etc. from the Magistrates to Local Authorities, came into force I chaired a total of 39 controversial hearings of conversion and variations to existing Public Entertainment licences. This gave us the opportunity to impose strict conditions to improve life for nearby residents of such premises.

I continue to chair Panel meetings on a regular basis—these include taxi drivers as well as calls for Review of Licences of Public Houses and Clubs where there has been a call for such review, usually from the Police, where there has been breaches of conditions etc. Because we were strict from the beginning, these calls are few and far between; residents tell me life is much improved compared to prior to the Act. **Fareham has no premises selling alcohol 24 hours a day and no public houses or clubs open 24 hours as the Act allowed.**

My Committee also deals with By-Laws, Environmental Health and Safety besides Electoral responsibilities. The Gambling Act 2005 also places responsibility for Betting Shops, Gaming Machines and indeed Casinos, but with regard to the latter, Fareham Borough Council on my committee's recommendation, passed a **No Casinos** clause in our Policy document, which I proposed from the Chair.

On Page Four I have included extracts from **Key Facts Fareham Borough, C.I. Steve Wallace's** report to **Fareham's Community Safety Partnership**, which show significant decreases in crime. This is in no small way due to the excellent work of Fareham's Licensing and Environmental Health Officers, together with members of the Licensing Panels; **we work as a team with only one object in mind, to achieve the best results for Fareham.**

I remain extremely concerned about under-age and binge drinking; I will do everything in my power, in co-operation with the Police, to see that is brought under control in Fareham. To this end, and continuing all my ward work and other committees, **I seek your support on Thursday May 1st.**

I am always happy to hear from you whether it be with a problem or just to express your views on a particular subject. E-mail is quicker and helpful to me but if you prefer to write or phone, that's fine.

Yours sincerely

Ellr. Di Harrison.

Di is a most hardworking and committed local councillor. She has put in a lot of good work in West Ward and the Borough as a whole with her work on Licensing.

I am sure she has a lot more to offer!

Mark Hoban MP.

Fareham's Community Safety Partnership KEY FACTS FAREHAM BOROUGH

Crime levels are low in Fareham compared nationally and down 13% in 2007/8 compared to last year. That is 900 less victims of crime over last year! 89% perceived low crime is what makes Fareham a good place to live & 96% of residents think it is a safe And healthy place to live.

It is safer after dark in Fareham—most violent offences occur between people known to each other. The Town Centre is strongly policed and over 20 troublemakers are banned from all licensed premises.

Criminal damage & graffiti down 23% but is still a top priority.

The Borough-wide alcohol ban is very effective & popular with residents; we can show it has reduced rowdy and drunken behaviour.

Alcohol supply to juveniles is still a top priority. Unfortunately parents often provide the alcohol and some licensed premises are selling to juveniles. Do parents know where their children are? ****

There are very few drug related problems in Fareham and we have a zero tolerance approach. Two crack house closures were obtained in last year.

We really want to know what your neighbourhood priorities are. Parking, anti-social vehicle use and speeding as well as littering are the main Borough issues raised. FBC now have 16 parking enforcement Officers who target areas you identify. We target the Speeding hotspots you raise—27 tickets were issued in one day alone at one site. In a recent operation 16 vehicles were seized for no insurance & in March 08, 65 tickets for littering & dog fouling have been issued by Council Enforcements officers.

Speeding concerns can **also** be e-mailed to Roads Policing Team direct:

Rpu.community@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

**These extracts taken from report written by
Chief Inspector Steve Wallace
Fareham Borough Commander**

*Cllr. Di Harrison comments *****

“As chairman of Licensing Panels, I can assure you all that premises caught by the Police selling Alcohol to underage youngsters are seriously putting their licence in jeopardy.”

CANVASSING CONFIRMS

Analysing the notes I have made whilst calling upon some of you so far, confirm what C.I. Wallace has listed in his final paragraph—Litter & Dog Fouling, Parking, Anti-social Vehicle use -- get the car number if you can— and Graffiti.

Criminal damage to private property mostly by youngsters after drinking parties. An incident of this kind took place in Thorney Close only a couple of weeks ago. Police were called. It was reported to me, I have informed both our Environmental Health & Anti-social behaviour officers of the noise and foul language complaint etc. and as this is not the first time this has occurred from the property in question, proceedings are likely to follow.

Fareham Borough Council has employed **two additional litter clearing operatives**, in the 2008/9 budget. But it should be remembered I think that Councils don't drop the litter in the first place—members of the public do and employing more and more workers to pick it up again is not the real answer. Our Council Enforcement Officers are now empowered to issue on the spot fines when they see the offence. **The fine is high enough to hurt; offenders may well think twice next time.**

FEARS OF DEVELOPMENT PEAK LANE/ ROWAN WAY ETC.

Whilst the Council is legally obliged in law to identify sites where housing development would be possible, this land forms part of the Strategic Gap between Stubbington & Gosport and has been protected for many years. I can assure you that every Councillor and Officer will fight tooth & nail to protect it; I think it is unlikely that we will fail.

PARKING - ETERNAL PROBLEM

Especially where pressure is put upon residential roads by commuters - too big a subject for the space left to me—will try to deal with this more fully in our next In Touch.

Forgive me but I am going to use this last little space to record my heartfelt thanks to our team of volunteer distributors who will deliver this to your home. Leslie & I couldn't manage an election without your so valuable help. Bless you! *Di H*