



Brighton Hill Labour



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Labour Councillors fight to save the weekly bin collections

Tories U-Turn on their plans for Alternate Weekly Bin Collections.

Earlier this year Labour Councillors warned that the Tories running the Council were considering introducing alternate weekly bin collections. The Council have been looking at renewing the waste collection contract and one of the options openly being considered was alternate weekly bin collections.

Labour councillors are clear that we want to keep the weekly bin service. We also want to see vastly improved recycling options for plastics and other waste you cannot currently put in your green bins.

Right now our recycling rate is abysmal, 329th out of 352 local authorities. Most rubbish is sent to the Chineham incinerator and burned producing a little energy, but also polluting the atmosphere.

The waste contract is worth millions of taxpayers pounds. It is the single largest contract the Council will negotiate. We need a service that meets our needs. One that improves recycling, delivers top service standards, one that is value for money not simply the cheapest. We can do a lot better than what is currently on offer. Labour Councillors fought for the weekly bin collection and the Tories have backed down, they have dropped their plans for alternate weekly bin collections in a complete U-Turn.



Tories introduce 'Tip Taxes', they now charge for DIY waste at the Wade Rd tip.

Charges for Bulky Waste collection going up again by 2.5%

Over 3,600 reports of fly tipping last year.

Recycling rate is one of the worst in the region - just 26%.

Future of Basingstoke Town Football Club

Labour Councillors are supporting the creation of a new Community run Football Club. We know we need successful local sports clubs that help build sport in our community. The owners of the Camrose ground want to sell the land and they have put the future of the club at risk.

We understand they have plans for retail, a hotel and residential development on the current Camrose site. The Borough Council own 29% of the land and it will be crucial to understand what the Tory run Borough Council propose to do.

Will they back the new Community run Football Club or will they simply seek to make as much money as they can out of the old Camrose? We want to see a real growth of community based football for all ages. There are proposals for the club to move to Winklebury and share the FA facilities. This would be a positive move.

The idea of losing the Camrose is not easy for supporters who have invested years of their lives



backing BTFC, but the site owners appear determined to develop the site. The idea of more retail which will simply hurt the town centre yet again, or another hotel which is just not needed, is bad. If they proposed good quality residential homes on the site that included at least 40% affordable housing that would be much better. We will keep you up to date as things develop, but the future of the Camrose will have an impact on our community and we will make sure your voice is heard.

Labour Councillors raise concerns about local roll out of Universal Credit

In February 2018 Universal Credit will be rolled out in Basingstoke. There is a growing backlash over the way the benefit system is not working and leaving people without support. The Tories have said they are ploughing on regardless, despite being warned by experts that people will be hit very hard.

There is real concern that homelessness and food & fuel poverty will be dramatically increased, and that the Tory Government just doesn't care or appreciate the damage it will do unless it changes and halts the roll out. Former Tory Prime Ministers and MPs all admit that Universal Credit is a disaster.

Labour Councillors are calling for Basingstoke Council to plan now to cope with any issues that arise if Universal Credit is rolled and the Government doesn't back down.

Your local Labour team work for you all year round

St Michael's Retail Park approved despite concerns

Councillors voted 6-5 to grant planning permission for the retail park. Brighton Hill Councillor Andrew McCormick, who sits on the planning committee, voted against. As did all of the other Labour Councillors on the committee.

One of the key reasons why was the impact on Brighton Hill roundabout: nothing was on proposed to improve traffic and road safety around the roundabout. Unlike other applications of this kind where developers are serious about the traffic implications of their proposals, Hampshire County Council admit that the roundabout will no longer be able to cope with the amount of traffic after 2021. It's therefore irresponsible to grant

planning permission for a scheme that would add more traffic to the roundabout without helping offer solutions. There were also no significant proposals (e.g. traffic lights, box junctions) to help local residents living along Harrow Way or in Cumberland Avenue.

Hampshire Highways offered "no objection" to the scheme despite the problems anticipated for Brighton Hill roundabout, for which they have "no solution". The application was, however, approved by the Tories and so we are now going to work as hard as we can as your local Councillors to mitigate the impact on local residents.



Backing Hill Rise Hall

At the recent AGM the Hill Rise Hall Community Association 3 new members of the committee were elected, which is great news

Hill Rise Hall has been going for 38 years and we want it to continue to be successful for our community. With a new committee, and a healthy number of bookings, we are now confident that Hill Rise Hall will continue to succeed. Your local Labour Councillors would like to record a vote of thanks for the committee members of Hill Rise Hall for the great job they do, many of whom have been on the committee for many years.



The future for Brighton Hill roundabout

This is a big issue now, let alone in 4 years time, as Brighton Hill roundabout will no longer be able to cope with the traffic coming from all of the development going on. This has been admitted by Hampshire Highways. Yet they have "no solution" for it, and offered "no objection" to the St Michael's retail park scheme, or to the over 1,000 houses further down the A30, or to the southern half of Manydown, which will have thousands more houses emptying out onto Pack Lane.

The new build is coming whether we like it or not. But to say there's "no solution" for Brighton Hill roundabout is unacceptable. We need to see money invested in infrastructure like our roads if we are going to cope with this kind of growth. Labour Councillors are clear that if growth is going to happen it must be met with investment in our roads and other infrastructure, at the moment the developers are getting away 'scott-free' from any sensible financial contribution.

Parking remains a major concern

Pavement Parking!

Residents have raised the ongoing concern with cars parking on pavements blocking pathways. It is not easy for people in wheelchairs or with pushchairs to get past these cars parked blocking pathways.



BDBC Council Civil Enforcement Officers (Parking Attendants) (call 01256 844844) (always get a reference number) have powers to deal with the following:

- Parking on yellow lines;
- Parking in front of a drop kerb;
- Parking in a permit bay or disabled bay without a permit/badge;
- Exceeding the time limit in a limited waiting bay.

Hampshire Constabulary – Police Officers (a non-emergency call 101) (always get a reference number):

- Parking causing a danger or obstruction;
- Footway obstruction (parking on a footway is not in itself an offence however, causing an outright obstruction is);
- Moving traffic offences such as speeding, banned turns and prohibitions of driving.

Parking & Traffic Enforcement

Action on speeding along Hatch Warren Lane and Cliddesden Lane

Police officers have been out in Hatch Warren Way and Cliddesden Lane following requests from your local Labour councillors, after we were approached by several residents about the speeding on those roads. We have seen the way traffic speeds along Hatch Warren Way and it is dangerous, if you have an issue like this please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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County Cuts coming

The Tory run County Council are planning to take back all parking powers from the Borough Council and cut back on enforcement and parking budgets. Parking issues are hard to resolve now, but when these cuts are implemented it will even harder.

Real election results, real votes... It's Labour challenging the Tories in Basingstoke

Election results in Brighton Hill
May 2016



Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council



Lab
400

Con
314

Ukip
250

LDem
164

Green
87

Instead of Lib Dem leaflets made up figures in real elections they come fourth!