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## St Albans City & District

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### LIB DEM GREEN BELT REVIEW BACKFIRES

#### THE LIB DEMS NOW SUGGEST **SCUPPERING THE CURRENT PLAN** - COMPLETE MADNESS!!

■ The 2011 Strategic Local Plan(SLP) was based on a previous LibDem proposal, which included 350 homes on the Oaklands site.

The independent Green Belt review, demanded by the Lib Dems in 2012 on behalf of the residents, scuppered the 2011 SLP. The Lib Dems wanted to exclude Oaklands from the review, but of course, this was not possible as Oaklands is in the green belt and hence had to be included. Obvious, really!

As a consequence of the recommendations in the review, the NEW SLP now proposes that 1,000 homes should be built on Oaklands, significantly less than the 1,600 suggested by the Green Belt review and housing needs survey.

One should be careful what one wishes for in making demands!

No one wants new housing on their doorstep, but where most of Marshalswick North and Jersey Farm residents live was previously green

The application of the green belt to towns like St Albans was a Conservative policy in 1955 which encouraged councils to designate green belt land.

We have to accept that houses need to be built, especially if our children are to live in St

Albans, and there are not enough brownfield sites to accommodate the demand.

"The Conservatives want an increase in housing stock in St Albans, and will use the SLP to support it and infrastructure requirements".

**Infrastructure needs will** be addressed when detailed plans are constructed-Claudio Duran 77



#### **JERSEY FARM WOODLAND PARK**

The Woodland Park has attracted many local Way and Damson Way ponds which come under people to work on it since it's creation years ago. the Parish Paths Committee, chaired by Cllr Volunteers from the community help with the activities such as ragwort pulling, general maintenance and hedge laying. Sandridge Parish and District Councillors are frequently seen at work, helping to ensure that the Parish Council investment is maintained at the highest level. This has led to the park receiving the Green Flag award several times. Parish and District Councillors also work on the Harness

Claudio Duran. These are smaller projects but important as protected species can be found at Harness Way. Damson Way has taken some effort to achieve its current standard.

Voluntary work of this sort is continuous because of the dynamic nature of nature!



# PARKING & DESTRUCTION OF GRASS VERGES



■ The inexorable growth of car ownership says something about our prosperity but the consequences for roads, pavements, grass verges and general vistas is now unacceptable.

We can continually repair damage done to our roads and verges but this is expensive and not the answer in the long run.

We need a new strategy for parking on our roads, particularly overnight. We need to ensure that residents themselves do not park on pavements and grass verges. (We had a complainant recently who then admitted that friends parked on the verge so that their cars did not get damaged) Sorry folks you cannot have it both ways!

Currently, the work being done by Affinity Water is creating problems but they do reinstate verges.

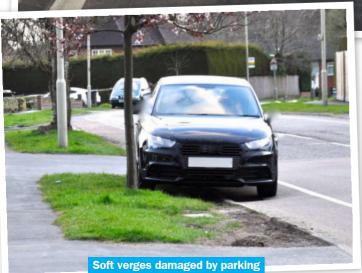
Changing byelaws is, for us, not the answer: If we own a car it has to be parked.

A massive rethink is needed both for overnight and shoppers parking; here and nationwide.

Ideas from residents will be very welcome as we do not have the monopoly on new initiatives.

Send these to Cllr Lyn Bolton at the London Colney address or e-mail cllr.l.bolton@stalbans.gov.uk





## PCC LEADS NEW DRIVE TO TACKLE FLY TIPPING

Hertfordshire's Conservative PCC, David Lloyd, says a new countywide policy on fly tipping will make a real difference in the battle to stamp out the problem. Following an initiative led by the PCC, councils and other agencies across the county have got together with the police to agree a new plan to tackle the issue. Measures include, a common definition of fly tipping, simpler and more effective reporting, and a single database where all the incidents can be recorded.

Commissioner Lloyd said, "The scourge of fly-tipping is something that is frequently raised with me by people in Hertfordshire and which I have been determined to do something about. It is a difficult problem to tackle because responsibility is divided amongst so many agencies and that is why I am so pleased that we have now been able to achieve this united front. I really believe this approach will now pay dividends in dealing with it."



### THE INITIAL OAKLANDS PROBLEM

District Council Planners will be defending their refusal of the application at the forthcoming appeal. We believe there is a misunderstanding about the "OAKLANDS" situation.

