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Local Action by Denzil with the promise of more to come

GOLDSWORTH WEST COMES FIRST!

A MESSAGE FROM DENZIL COULSON

Many local residents have told me that they are not that keen on Party politics.

So let me make it clear.

If elected, I will work with my Liberal Democrat colleagues for the good of Woking as a whole.

But I will always put the interests of Goldsworth West first.

As a primary school teacher, I am very concerned about having a sex shop in Woking. I will represent your views on this issue and many other issues that concern you in the future.

That's why I want to represent YOU as YOUR local Councillor.

Denzil Coulson



● Denzil succeeded in getting a road sign for residents after first hearing about it two weeks before. Residents suffered by getting the wrong mail through their doors for a year.



● Denzil standing in Hawkswell Walk. This area was terribly overgrown in February. He reported it and it was all cleared up within 2 weeks.



● Denzil is concerned about areas of decay in Goldsworth West. He will set up a Goldsworth Neighbourhood Forum to discuss how we can improve our area.



● Denzil pledges to continue the hard work of Cllr Di Landon by representing Goldsworth residents together with Cllr Ian Eastwood.

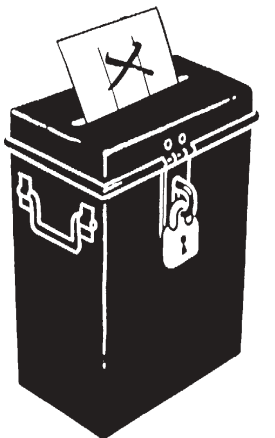


● Denzil Coulson with Cllr Rosie Sharpley. Denzil will monitor the wheelie bin situation over the summer. He, like many residents, is concerned about the smell of residual waste in warm weather.



● Denzil will campaign hard for Perspex to replace glass in our bus shelters. Your signatures will help him to try to combat this senseless vandalism.

Denzil has had pledges of support from Lib Dem Councillors Ken Howard in Hermitage and Richard Sanderson in Horsell West. They are fighting vandalism of bus shelters in their own areas as well.



Give your backing to a hard working campaigner on May 4th

We keep you informed all
year round

Denzil Coulson



Only the Lib Dems support local Police

Astounded Liberal Democrat Councillors are furious that Tory and Labour Councillors ganged up to stop an urgent debate on policing at last Thursday's meeting of Woking Borough Council - the final Council meeting before the Borough Elections next Thursday (4 May).

"I'm not often speechless" said LibDem Deputy Group Leader Cllr Philip Goldenberg, "but this is a real kick in the face for local residents."

The LibDems had tabled a motion opposing the Labour Government's proposed shotgun merger of Surrey and Sussex Police Forces.

This motion said that such a merger would make policing even more remote and unaccountable to local people. The mergers nationally would cost £500 to £600 million - the cost of 22,000 Police Officers on the beat. Both Surrey and Sussex Police are among the worst funded by central government.

The LibDems wanted the motion debated last week because, following the recent rejection by

Surrey Police of a voluntary merger, it is now likely that the Labour Government will start the process for imposing the merger.

Cllr Goldenberg said: "Surrey Police are desperately underfunded. So is the Sussex Force. They both need more money - not an expensive enforced merger at the expense of scarce police resources or local Council Taxpayers."

"All of us, who have been on the doorstep in the last few weeks have come across frustrated residents, and also frustrated members of the business community, who are not getting the police response to which they are entitled. Our local community will not understand it if we do not, as a matter of urgency, support our local Police Force."

Commenting afterwards, Lib Dem Group Leader said: "I am astounded, and deeply frustrated. I can understand Labour Councillors not wanting a debate in which their Government would - rightly - face severe criticism. But why on earth did the Conservatives, who always claim to be the

only Party, which is serious about tackling crime, prevent the Council from supporting our local police? It just shows how hollow their claim is."

Denzil Coulson said: "According to our residents survey returns, 70% of Goldsworth West residents want more visible community policing. Police mergers will make it more difficult to achieve what residents want. Failing to debate the issue urgently is also irresponsible."

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"OUT OF TOUCH" CONSERVATIVES OPPOSED LOCAL POWERS TO TACKLE GRAFFITI, NOISE POLLUTION, VANDALISM AND DIRTY NEIGHBOURHOODS

On 6 April 2006, the new Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 came into force. It gives local authorities more powers to tackle dirty neighbourhoods including graffiti, chewing gum, dog fouling, fly tipping, noise pollution and vandalism. The Act allows your local council and the Environment Agency to transfer the cost of removal of this pollution from the council taxpayer to the "polluters".

Local authorities can now impose fixed penalty notices and fines such as imposing an £80 fine for throwing gum or cigarette butts on the ground to fines for excessive noise pollution at any time of the day. The aim of the Act is to change the behaviour of a small minority of people who make the environment, in which people live, unpleasant for the vast majority of law-abiding citizens.

All parties, except for the Conservatives, supported this new Act to clean up our neighbourhoods and to pass the cost on to

"polluters". The "out of touch" Conservatives felt that existing legislation was already in place to tackle these problems effectively (Hansard Volume 429, 10 January 2005, Column 48). Most Woking residents would disagree, as there has clearly been a rising problem of litter, graffiti, noise pollution and vandalism for a number of years now.

The Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs stated that the cost of street cleansing by local authorities in 2002/03 was £490 million and rising each year (DEFRA Impact Assessment Report, February 2005). DEFRA also concluded that the cost of "doing nothing" would be even higher if this Act was not implemented. The cost has to be passed on to "polluters" - not the council taxpayer.

The Conservatives also proposed to cut £47 million from the Environment Agency last year. Thankfully they didn't succeed as this would have reduced the capacity of the Environment Agency

to tackle polluters and clean up our environment.

Denzil Coulson says:

"The Liberal Democrats MPs supported the Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Bill in February 2005 even though it was flawed in places. It gave local authorities more powers to deal with anti-social behaviour such as graffiti, vandalism, excessive noise and fly tipping - powers we urgently needed to tackle these problems.

The Conservatives, petulantly, opposed the Bill in its entirety.

Humfrey Malins, our Conservative MP, was absent from the final vote on the bill! (Hansard Volume 431, 21 February 2005, Column 35)

Vandalism was one of the top issues raised by Goldsworth West residents in our February survey.

Imagine if the Conservatives had their way? We would still not have had the possibility of imposing fines and notices on those who litter and vandalise our neighbourhoods. The council taxpayer would still be bearing the excessive costs of cleaning up."

Denzil Coulson for Goldsworth West



Denzil Coulson wants to achieve a good and effective door collection glass recycling scheme for Woking

Denzil Coulson is our best local choice for Goldsworth West. He believes that he can make a real difference in your ward and continue the hard work of Councillor Di Landon in representing your concerns on the Council. He lives in the ward in Paddocks Mead and is therefore well aware of your local concerns.

His priorities for Goldsworth West are:

- ◆ A cleaner, greener and safer Woking.
- ◆ Neighbourhood forums to bring the councillors in closer consultation with residents.
- ◆ Doorstep collection of glass

Over the course of the election all the FOCUS leaflets have shown you what Denzil Coulson has achieved so far for our area. He can do so much more if you elect him as your local Councillor.

Denzil Coulson

