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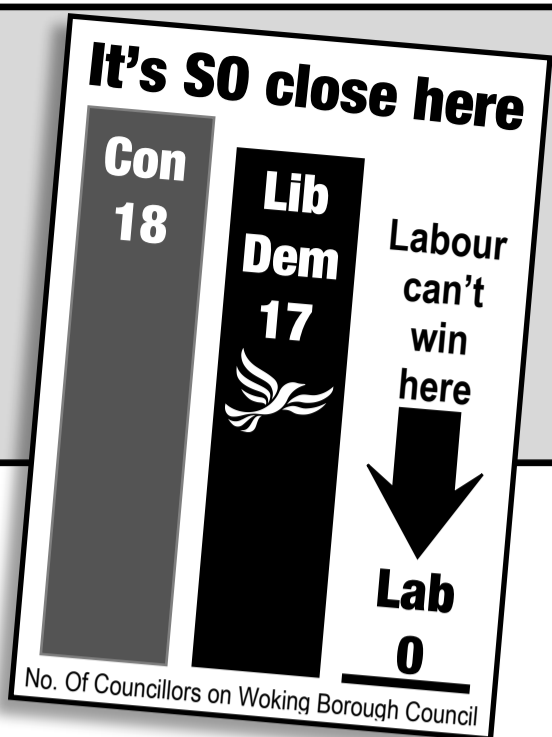
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From Councillor Colin Scott and Campaigner Louise Morales

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# The shocking sale of Rydens Way

Lib Dem local campaigners Louise Morales and Councillor Colin Scott recently brought to light the shocking plan by a company owned by Conservative-run Woking Borough Council to buy Rydens Way for development and pay a private developer to build 42 houses on the green.

Campaigner Louise Morales has slammed the Conservative Council for lack of transparency and betraying local residents by backing building on the Rydens Way green.

This £9.45 million purchase is despite the Woking Council's Planning Committee rejecting the development that residents fiercely opposed. Sadly the Planning Inspector allowed the development since he followed Labour Government rules.

Louise Morales said, "I have always backed the residents' campaign to register the land as a village green. The Conservative councillor responsible for housing knew about the development plans from June, but did not tell residents or even other councillors, including the Council Leader.

Can we trust the Conservatives with our money and our green spaces?"

Louise Morales added, "I am shocked and appalled that the Council owned company has bought Rydens Way so they can force through the same development that we all fought hard against. The Conservative Executive must take responsibility for kick starting the tree cutting and building."



• Local Lib Dem campaigners Louise Morales and Cllr Colin Scott recently brought to light the shocking plan for Rydens Way.

# Tories' on-street parking charges BOMBSHELL



• Louise Morales is concerned that free on-street parking in Old Woking and Kingfield could be axed by the Conservatives as they put up charges in the town centre.

Local residents and retailers are reeling from the bombshell that the Conservatives are increasing on-street parking charges by 40% to £1.40 an hour in Woking Town Centre.

The Conservative run Surrey County Council is also looking to axe free on-street parking in villages and shopping parades across the county, which may include some local shopping parades in Old Woking and Kingfield.

Lib Dem Councillor Colin Scott said, "I am totally opposed to these proposals. We need free parking spaces at shops in Old Woking and Kingfield to help stimulate the local economy.

These further charges are on top of the 400% increase in residents'

parking permits in areas close to Woking Town Centre and the loss of 30 minute parking tickets.

Local campaigner Louise Morales says "Now the Tory Council has abolished the half hour charge, we will have to pay for a full hour of parking just to go to the bank or Post Office.

"Families who are trying to cut costs by using the shortest parking ticket they can are going to be hardest hit by this rise, with our parking charge set to more than DOUBLE from 60p to £1.40."

Louise Morales added "I am also concerned that residential roads will suffer as motorists seek to avoid the parking charges and park in adjacent roads."

# Council incompetence damages trees



• Trees in **St Peters Road** are properly cared for and pollarded.



• The developers backed by a Council owned company did this to the trees in **Rydens Way**.

Local resident Louise Morales said, "I have been campaigning to protect our Rydens Way Green since the developers bought the land in 1999. At every stage of the campaign I have worked hard to protect Rydens Way for future generations and will not be giving up yet."

Louise Morales added, "When Woking Borough Council gets its contractors into Old Woking, they should do a proper job and protect trees unlike the damage done here."

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# Hoe Valley Scheme update

Lib Dem Councillor Colin Scott has been campaigning to get Woking Borough Council to prevent chaos on our roads during the 27 week closure of the **A247 Kingfield Road** by Woking Leisure Centre as part of the Hoe Valley Scheme.

The bridge closure will cause significant disruption to Old Woking residents who will have to take a big diversion via Mayford to get to Woking Town Centre.

Councillor Colin Scott said, "The Lib Dems want to ensure disruption is kept to minimum and will keep residents informed of developments.

Local bus services will also be badly hit since the Number 34 Bus will avoid Kingfield and Westfield during the Hoe Valley closure. The 462/463 will be diverted via Mayford to cover Kingfield Green and Rydens Way. The 562 will also be diverted via Mayford and Westfield.

There will be a shuttle bus whilst the A247 is closed that will link Kingfield and Westfield with Woking Town Centre, going via Mayford where people can change to go to Guildford.



# More money for Woking schools



• Local parent Louise Morales welcomes the Lib Dems' help for poorer pupils in Woking.

Local parent Louise Morales has congratulated the Lib Dems in Government on securing a new £2.5 billion to give every child a fair start in life.

The extra money will help pupils from poorer backgrounds who are on Free School Meals.

Louise Morales said, "Every child in Woking who is entitled will each get an extra £430 spent on their school education, bringing in almost £500,000 extra to Woking schools thanks to the Lib Dems."

"Labour left behind many schools that were failing our children – especially those from less well off families."

The Lib Dems have given head teachers the power to decide how to spend this money. It could be on extra tuition, breakfast clubs or after-schools clubs depending on individual needs.

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