

Elmbridge Borough Council Elections: THURSDAY 5 MAY 2016

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**Your local choice for
Weybridge St George's Hill**



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**Weybridge St George's Hill
Conservatives**

Dear Resident,

We are your Local Conservative candidates, standing for election on 5th May. Your team has 15 years' combined experience as local councillors. In that time we have resolutely protected the Green Belt, resisted inappropriate development and worked to revitalise the High Street. Now that Whiteley Village and The Triangle are part of the Ward, we will work to ensure all parts of Weybridge St. George's Hill remain safe, prosperous and desirable places to live.



Residents have trusted Local Conservatives to run Elmbridge for the last nine years. Part of our success is due to our unique access to our two Conservative MPs and teamwork with Local Conservatives across Elmbridge and Surrey. By taking decisions in the long-term interests of the whole Borough we lead one of the top-rated and most financially sound councils in the country. We want to continue that record: with your vote we can.

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Our priorities are to:

- 1** Strongly resist inappropriate development and protect the greenbelt.
- 2** Reduce inconsiderate parking around Princes Road, Cavendish Road and Old Avenue. We will tackle speeding on Heath Road.
- 3** Work closely with other groups to help Weybridge High Street thrive.
- 4** Engage with the County Council and Network Rail to improve access to Weybridge Station.
- 5** Balance the Council's budget and protect core services.
- 6** Campaign to protect essential bus links for Whiteley Village.

About Ian

Ian is a lifelong resident of Hersham and Weybridge and has recently moved into the ward. An engineer by background, his first job was at Brooklands. He was first elected to Elmbridge Council in 2007. Since then Ian has striven to address constituents' concerns: he is resolute in defending the Green Belt and will oppose inappropriate development. Ian has worked extensively on local issues including fighting anti-social behaviour as Chairman of the Licensing Committee. He has championed new cycle routes as a member of Elmbridge cycling committee and is a representative on the Youth Trust.

About Simon

Simon served his country for 26 years as an officer in the Royal Navy, mostly in the Fleet Air Arm. He now works for the Defence Science and Technology Laboratory. He is passionate about local politics. Simon brings vast experience, serving both on Elmbridge Council and previously in Surrey Heath. He has been a trustee of a local charity, a non-executive director for Accent Peerless Housing Association and a governor of his local Infants School. He has been a strong independent Conservative voice on the Council and will ensure that Weybridge St. George's Hill is well represented.

About John

John and his wife purchased their first home in Weybridge two years ago, having lived in London and the US. John is a director of a growing consultancy business with 50 employees based in the City of London. He advises a credit union pro-bono and is a trustee of an historic church. John enjoys food, travel and aviation. He is standing for the first time. He wants to bring a fresh, younger voice to the Council. John is keen to ensure that the Council supports enterprise and employment and helps people who want to build a thriving business.

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.

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.

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.

CARING AND CAMPAIGNING IN WEYBRIDGE ST GEORGE'S HILL

ALWAYS RESPONSIVE TO THE COMMUNITY

Our team is easy to contact and responsive to calls. We make the time to talk to constituents so we can hear their concerns and take action where we can. We regularly update residents through our *In Touch* newsletter. We will be launching a new format newsletter in the coming weeks.



SORTING PROBLEM PARKING

Working with our Conservative County Councillor, Ramon Gray, we have sought practical solutions to problem parking. For example, we implemented a holding area for construction traffic awaiting access to St George's Hill. We will review parking controls to ensure that inconsiderate parking does not blight our streets.



RESISTING INAPPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT

Simon Foale has resisted inappropriate development in the Ward tirelessly, including proposals to redevelop the old Honda garage. He regularly meets residents to hear their concerns and has voted against developments which harm the character of the area.



IMPROVING ACCESS TO WHITELEY VILLAGE

Cllr Ian Donaldson worked with colleagues to have drop kerbs installed at Whiteley Village, making access easier and safer for residents with limited mobility. He also supported the zebra crossing on Burwood Road. We know how important the bus service is to residents and we will campaign to protect it.



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