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Reigate Central &  
South Central  
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Dear Resident,

Despite the national swing to Labour last May, and the return of a Tory MP for this constituency the local results show that you still want Liberal Democrats to be your representatives locally. I look forward to representing your interests at County Hall with the same vigour I have done at the Borough level for many years. Since becoming your County Councillor I have had to learn fast. The County Council has been going through a Fundamental Review in an attempt to save up to 25 million pounds.

Before May the County Council was under no one party control and all parties agreed to use reserves rather than cut services. The Tories now have taken political control of the County and the Liberal Democrat group will be trying to hold the Tories back from cutting the vital services that the county provides. However, the Tories have already increased the cost of a concessionary bus pass, and withdrawn their support for the Borough's Help Shops.

Regards

*Pen Horsfall*

## Victory at last!

### **Meadvale Ariel**

#### **Now Its Gone!**

The saga of the Meadvale Ariel is worthy of a TV Soap! After four years of campaigning to have the mast removed, we were delighted, that with an alternative site found on council land this problem has finally been satisfactorily resolved. Our thanks to all residents who were so supportive and active.

### **Have Your Say**

The Borough Council's latest edition of the Borough Times, gives you an opportunity to comment on the priorities the Council will follow when it sets its budget for next year.

### **British Gas Site - East Road**

Helen Samuel and Jane Kulka have organised two public meetings with residents in Summerly Avenue, East Road, Yorke Road and Nutley Lane, who will be most affected by the clearance and re-building on this site. Representatives from British Gas addressed the first meeting and afterwards agreed to requests from residents to delay lorry movements till after the school holidays when children would be most at risk. They have also agreed to provide temporary parking on site for the residents of East Road. The Second Meeting gave the opportunity for residents to discuss with Town Hall officers The Council's role in monitoring safety, transport, planning and other issues associated with the site. Further meetings will be arranged when appropriate.

# Working for You - Getting Things Done

## **Lesbourne Road, Bus Garage**

Jane Kulka met with representatives of the developers in August. They explained the long term development of the old bus garage site was to be for offices and a restaurant, retaining certain elements of the listed building. They agreed to put the application for a Sunday Market (temporary use) on hold whilst they proceeded with the application for offices. This was a good concession on their part, as both Jane and Helen have expressed their strong opposition to the opening of a temporary market. The viability of our local shops would be seriously affected and the extra traffic will overload our roads.

## **A Relief Road for Reigate ?**

Following another accident at the Castlefield Road/Church Street Junction Jane has urged the Borough Council, to once again, call on Surrey County Council to provide a relief road for Reigate town centre. With increasing pressure from the M25/23 and Gatwick, it is vital that something is done now. The County Council visited Reigate in September to see what problems we are facing. Jane was also successful in getting a warning sign posted on Castlefield Road, hopefully large vehicles will take extra precautions whilst approaching this junction.

## **Concessionary Bus Fares**

Liberal Democrat County Councillors Liz Pinn and Penelope Horsfall have been arguing with Tory-controlled Surrey County Council against the introduction of a much higher cost bus pass for pensioners. Another example of the Tories lack of care for those residents who are most vulnerable.

## **Linkfield Lane Crossing**

Following a petition, pressure from your Liberal Democrat Councillors and many meetings it has at last been agreed to have a Zebra crossing on the A25, in the area known as Reffles Bridge. This will especially be a real benefit to school children needing to cross at this junction. Thank you to all those that supported this improvement.

## **It Matters What You Think**

If you know of a local problem which needs attention, or you have a good idea for our area, get in touch with your local Liberal Democrats:

County & Borough Cllr. Pen Horsfall Tel. 761209  
County & Borough Cllr. Liz Pinn Tel. 222184  
Cllr. Graham Norman Tel. 760465  
Cllr. Helen Samuel Tel. 246305  
Cllr. Jane Kulka Tel. 215111  
Cllr. Paul Westlake Tel 01279 871386

Or if you would prefer write to:

Graham Norman 51 Green Lane, Redhill RH1 2DF

## **Recycling**

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council has introduced "kerbside" recycling collections of paper, cardboard and cans. Liberal Democrats want to encourage as many people to

recycle their rubbish as possible. Remember the more we recycle **now**, the longer we will be able to resist incinerators in our area. During the introduction of this new service all your Liberal Democrat Councillors have been working hard with residents to help resolve the difficulties that have arisen. A big thank you to all our residents who have so enthusiastically participated in this new and essential initiative.

### **Earlswood Common**

Graham has been contacted by many residents concerned at the creation of a new practice area by the golf club on common land. The Council has now informed the club that this is an illegal encroachment and they have ceased using the area.