

Halliford & Sunbury Focus



From Councillor Sandra Dunn
& Campaigner Tom Fidler

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News from your local Spelthorne Liberal Democrat team

Green Belt Assessment

The Green Belt Assessment, which forms part of the process in drawing up a new Local Plan for Spelthorne, has now been completed and sites have been identified. It is no surprise that the land that runs adjacent to Stratton Road, owned by Persimmon Homes, appears on the list.

Developers have also put forward proposals for building on brown field sites and although it is much harder to argue that these should not be developed for housing it is important to ensure that the mix and type of housing built is suitable for our local community and not built to ensure the best economic return for the developer.

The site of the old Bugle pub has now been demolished and building work will shortly commence for six 2-bedroom & two 1-bedroom apartments. Adjacent to this is a brown field site, which has recently been acquired by Angle Property, and this will be the subject of a planning application with plans for a Care Home and housing.

Surrey sets a new Council Tax

It is that time of year again when we see our Council Tax set for the next 12 months. Surrey County Council is broke and so in order to keep present level of services, it will have to increase our Council Tax. Our highways are suffering with pot holes appearing every week and patching becoming the norm, when in some case roads like Lyndhurst Avenue should be totally redone. Care for the elderly along with children's services and



AIR POLLUTION AROUND SUNBURY

In 2011 the air monitoring equipment sited at Sunbury Cross was removed and after pressure was brought on Spelthorne Borough Council the funds were found in 2017 for a monitor to be installed. One year later we are facing the prospect of this being removed again due to a lack of funds.

Your Liberal Democrat Councillors are working hard to keep this going in one of the most polluted places in the SE of England. **Campaigner Tom Fidler** says "that it is essential that we monitor the air quality at this point as it effects the lives of all Sunbury residents and especially the school children who walk this way home from school every day".

support for the less able bodied are certain to be hit. **Cllr. Sandra Dunn** questions why our residents are happy to continue to put up with a cut in all services? Does Conservative SCC have the interests of the whole community at heart when they set their budgets?



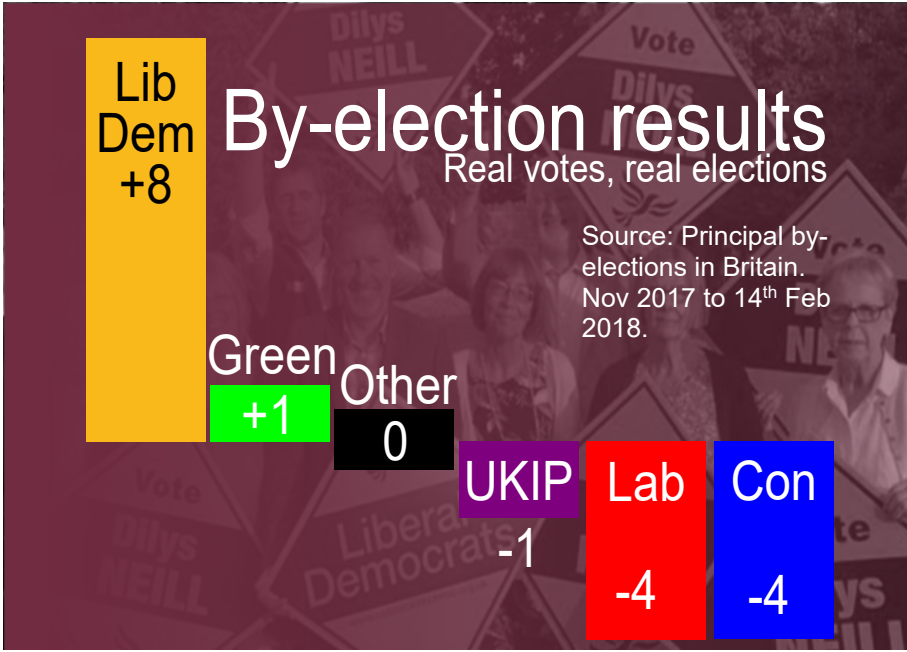
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Giving YOU a say on the EU

Michel Barnier has warned that a transition period immediately after Brexit is 'not a given' and that he did not understand some of the UK's positions on Brexit. When Barnier says he doesn't understand some of the positions the UK government are taking over Brexit, he is not only speaking for the EU but also the British population who voted to remain.

What is clear from the long weeks of negotiation is that the Government has no plan, no strategy, and no idea. The future direction of this country is at stake and Barnier has made it quite clear that this Government is driving us down a dangerous road. The Tories must rule out no deal, but can't do so, because they clearly have no faith in their chief negotiator to deliver a good deal for the UK.

At the end of these negotiations, whatever the outcome, the people must be given a say on the final deal and it is Liberal Democrat policy for a 2nd Referendum on the final deal. If you want to find out more go to www.spelthornelibdems.org.uk for more updates on the work Liberal Democrats in Europe as well as our local campaigns.



CEDAR'S RECREATION GROUND UPDATE



The path around Cedar's Rec. has been well received by those people walking their dogs along with pushchair and wheelchair users. The path has suffered from water logging in places but **Cllr Sandra Dunn** has been assured that this is just teething problems and will resolve itself as it becomes more established. There are still plans for more bushes and trees to be planted and three benches will be installed at various places to give views over the park. The Spring will also see wild meadow flowers sown on the spot where the old cricket pavilion was sited, along with plans for maintenance of the tennis courts which have become slippery over the winter, and new play equipment for the children .