

# Elmbridge Borough Council Elections: THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

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## Your local choice for ESHER



### Conservatives



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Dear Resident,

We are very pleased indeed to welcome residents currently in Hersham as part of our electorate, following the recent electoral boundary review.

We believe that local government needs strong clear leadership, and that leadership must deliver what YOU want. We are fighting these elections on important local issues with positive policies to tackle the fear of crime through CCTV, looking after our Green Belt and open spaces, opposing unsuitable and over-development as well as providing young people with facilities to use their leisure time enjoyably.

As local Councillors we are committed to ensuring that your area remains a desirable place to live in and enjoy, and that Elmbridge continues to be a flagship borough.

You can help make sure that happens by voting for us on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

This is your home – please help us to look after it for you.



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## Our priorities are to:

1

Develop a sustainable solution to the congestion around Esher, in the car parks and in the surrounding roads.

2

Support our local businesses to ensure we have a thriving local economy.

3

Improve and promote the community facilities of King George's Hall.

4

Look for a long term solution to the Church Road/Lammas Lane junction safety issues.

5

Promote local youth facilities, particularly in the Lower Green area.

6

Push hard for the redevelopment of the old British Legion site.



## About David

David was first elected in May 2000 to Elmbridge Borough Council. Since that time he has been actively involved in all aspects of local life, supporting both community projects and businesses. David has lived locally for over 18 years and for much of that time was Chairman of Esher Place Residents' Association.

David is a local businessman and has 4 grown-up children. A keen rugby enthusiast, he can regularly be seen on the touchline at Esher Rugby Club.

## About Tim

Tim has lived in the Esher area with his wife Debi and their 3 children for over 20 years. A solicitor and businessman, he has represented Esher Ward at Borough and County level for over 15 years. As Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Resources, Tim has been instrumental in ensuring that Elmbridge has remained on a strong financial footing as well as delivering good quality services to its residents. Actively involved with local community projects, Tim will be raising funds for local charities when he joins the RideLondon-Surrey 100 cycle event in July.

## About Simon

Simon moved to Esher 12 years ago. He and his wife Heather have 2 children both of whom attend Esher High School.

A Chartered Surveyor by training Simon understands the local planning issues and how to protect our Green Belt.

He commutes to London and understands and is subjected to issues relating to the services of South West trains. We will use any influence we have to improve our rail services.

Simon is Chairman of Elmbridge Borough Council's Audit and Standards Committee.

# LOCAL ISSUES, LOCAL ACTION, LOCAL CONSERVATIVES



# CONSERVATIVE ELMBRIDGE - LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD

## ELMBRIDGE IN SAFE HANDS



### OUR PLEDGES TO YOU

#### WE WILL

- ✓ Continue to work hard as Conservatives to provide excellent services and value for money for our residents.
- ✓ Work closely with residents and community groups to oppose inappropriate development and seek to protect the character of our borough whilst striving to ensure adequate and proper housing for all those who live in our borough.
- ✓ Promote and support a vibrant and successful business, retail and social environment in our town centres.
- ✓ Proactively engage with and support our community and voluntary sector partners.
- ✓ Above all, listen to our residents and act upon your concerns and needs.

### YOUR CONSERVATIVE COUNCIL

As Conservatives we believe in value for money as well as open, transparent and effective democracy. That is why as Conservatives we have eliminated unnecessary and wasteful expenditure from Elmbridge Borough Council achieving savings of nearly £10 million over the past 7 years. We have also delivered on our pledge to reduce the size of the Council (it had the most elected Councillors in Surrey). This is why the whole Council is up for election. We will continue to look for ways of streamlining your Council.

Elmbridge continues to be not only one of the highest performing Councils in the country but also one of the most sought after boroughs to live in. Conservative councillors will do all they can to maintain our residents' quality of life by keeping increases in council tax to the minimum, investing in your borough, opposing inappropriate development and continuing to deliver high quality efficient services to our residents.

This year will see a reduction in central government funding of £550k which is 28% less than we received last year (Elmbridge now receives just £21 towards the £125 annual spend per resident). To cover a proportion of that shortfall we are having to increase the Elmbridge element of the Council Tax by £3.93 per year for a Band D household. This will ensure we can continue to deliver those vital services you rightly expect from your Council.

### OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Since taking control of the council we have

- Invested in the improvement of our town centres through grants from the Elmbridge Civic Improvement Fund.
- Achieved zero Borough Council Tax increases in 7 out of the last 10 years (the Residents' Political Parties put up taxes in 12 out of 13 years).
- Given local communities access to funding for improvements to their locality through the Community Infrastructure Levy.
- Increased funding to the voluntary sector and provided use of the Elmbridge Community Hub.
- Worked closely with our partners to provide in excess of 1000 affordable homes in the borough.
- Put the Council on a strong financial footing with robust governance and accountability.
- Seen the level of residents' satisfaction with our services rise to an all time high of 88%.
- Planned to start the building of a state-of-the-art Sports Hub in Walton.
- Reviewed all key contracts - for example, waste collection, maintenance of green spaces and CCTV monitoring - to deliver the best value for money.
- Pursued joint working with other local authorities, Surrey Police and key stakeholders to provide more effective services.



## CARING AND CAMPAIGNING IN ESHER

### Lammas Lane and the War Memorial

Anyone who regularly uses Lammas Lane and Church Road to drive to and from Hersham or across to Molesey, will know just how unsafe the junction has become.

Unfortunately the number of accidents doesn't seem to be decreasing, but there is no easy solution. We are working closely with Surrey County Council who are carrying out a survey of the town with a view to seeing if there are ways of improving safety and traffic flow.

As part of that review we have been keen to see the war memorial re-sited further on to Esher Green. This would give this listed monument greater dignity and should ensure that it is not at risk of being damaged by vehicles. We are working closely with key stakeholders including Christ Church, English Heritage and Esher British Legion and we are hopeful that we will see this project move forward over the next few months.

### Congestion

We have now reached the point where our local roads are often brought to a standstill, particularly during rush hour and on race days and people can find nowhere to park. We need to find a way to alleviate the problem, whether by means of re-phasing traffic lights, changing the traffic flow on Esher High Street, providing more parking in the Civic Centre car parks or actually encouraging more people to use public transport and businesses to implement proper green travel plans.



We have thriving town centres with the popular farmers' markets selling local produce, the hugely successful Hersham in-bloom and a diverse range of shops. We want to keep it that way whilst making it easy to access Esher and Hersham town centres.

One of our key priorities as your elected representatives is to ensure that local people can enjoy their local



### King George's Hall

Your 3 councillors Tim Oliver, David Archer and Simon Waugh are trustees of King George's Hall. An important local facility, it is regularly used by community clubs and societies from around the Borough. Like all buildings it needs proper maintenance and we have actively supported a grant application from Elmbridge Borough Council. This money will initially see the outside of the building restored and the interior modernised. This will improve the experience for users and help the Hall to become self-financing over time.



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