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On CHELSFIELD



Say YES to a New Team for Chelsfield in 2022, with Gerda Loosemore-Reppen & Laura Thurimella

Walnuts Development

Lib Dems oppose Areli's plan for Orpington

We support regeneration and new affordable homes for Orpington, but Areli's plan to replace town centre amenities with high rise flats will deliver neither.



The plan for 15 high rise towers in the heart of Orpington Town Centre is excessive and out of character.

"The Conservatives are NOT listening to residents' views, and I will work hard to ensure they are heard." ~ Laura Thurimella

The **buildings planned by Areli are too high**: the 15 proposed tower blocks range from 8 to 20 storeys, dwarfing surrounding buildings and altering the High Street's character and skyline.

We're opposed to the **loss of community facilities**: our Leisure Centre will close for at least two years. The new plans contain no guarantees of equivalent services.

The scheme would bring an extra 2,000 residents into a small area of Orpington that will put **extra burden on local health services**, schools, transport and policing.

Congestion and parking: the scheme **reduces non-resident parking by almost 50%** making life even harder for our remaining high street retailers.

The development **will not meet local housing needs**: one bed flats will sell at £300,000 upwards. There is no plan to provide key worker housing, "affordable" housing, or social housing units.

Meet your Lib Dem candidates for 5th May



Gerda has lived in the ward since 1985, where she brought up her family and served as a school governor. Now retired, she has been a volunteer for HealthWatch Bromley, a trained visitor for Care and Nursing homes and chairs the Patient Participation Group at Chelsfield Surgery. In her spare time she enjoys tending her garden and sings with several local choirs.

Gerda LOOSEMORE-REPPEN



Laura (née Davies) was born and brought up in Orpington, attending Warren Road school. She has returned to bring up her own family in Chelsfield ward, having lived in Canada, India, and Essex. Laura has worked in research, technology and non-profit sectors, and is passionate about community issues. She is a core member of the Nuts to the Walnuts group.

Laura THURIMELLA



Listening to you on issues that matter

Train Services



Orpington commuters are facing an increase in fares without services that were cut during the pandemic being restored. We should be making green methods of transport like trains more affordable not adding to the cost of living crisis.

Safer Streets



In surveys over the last 6 months, 84% of people told us they were worried about speeding, and 59% said they would walk or cycle more if roads were safer. The council needs to listen to local people rather than wait for accidents before making changes.

More charging spots



Many car users want to protect our environment and switch to electric cars. But Bromley has one of the lowest numbers of charging points in outer London, less than half the average rate.

Save our Parks



We're worried about the Council's strategy of setting up partnerships with commercial organisations to fund improvements to our parks. We need guarantees that the community's needs will prevail.

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STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE MATTER



We have all been shocked at the behaviour of the Conservative Government during the pandemic. It's one rule for them and a whole different set for the rest of us.

Partying whilst the Queen sat alone at her husband's funeral, trying to change the rules to save an MP guilty of lobbying, misleading Parliament multiple times, billions mis-spent on unusable PPE - the list continues to grow. **Public standards have never been so low.**

The Liberal Democrats are concerned about an unaccountable culture in the Conservative-run Council which can mean that residents' interests are ignored or overridden.

There is a lack of consultation and transparency in decision making, repeated failures to consult with residents, a tendency to spin rather than make real strategies, and a system that seems designed to make scrutiny difficult.

It is time for a change, so that Orpington is not taken for granted.