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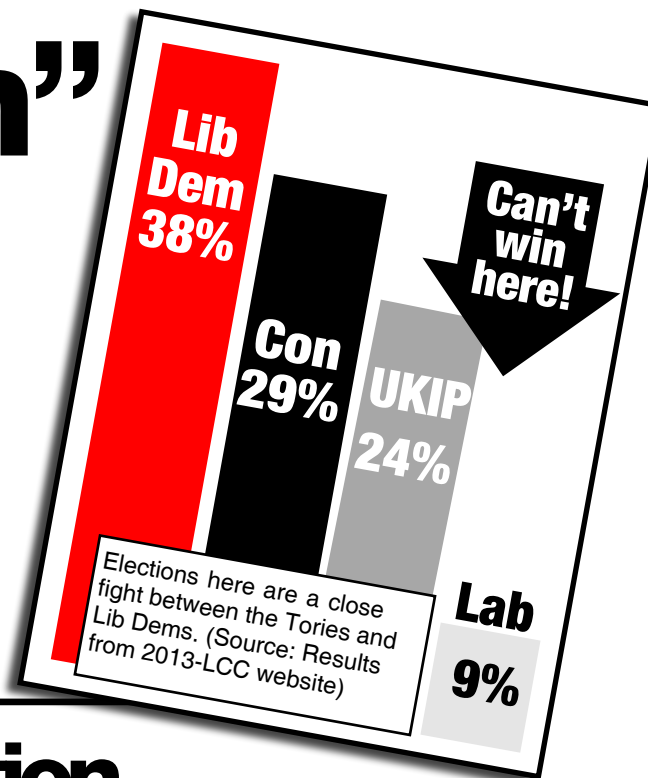
From Sarah Hill and the Focus Team

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Local election “coming soon”

It won't be long until the County Council elections, in early May. This is your chance to decide who represents you on the County Council. In Market Harborough it's a two horse race between hard-working Lib Dem Sarah Hill, or a Tory from Kibworth.

Sarah said, “It's been a privilege to represent the town at the County Council, I live locally and want to keep Harborough as a great place to live. With your support I will continue to fight for the town. With ever more houses planned we need a strong voice fighting for our local services.”



Parking relief at the station

The first stage of the train station redevelopment began recently with a planning application for the new 500 space car park being submitted.

Sarah said, “Lib Dems identified and lobbied for these improvements, which was then taken up by all parties at County Hall. Thanks to work by County Council officers and Network rail, the money has been found to improve the station and track. Over-spill parking has blighted residents over the years, and they should see some benefit from this.”



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Council tax to rise

Council tax is set to rise by £50 a year for a band D house. The majority of the increase comes from the County Council. This is at a time of cuts to services, with millions being cut from the Highways budget for example. This is the result of cuts by from central government, plus increasing pressure on services, especially Adult Social Care. Meanwhile, Harborough District Council is raising its share of Council tax by over 3%, as well as charging for green bins and increasing parking charges.

Train crossing

The Glebe Road railway crossing in Little Bowden was closed by Network Rail on safety grounds, with no real plans to replace it. Lib Dem Sarah Hill campaigned to get the crossing re-opened, which has resulted in plans for a new bridge. She said, "We have a responsibility to keep local residents safe. A bridge was always the preferred solution, but Network Rail appeared to just give up. Thanks to our intervention, and work by County Council officers, we are now seeing what was needed all along."

Planning debacle needs investigation

Recent events in Great Bowden don't show Harborough Council in the best light. A planning application for five houses was "called in" by the Leader of the Council, seemingly at the request of the Developers, apparently weeks after the Council constitution allowed. This meant the planning committee decided the application, not officers - who were ready to refuse the application. When it came before the committee, the Deputy Leader of the Council (a certain Phil King), pushed the application through, on a 6 to 5 vote, against expert advice.

The Lib Dems are demanding the Council investigate what happened, as this appears to undermine both the protocols of the Council and the concerns of local people.

Sarah said, "Whilst everyone makes mistakes, this undue haste does not inspire confidence that due process is being observed. There is pressure to build houses, but the concerns of local residents and the advice of employed experts should not be ignored."



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