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Earlswood & Whitebushes Edition

# Unfair Tax Must Go!

## Local Campaigners are calling on Tony Blair and the Labour Government to axe the Council Tax.

Reigate Lib Dem Prospective Parliamentary Candidate Jane Kulka said "Council Tax is an unfair tax. We should axe the tax and replace it with a system based on the ability to pay". Council Tax is causing real hardship to those on fixed incomes, like many pensioners and those on benefits. Whilst Council Tax has gone up by around 10% a year, the pension increase has been less than half this amount.

Lib Dem leader Charles Kennedy has pledged that a Lib Dem Government would abolish the tax completely. Lib Dems will replace the Council Tax with a local income tax. It would be paid through the PAYE system and would therefore be cheaper to collect. Those who do not pay income tax would not pay anything.

It has been calculated that three quarters of people would be better off under a local income tax system.

**under the Tory run County & Borough Councils. This is despite their promises to keep taxes down.**

## Your Council Tax has soared



**Local people have joined the Liberal Democrats national campaign to axe the Council Tax**

**HELP  
US  
AXE  
THE  
TAX**

## Axe Council Tax Petition

I/We the undersigned call on Tony Blair to axe Council Tax and replace it with a fair system based on the ability to pay.

Name/s ..... Phone .....  
Address.....Email .....

The Liberal Democrats would like to use the information above to contact you from time to time to keep you informed of campaigns we may think of interest to you. Please tick the box if you do not wish to be contacted in this way.

**Return to:** Reigate Liberal Democrats, 77 Earlsbrook Road, Redhill, Surrey. RH1 6DR

# Earlswood Station!



Local Lib Dem Borough Councillor Simone Stein has been working to get improvements to Earlswood Station and the area around it.

The underpass is in desperate need of redecoration and maintenance. Additional lighting also needs to be installed in Station Approach East.

Simone is working with both Network Rail and the Council, in an attempt to get one of them to take responsibility for the long awaited improvements.

# Lib Dem PPC for Reigate



Reigate Liberal Democrats have chosen local campaigner Jane Kulka as their Prospective Parliamentary Candidate.

Jane is an experienced campaigner and a former local Councillor.

Commenting on her selection Jane Kulka said, "the results of recent local elections show that the Liberal Democrats are the real challengers to the Conservatives in Reigate. I am confident that support will continue to grow in this constituency. Local people have welcomed us leading the fight to improve this area. They recognise our commitment to the protection of the environment and our support of quality health and education provision."

# Redhill's roads are a disgrace

Your local Liberal Democrats are campaigning hard to get Surrey County Council Highways to repair some of the worst of our local roads. It is clear that this part of Surrey is ignored by the Tory controlled Council when it comes to essential repairs.

Simone Stein, Earlswood & Whitebushes Councillor & resident, said "It's hard to believe that our roads and pavements have so little maintenance. I am constantly reporting pot holes, dodgy kerb stones and sunken pavements. Up till now I have generally been successful in getting the repairs done by Surrey County Council"

If you know of any really bad roads or pavements here in Earlswood & Whitebushes then please let Simone know.



**Do you want us to help with any problem?**

**Please ring Simone on 774258**

**Or visit our web site and send an email**

**[www.reigatelibdems.org.uk](http://www.reigatelibdems.org.uk)**

**Can You Help us?**

- Would you display a poster at election time?
- Would you deliver a few Lib Dem leaflets?
- Would you like to help with our campaigns?
- Would you like to join the local Lib Dems?

Your Name.....

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Return to :

**44 Reed Drive, Redhill RH1 6TB**



**Election Date  
is the 10th June**

This year, not only will you have the chance to vote for a Lib Dem Borough Councillor, but it's also the European Parliament Elections.

You will be able to select the people who will work hard on your behalf and bring much needed investment to this area.

Remember you can vote by post. You only need to ring the Town Hall to apply for a form.

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