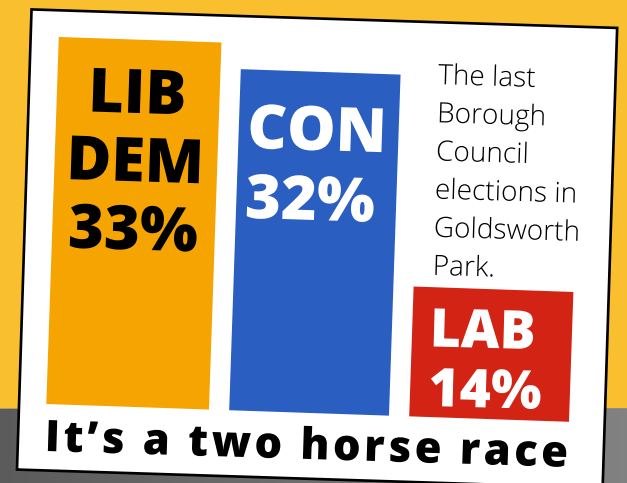


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From James Sanderson and the Goldsworth Park Lib Dems



# Save Woking Police Station

James Sanderson campaigns to save Woking Police Station from closure



**Local Lib Dems have launched a campaign to keep Woking's Police Station open following Surrey's Conservative Police and Crime Commissioner's recent announcement that he wants to close it.**

The Police say they can cut costs by completely closing their stations in Reigate and Woking, and moving to a newer HQ at Mount Browne in Guildford. Police staff currently in Woking's Police Station would move to Guildford Police Station and Woking Borough Council's Civic Offices.

Lib Dem candidate for Goldsworth Park, James Sanderson said, "The Lib Dems and I are very disappointed that Woking looks set to lose its Police Station. A town and borough the size of Woking needs its own

Police Station and a sizable Police presence locally. I know many local residents are concerned about crime already, and Woking losing its Police Station will hardly help keep people safe from crime and anti-social behaviour."

James Sanderson added, "The Tories' decision to close Woking Police Station was taken without any consultation and after they have put up the Police's share of our Council Tax by 5.3%."

On May 3rd, residents have a chance to send a message to the Conservatives that they don't want more cuts to key local services and they don't want to lose Woking's Police Station by voting for change and voting for the Lib Dems.

## Concern over future of Children's Centre



**James Sanderson and the Lib Dems have raised concerns over the future of Children's Centres in Surrey.**

Currently there are 58 centres across the county, providing services such as childcare, education and parenting courses, but Surrey County Council is currently consulting on a new model for delivering its "Early Help" services, with the aim of saving at least £9.7 million.

James Sanderson said, "I think our Children's Centres including the one at Sythwood do so much for families and children which is not well publicised, and the County Council should be proud of them. They provide essential guidance and support for families with challenges and make a real difference to their lives. The Lib Dems and I will be doing all we can to ensure that we can save as much as possible of the skill and commitment of the staff and ensure that they continue to make a difference in the future."

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# It's the Lib Dems or Conservatives here!



# Incinerator Plans

The Conservatives running Surrey County Council have proposed up to six new incinerators as part of the Council's draft new waste plan including one on Martyrs Lane in Woking.

The Surrey Waste Plan proposes up to six new incinerators or 'Energy from Waste' plants, all on Green Belt land. The County Council is suggesting that an Energy from Waste plant could be built next door to the Community Recycling Centres in Martyrs Lane.

James Sanderson said, "I am very worried what impact an incinerator could have on Woking's air quality and that it could add more lorries to our busy road network. Mass-burn incineration is the most environmentally damaging way we could get rid of our waste, so I am very disappointed and surprised that the Tories at County Hall are thinking of going down this route. 'Vote blue, go green' saying that David Cameron used to push is clearly dead and buried now."



## Surrey County Council agrees more support for care leavers

The Lib Dems recently succeeded in getting Surrey County Council to agree a package of measures to support care leavers including taking young care leavers out off Council Tax.

As part of a new Charter unanimously agreed by the County Council, young care leavers will be exempted from Council Tax, as well as given support with continuing education, managing a household and work skills.

Lib Dem County Councillor, Will Forster said, "I am pleased that the Council unanimously supported my proposal to make life better for care leavers in Surrey. As corporate parents, we Councillors need to do everything we can to try to make the start of their transition to adult life is as smooth as possible."

James Sanderson added, "Aside from the other measures proposed, taking care leavers out of Council Tax will make a huge difference to their lives and give them a sound financial footing in their new life, rather than putting them in danger of falling into debt. This Charter could really help change the lives of care leavers. The Lib Dems did very well to get the County Council to agree to their motion. If elected as a Councillor, I will play my part to improve the lives of care leavers."

## MP fails to stand up for Surrey



Local Lib Dems have criticised Woking's Conservative MP after he voted in favour of the Local Government Finance Settlement which includes significant funding cuts for Surrey and Woking Councils.

The Settlement sets out the level of funding from Central Government to local authorities for the next financial year and has been heavily criticised for not providing adequate funding to councils to provide essential services.

Lib Dem Councillor Ann-Marie Barker said, "I am deeply disappointed that Woking's MP didn't speak up or vote against cuts to Council budgets."

## Contact the team YOUR CHOICE ON 3<sup>rd</sup> MAY

The Goldsworth Park Lib Dems want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.



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James Sanderson and the Lib Dems have a strong record of fighting for Goldsworth Park. James Sanderson was a Councillor for Goldsworth East until 2016.



James Sanderson wants to reopen Lakers Youth Centre. The Conservatives running Surrey County Council have refused to commit to reopening the centre, prompting fears the Council will 'pocket' the insurance money and close it down.



James Sanderson wants the Council to focus on key services like removing fly-tipping, repairing potholes and cleaning graffiti.

**OR**



The Conservatives are cutting budgets of key services such as schools, road repairs and social care. Now Tory cuts are threatening Woking's Police Station and Lakers Youth Centre.



The Conservatives are the Government, and run Surrey County Council, Surrey Police and Woking Borough Council. Isn't it time for a change?

**... and Labour are a distant third in local elections and cannot win here.**