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Local Elections  
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From your Conservative Central Bedfordshire Council Candidates  
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## Conservative Councillors make Policing a priority

Your Conservative Councillors have consistently campaigned, over many years, for more police officers in the town. We are now seeing progress, with a commitment to provide additional Police officers for Leighton Buzzard, together with 12 civilian Neighbourhood Officers across Central Bedfordshire.

However, we are still not satisfied with the deal being given to the residents of Leighton Buzzard and Linslade.

We were promised a 'police counter' – somewhere where the public can engage with local officers. We do not have this, and we will lobby the Police and Crime Commissioner to deliver on her promise to our town.

Much was made of the increased funding for Bedfordshire Police – most of this money is coming directly from your pockets. We will ensure that we get value from the money which we are paying for Policing. We want a permanent police presence based in and dedicated to Leighton Buzzard and Linslade, and we will not stop fighting until we get this.



## Local Candidates standing on Local Issues

When you vote on May 2nd, it is important to remember these are LOCAL elections, and you should vote for LOCAL candidates who care about LOCAL issues ALL the year around.

We do understand the frustration amongst voters over the current national political scene; we do understand that opinions are split; we do understand that trust in our Westminster politicians is at an all-time low. But these elections are about local issues that directly impact on our day to day lives, and the town in which we live. These elections are not about Brexit.

We won't claim that everything is perfect in Leighton Buzzard – there is still much that we need to do for our town. But please judge us on OUR track record, not on the track record of our national politicians.

Whenever we make a decision which affects the local community, we each make that decision based on what we believe is best for all the residents of Leighton Buzzard.

***LOCAL candidates standing up for LOCAL issues ALL year around***



## Campaigning for a fair deal from developers

In the early days of this campaign, it is becoming evident that the biggest concern amongst local residents is the overdevelopment of Leighton Buzzard and the lack of supporting infrastructure.

Some people will have you believe that we could have stopped these developments but chose not to. This is not the case; had it been possible, we would have done so. The development we now see around Leighton Buzzard is the result of decisions made many years ago. We will however ensure that these new developments are delivered with the promised amenities and supporting infrastructure.

On the southern estates - Sandhills and Roman Gate - there is a legacy of the developers having left the roads in such a poor condition they cannot be adopted by the local authority, and pavements in a state of disrepair. We continue to pile pressure on the developers to bring roads and pavements up to an acceptable standard so they can be adopted and maintained by the council.

However, we are delighted that the council are currently introducing traffic calming measures on the roads they have already adopted - Kestrel Way and Johnson Drive.



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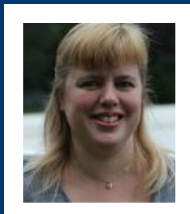
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## A Conservative Councillor is for life, not just elections!

When you cast your votes in a few weeks' time, we hope that you will look at our individual track records as ward Councillors over the past 4 years.

We have maintained a constant presence in the local area, through monthly surgeries, regular community engagement via our 'In touch' newsletters delivered to every house in LB South, and frequent engagement on local social media sites and discussion forums.

We have kept our promise to be available for the local community who elected us, and we have demonstrated through our actions that we don't just appear because there is an election.

Over the past 4 years, it has been our privilege to help many of you with your own personal issues and concerns. This is what real council work is about – whilst it is the big issues that make the headlines, it is helping our residents that makes the biggest difference to people's lives.