In 2011/2012, there was a proposal to build 350 houses on Oaklands land in Sandpit Lane. The District Council planners turned down this application and it will soon come up for appeal, at which the planning department will defend its refusal on the grounds of Green Belt, Landscaping, and trees.

So is Councillor Bolton wrong to trust the planning department? We think not.

The assertion in Lib Dem literature that "local councillors

find providing evidence to challenge the Draft SLP is frustrating" is not one that Councillor Bolton recognizes or with which she wishes to be associated.

Councillor Churchard is chair of a planning committee for SADC. She knows that planning must be based upon objective evaluations and not subjective feelings. She relies heavily on the advice and judgment of planners at this committee. Why then did she say at the public meeting that being asked for evidence by the planners was so very intimidating?





# WHY I AM PROTECTING LOCAL POLICING IN HERTFORDSHIRE.

Firstly because it works. Having local officers embedded in their communities, working with public and partner agencies is a really effective way of preventing crime and I believe plays a big role in making Hertfordshire the really safe place to live and work that it is today.

Secondly it is the style of policing the public tell me they prefer. They want visible local police officers, who they can get to know, who understand their needs and who they can hold to account when problems arise. That is why I have made sure that local policing has been preserved in Hertfordshire whilst it is being abandoned in much of the rest of the country.

#### **Local News inbrief**



#### RECENT RESIDENTS SURVEY

We thank the residents who took part in a paper survey recently.

This gave us a plethora of information. The results have been partially analysed and confirm to us that the state of the roads, verges and parking are a source of great concern to a large proportion of you.

Of major concern for residents

living in the South East of the constituency are the two Oaklands projects.

Both of these issues are addressed elsewhere in this paper.

Schools, the NHS, and Immigration are other major areas. With these issues we can only seek to influence National Government.



#### ON THE DOORSTEP

Some of you will have seen the team of Conservative supporters walking around Marshalswick North, knocking on doors and speaking to everyone that they find at home. We are very encouraged by the responses we are getting from residents and the discussions we are having with you. The team of supporters are all local

councillors; District and Parish and have varying depths of knowledge about the local scene. However if we do not know the answer we will get it for you. Please remember also that we are local politicians and you will be voting for us to represent you on the District Council.



#### **PROFILE OF CLAUDIO DURAN**

Some of the reasons why you should consider **Claudio Duran** as your future **District** Councillor

with Tony Farnfield &

Claudio lives on the Woodland Park and has done so for more than ten years. In all that time he has taken a detailed interest in local activities, becoming more involved as his business, which deals in Health & Social Care, has stabilised. He has now relinquished the CEO position and become chairman, freeing his time.

He has supported St Leonard's church by sponsoring the monthly magazine and at the 2014 Sandridge 900 Gala with his family he raised ~ £350 for the church by selling Cream Teas; this apart from being on the committee

which ran this Gala and physically clearing the field of hay the day before to ensure the event went ahead. He is a very active member of Sandridge Parish Council and sits on more committees than any other councillor, save one. He is young, energetic, enthusiastic, and will do a very good job of representing you, given the chance. He is out now every evening with his team of supporters, knocking on doors for a brief chat and to garner your views.

Please vote for Claudio- its time for a change.



#### LYN BOLTON APOLOGISES FOR ERROR.

I would like to apologise to Marshalswick North Residents Association (MNRA) and the Baton Community Group for the stress caused to both groups for misrepresenting them in our previous "In Touch".

I wrote the article about The Baton and I had stated that MNRA had applied for it to be registered as an Asset of Community Value when in fact it was the Community group that had done so. This was an error on my part. We understand that this application has since been refused.

SANDRINGHAM SCHOOL

has made a good contribution to our community and we should recognise the value of it's future development. In the long run the intake of pupils from Harpenden will cease when the new school is finally built in that area.

#### **HIGH JINKS ON THE MARKET STALL IN MARCH**

The Conservative market stall in St Albans at the beginning of March caused some amusement and also some serious conversations around the EU referendum issue.

We put out two perspex containers for IN and OUT and invited shoppers to put soft coloured tennis balls into their chosen section. We used up 1300 balls during the day and the final tally was for OUT but only by a small margin. Observing during the day the pattern was mainly younger people for IN and older people for OUT. The same as in the country as a whole.

This was intended as a FUN exercise and it was!



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