



THE EU REFERENDUM - LET BRITAIN DECIDE

An in/out referendum on Europe in 2017. Only if you vote Conservative

Britain's relationship with Europe isn't working and needs to change.

Most people are agreed that it's time for the British people to have their say on whether we leave or stay in the EU. However, some parties don't trust the British people to make the decision.

Only a Conservative government - not a coalition one - can deliver an EU referendum. With a majority in Parliament, David Cameron will negotiate a

better deal for Britain and then let the public decide in an in-out referendum no later than 2017.

Labour and the Liberal Democrats combined forces in Parliament to defeat the Conservative referendum legislation and UKIP simply can't deliver a referendum.

Find out more at www.letbritaindecide.com

THE CONSERVATIVE PLAN TO DELIVER REAL CHANGE IN EUROPE

- 1 We will keep the cost of Europe down
- 2 We will make Europe work for British business
- 3 We will keep the Pound and Britain out of the Euro
- 4 We will keep control of our own borders
- 5 We will keep Britain out of Eurozone bailouts
- 6 We will take back control of criminal justice
- 7 Give you an in/out referendum in 2017 on whether to stay in the EU

**A STRONGER ECONOMY AT HOME
RENEWED RESPECT ABROAD
REAL CHANGE IN EUROPE
ONLY WITH THE CONSERVATIVES**

 Conservatives

£150 SAVING FOR RESIDENTS WITH 4TH COUNCIL TAX FREEZE

East Grinstead residents are £150 better off after the Conservative-run District & County Councils agreed to freeze Council Tax for the 4th year.

If Council Tax had risen by a typical amount each year, the average Council Tax bill would now cost each household £150 extra.

At the same time as the Council Tax freeze, frontline public services and support for community groups have been protected. Conservatives know that Council Tax is a large monthly bill for many residents and want to see it kept down.

Councillor **Liz Bennett** says: "At a time when many bills are going up, residents have welcomed the fact their Council Tax bill has been frozen at 2010 levels, keeping money in people's pockets".



TAX CUT FOR 1,000 LOCAL BUSINESSES

Businesses in East Grinstead will benefit from two tax cuts which were introduced by the Conservatives in April.

The Conservative Council is cutting the business rates of over 1,000 small retail businesses in the district by £1,000 a year for two years, thanks to government funding.

Employers will also get £2,000 a year off employer's National Insurance contributions to boost job creation.

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NICHOLAS WELCOMES PLANNING CHANGES

Mid Sussex MP Nicholas Soames has welcomed changes to national planning guidance published by the government recently. The guidance encourages brownfield development and confirms the 'duty to cooperate', under which Councils have to consult each other on local plans, is not a duty to agree.

Mid Sussex's District Plan was recently delayed by a Planning Inspector after objections from Brighton & Hove City Council. Councillors are working flat out to get the plan back on track as quickly as possible.

Nicholas says: "This is a step in the right direction. I continue to wholeheartedly support the District Council as they deal with these tricky issues".



HUGE BOOST FOR EAST GRINSTEAD LEISURE FACILITIES

- > **New Mid Sussex leisure contract a great deal for residents**
- > **Extensions to gyms and more gym equipment**
- > **Free swimming for children under 8 years old**
- > **£1.7 million of new investment from July**

Users of the Kings leisure centre will see significant improvements to services from July after Conservative Councillors awarded a new 15 year management contract to industry leaders DC Leisure.

Changes will include extensions to the gym and new, modern equipment. Improved café areas will be created and to encourage young people to get involved in sport, swimming will be free for children under 8 years old.

As part of the highly competitive bidding process, Conservative Councillors have demanded a greater focus on cleaning under the new contract and controls will remain on the prices of the most important services. The contract is a good deal for taxpayers too, with an end to direct Council subsidy of leisure centre running costs and £1.7 million of private sector investment being secured.

Councillor **Peter Reed** says: "This is an excellent result for East Grinstead residents as we have been able to negotiate enlarged gyms, improved facilities and free swimming for under 8s, all at no cost to the taxpayer. Leisure centre users will begin to benefit from the changes in the summer".

Voted 'Leisure Centre Operator of the Year' in 2013, DC Leisure is a not-for-profit organisation which manages almost 100 leisure centres across the country on behalf of 29 local Councils.



ASHPLATS NEWS

Action to minimise new homes impact

Working in the spirit of cooperation with Barratt Homes (Bluebell Gate), Cllr Peter Reed has managed to retain Stirling Way as a Cul-de-sac, save a row of trees to form a natural barrier with Beacon Rise and asked Barratt's Ecology & Arboricultural Consultants to meet with the Ashplats Conservation Group (ACG).



The latter being particularly important as it was to discuss tree replanting and Ancient Woodland issues. In essence, to ensure the correct species are planted in the right place to compensate for the loss of trees to the rear of Fulmar Drive.

Road resurfacing

Councillors Liz Bennett and Peter Reed persuaded West Sussex County Council to resurface Lancaster Drive, Fulmar Drive and Hackenden Close in recent months. WSSCC is just about to begin a 2 year roads investment programme across the county.

LONG TERM ECONOMIC PLAN

David Cameron's plan to turn Britain around and secure a better future for hardworking people is working.

1. **Reducing the deficit** so we deal with our debts and keep mortgage rates low
2. **Cutting income tax** and freezing fuel duty
3. **Creating more jobs** by backing small business and enterprise with better infrastructure and lower jobs taxes
4. **Capping welfare** and reducing immigration
5. **Delivering the best schools** and skills to help young people succeed