

# Sir Nicholas Soames MP

Member of Parliament for Mid Sussex



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Dear Resident,

A Council by-election will be held on Thursday 13th November to elect a Councillor to fill the vacancy at Mid Sussex District Council caused by Sue Seward's resignation so she can devote more time to supporting her family.

Sue worked extremely hard for Albourne, Bolney, Twineham and Warninglid and was a strong voice for our villages and rural communities. This by-election is about ensuring we continue to have a Councillor who will work to represent us locally.

I'm delighted to introduce to you the Conservative candidate for the by-election, **John Allen**, who lives locally in Bolney village with his two children. John has spent his working career in financial services, but is currently on a career break.

As your District Councillor, John will work to:

- > Ensure the Council maintains its **strong and principled opposition to the proposed Mayfield new town**, which fails every Government criteria for new 'garden cities'. The Conservative Council, myself and Nick Herbert MP have opposed Mayfield since day one
- > Support our Parish Councils with Neighbourhood Plans and ensure these **planning decisions are made by a referendum of local residents** and not by politicians
- > Campaign for better services for rural residents, like road maintenance and broadband
- > Support new community facilities being built in Bolney at Batchelor's Field
- > Ensure that our villages remain vibrant and that local services and facilities are protected

Conservatives have an outstanding track record running the Council in Mid Sussex - investing in local facilities, improving our infrastructure and freezing Council Tax. Nationally, our long term economic plan is providing more jobs, economic growth and a better future for families.

I hope you will feel able to give your support to John in the by-election.

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