

Elmbridge Borough Council Elections: THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

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Your local choice for Molesey West



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Dear resident,

Under the Conservatives, Elmbridge is flourishing. Services and the environment are of a consistently high standard and because the finances are well managed we have been able to freeze the borough portion of the Council Tax for 7 out of 10 years (the Residents' Association group in power managed only 1 freeze in 13 years and large rises!).

Savings have been achieved with zero impact to frontline services or the grants the Council gives to voluntary organisations like Meals on Wheels – an enviable record few councils can match.

Our opponents have taken West Molesey for granted. By electing Conservative councillors on May 5 you can put a fresh, energetic team to work for you and ensure that West Molesey has the ear of the MP and an influential voice at the Elmbridge Conservative Administration and all levels of government.

All three of our candidates are Molesey residents and will put Molesey first.

Richard Doxford

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Our priorities are:

- 1 To put the interests of West Molesey residents before party.
- 2 To oppose the closure of Molesey Hospital and fight for the highest standards of local healthcare in Molesey.
- 3 To protect Molesey's unique character and open spaces from harmful development.
- 4 To support our shops to flourish, not least by increasing available parking.
- 5 To support our local schools and press for a secondary school for Molesey children.
- 6 To support Elmbridge's Conservative administration in keeping taxes and charges low and providing high quality services to residents.



About Philippe

Philippe has lived in the Elmbridge borough for 30 years. As a former rower for Kingston Grammar School, he was happy to live on an island in the Thames opposite Hurst Park for some 25 years but is now on "terra firma" in Molesey. He enjoyed a successful career making TV commercials and documentaries for the BBC, ITV and Channel 4. Philippe works several hours a week as a volunteer at Kingston Hospital and at Brooklands Museum. He enjoys Italian and French cooking and old cars. If elected he would like to champion healthcare, traffic and housing issues in Molesey.

About Richard

Richard is a lifelong West Molesey man who knows local issues. He was a 1st Molesey Sea Scout and attended local schools. He travelled the world and lived in Brazil, the USA and Arabia, working as an engineer. On returning to England and starting a family, he built industrial robots at the Central Avenue trading estate, then retrained at Greenwich University to become a qualified teacher in 1999. Richard is a member of the Vintage Motorcycle Club and enjoys restoring bikes, history, travel and the arts. Now semi-retired he has the time to play an active role in representing Molesey in the Council.

About Inna

Inna grew up in Russia and forged a successful international career in media and marketing. Her childhood experiences under the Soviet system gave her a deep appreciation of British traditions and democracy and she successfully applied to become a UK citizen, settling in Molesey a decade ago. Inna is a former client service director for a global advertising agency, handling large budgets on behalf of Coca Cola, British Airways and Shell. She also ran her own marketing and publishing business. Inna is on the public board of Kingston Hospital and is a passionate supporter of the NHS. She enjoys badminton and singing.

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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 MOLESEY WEST

MOLESEY HOSPITAL

Molesey Hospital delivers care closer to home for our residents and eases the pressure on beds at Kingston Hospital. We are horrified to hear that it is being considered for closure and will fight for it to remain open and to receive the investment it deserves. Should the closure occur, we will push for the site to continue to be used to provide local healthcare and services in West Molesey.



SCHOOLS AND YOUNG PEOPLE

We understand the key importance of providing high quality education for all ages in our community and will be vocal in making sure Molesey children have access to the best local schools. We support Surrey County Council's efforts to create additional, much-needed classroom places, and welcome the new Hurst Park School. Cars still pass it at dangerous speeds, so we will press for signage.

As well as supporting existing Molesey schools we are keen to see a secondary school established for Molesey children. Outside of school hours, Scouting in Molesey is thriving and as councillors we would support and encourage this.



ROADS AND PARKING

We will seek to positively influence Surrey County Council's review of parking in Molesey this summer to address pinch points such as the shops in Central Avenue. The Conservatives in power at County Hall are also investing £100m to resurface and repair roads, with many including Island Farm Road now complete. There is much more to be done to address potholes and safety blackspots but funding is finite. West Molesey needs councillors who will lobby and persuade Surrey to direct resources where they are needed locally.



MOLESEY HEATH

Molesey Heath is a beautiful area which is enjoyed by dog walkers and residents of all ages. As one of our area's valued open spaces it should be maintained and protected. At the moment it is not as well used as it could be due to the lack of parking facilities. We will press the council to create a modest number of car parking spaces on existing hard standing to improve community usage and take the pressure off residential streets.



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