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A 'big thank you' from Anna

Wow! My first three months as a Councillor have been stimulating and fascinating. May and June were dominated by the many and varied training sessions for newly appointed Councillors. These gave an excellent insight into the way the Council works and how, as Councillors, we can contribute more effectively. They also provided a great opportunity to get to know fellow Councillors.

There has been a steady flow of case work since May. I have enjoyed working with local residents and helping with the pressing issues affecting them. These have included nuisance neighbours, housing problems and the proposed parking restrictions in the Parkgate Road area.

A real highlight for me has been my recommendation that the £1,000 community grant be awarded to 'Face to Face'. Their volunteers support parents whose children have been diagnosed with a disability. The grant will enable them to set up a parent support group, train and recruit more befrienders, who are vital to the success of their work.

I look forward to future challenges and further opportunities to contribute to the community where I live, so a big thank you to everyone who voted for me.

Anna



Our three Lib Dem Councillors, with County spokesperson Peter Lambell, are concerned for the theatre's future

Harlequin Theatre still under threat

With the Tory Council making no commitment to its future, our theatre is now considered in the Redhill Regeneration document as being "not fit for purpose".

This statement makes the Harlequin's future very uncertain. Liberal Democrats believe the regeneration of Redhill can best be supported with the promotion of culture and art being at the heart of any future plans for the town. A thriving theatre would undoubtedly help stimulate incoming investment, boost job creation and make Redhill a more attractive business centre for East Surrey, as well as a more appealing and interesting town for our residents to live in.

Here to help local people

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Mobile Mast Management



Local Lib Dem Councillors have successfully campaigned against the erection of eight mobile phone masts in the Meadvale and St Johns area.

However, fewer restrictions govern planning applications for phone masts up to 15 metres in height, often making it difficult for Councils to refuse permission for controversial proposals.

Liberal Democrats in Parliament recently moved an amendment to the Planning Bill which would have meant applications for all phone masts requiring full planning permission.

But Labour MPs voted against the amendment and Conservative MPs did not bother voting at all!

Residents Parking Pilfered

We were absolutely flabbergasted when we found out about the parking changes that the Council Highways department are planning to impose in the area.

We contacted the local residents immediately, but couldn't find anyone who had been consulted. We have been residents representatives on the Council for years, but no Councillor at Tory controlled SCC had taken the trouble to contact us. Apparently meetings with Conservative Councillors have been going on behind closed doors in secret since 2005! The residential area to the south of Lesbourne Road in Reigate does have parking issues. Some of these are caused by SCC employees who work at the Omnibus offices in Lesbourne Road.

We have now had meetings with residents and officers to resolve residents concerns.



The Council should collect it all

The residents of this Borough have told us they want the Council to collect all recyclables from their doorstep. Yet the Tory Council have ignored this. Instead we end up with 'bring-to' sites like the one at Woodhatch, which is often overflowing.

The Council have introduced a new garden waste collection system, tell us what you think of it?

Lib Dems will continue to fight for what residents want.

Join or help the local Lib Dems

We are looking for people to join or help us. We made real progress at the last election in May with the election of Anna to the Borough Council. We now want to fight for a better deal from the County Council for this area. With your help we can do this.

To join or help, just call Jane our Prospective Parliamentary Candidate on 215111

**"The way to make things better is to radically alter the balance of power, by taking power from government and special interests and giving it to people and communities." Nick Clegg MP
Leader of the Lib Dem's**

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