



FROM THE WEAVER VALE LIBERAL DEMOCRAT TEAM

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Our Town, Our Area, the Future We are Working to Make it Better

At local level our focus is on how we can improve the quality of life of people in our local communities. Whatever our views on the major national and international issues facing our country such as Brexit, international conflict or climate change, our local options for influencing them are limited but they do have serious effects at a local level.

We work to make our communities better in many ways, be it the small things like active litter pickers, helping to plant daffodil bulbs; or the bigger local issues campaigning for change.

There are ambitious plans to redevelop more parts of the town centre on display with responses invited.

Worried about the Victoria Infirmary?

Do the plans from Mid Cheshire Hospital Trust to leave the Infirmary site change your views of the Town Centre scheme?

No-one's view on our communities matters more than yours.

Contact details can be found on the back page.

Lib Dems Call for Action on Leasehold Scandal

Leaseholds, and the associated ground rent contracts are increasingly becoming a problem for individuals who entered into them often without proper understanding of the potential implications and without comprehensive legal guidance on the matter. There are two reasons for this.

1. Buyers who were promised the opportunity to purchase the freehold to their property after 2 years have discovered that the price they were quoted to purchase the freehold had risen by anywhere up to 10 times the original figure after only 2 years, following the sale of the freehold to a private company without their knowledge.
2. Homes have been rendered potentially unsellable due to spiralling ground rent charges which have led to mortgage companies refusing to lend due to rejecting the ground rent clause. Ground rents have been known to as much as double in just a few years.



In the worst cases, home owners have been hit by both issues.

Liberal Democrats are working at national level to end the practice but also to a solution for those already trapped in the situation.



NHS and Social Care

More help and joined up thinking is needed...

2% increase in council tax to pay for social care only scratches the surface. Proper provision for Local Authority funded care in the home and in Care Homes will allow the up to 20% of hospital beds presently 'bed blocked' to be cleared. That will allow patients in NHS funded hospital A & E departments to be moved through more quickly avoiding ambulance queues at the doors of A & E and improve ambulance response times.

The NHS Should Be Properly Funded

Lib Dems are demanding for proper funding of the universally admired NHS to allow doctors, nurses and health professionals to get on with their essential and demanding jobs. When we have trained enough nurses and doctors, then we can cut agency (bank) staff bills. Until then the 'market rates' will apply.

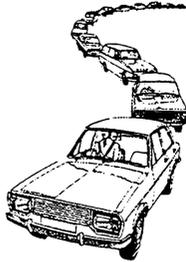
Liberal Democrats have called for equal priority in diagnosis and funding for mental health patients. Speedier solutions will result in fewer work days lost and less costs on other parts of the social budgets. **Mental Health should not be a Cinderella service**

We believe cross party co-operation should be applied to the NHS instead of it being a political football.

Working for Weaver Vale and You

Car Parking Charges

Northwich residents are incensed about the eye-watering sum of 'our' money spent by CWaC on Barons Quay. We need to be encouraging people to come and shop in Northwich - at least until the rest on the units in this white elephant are occupied and making a return on our investment.



Northwich Liberal Democrats believe this is not the time to introduce charges.

As We Grow

We will need better facilities for local people



Much new housing is affordable and welcome.

Our local villages have seen a lot of housing development in the past few years, with probably more to come, Winnington Urban Village is due to grow to 1200 plus homes with more land being cleared, but also thousands in Cuddington, Hartford, Rudheath and elsewhere.

More housing should mean better community facilities as happened in Kingsmead some years ago, but as we have seen that does not always follow.

Developers will naturally try to minimise such contribution in the interests of their shareholders; in addition, any funds they do contribute remain within Cheshire West and Chester Council and be spent on facilities improvements in those communities.

Local Lib Dems require a direct link between new developments. and the improvement of local facilities.

Incinerator Threat

It's not only Lostock residents who should be alarmed at the application by TATA to build an incinerator to burn 600,000 tons of waste material per year.

This waste will have to be delivered by HGV trucks from far and wide. 154 deliveries will converge on the area every day, and that's 154 return trips. There is already incinerator overcapacity in the area and the road network is unlikely to cope.

The original application for a plant to send plumes of hot chimney gases skywards less than a mile from the struggling Barons Quay development was opposed in 2004 by Liberal Democrats and Cheshire Anti Incinerator Network (CHAIN).

That TATA have now applied for a 50% increase on the outline permission agreed in 2012 reopens the local debate. People of Cheshire would like to know what will happen to the deadly FLY ASH, full of dioxins, - the resulting residue?

Much of Weaver Vale, homes, schools, workplaces falls within 10 mile radius of the site. Lib Dems agree with CHAIN that this extra congestion and pollution is dangerous and most unwelcome.

And Finally

With new revelations every day about soft- hard - or no deal Brexit it is becoming increasingly clear that the best deal is the one we have now.

A UK as a full and fully engaged member of the EU is the right role for Britain in the increasingly small planet we inhabit. That an Exit from Brexit - an end to the frantic efforts to leave at all costs - is the sensible, non-selfish and longer sighted way forward in a reforming EU for a (not perfect) reforming UK.

Please Let Us Know - Get in Touch....

We would like to hear from you about any problems or ideas you have, please get in touch, contact details below.

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