

SAVE CLAYGATE GREEN BELT

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7th MAY – ELECTIONS FOR THE NEW EAST SURREY COUNCIL WHICH CANDIDATES WILL DEFEND CLAYGATE'S GREEN BELT?

Save Claygate Green Belt does not support any particular political party. Nonetheless, it is likely that the new East Surrey Council will finalise a new local plan, including identifying which land should be used to meet government-imposed housing quotas and which should be spared.

So it is hugely important that our new councillors (we will be electing two to represent Esher, Claygate and Oxshott North Ward) are committed to defend Claygate's Green Belt. More than that, our councillors will only be two out of 72, so we need councillors who will lobby for Claygate among other councillors and especially within their own political grouping.

We don't plan to endorse any candidates. Instead, we have written today to all 11 candidates inviting them to confirm in writing to us that they pledge as follows:

"If elected to East Surrey Council on 9th May 2026, I pledge that I will oppose any major development of Green Belt land in or around Claygate, including voting against any such proposals, and campaigning to the best of my ability in the council at large and in my political grouping to achieve the same end."

On April 30th we will publish the names of those candidates who have unequivocally confirmed their pledges to us. We have told them that any ands, ifs or buts, or "refer to our website/my election address" etc won't count.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO HELP?

Lots!

- Sign our petition at saveclaygategreenbelt.com
- Forward this bulletin to your friends in Claygate, asking them to forward it on
- Write to any or all of the following, expressing your opposition to major developments on Claygate's Green Belt:
 - ⇒ Our MP monica.harding.mp@parliament.uk
 - ⇒ The Housing Minister matthew.pennycook.mp@parliament.uk
 - ⇒ The Secretary of State for Housing, Local Government & Communities steve.reed.mp@parliament.uk
 - ⇒ Our Elmbridge councillors mrollings@elmbridge.gov.uk, acoomes@elmbridge.gov.uk, and mmarshall@elmbridge.gov.uk and
 - ⇒ Our County Councillor andy.burton@surrey.ccgov.uk

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