

CONSERVATIVES DELIVER IN EAST CAMBS



Conservatives in East Cambs have a proven track record of delivering what residents want

- ▶ Ely bypass - open
- ▶ Ely Leisure Village - open
- ▶ The Hive district leisure centre - open
- ▶ Free Wi-Fi in Ely & Soham centres - delivered
- ▶ New commuter car park at The Dock, Ely - open
- ▶ Free parking in city centre and Soham ECDC car parks - delivered
- ▶ Action on the A10 - dualling Ely to Cambridge now in Combined Authority delivery plan
- ▶ Grants and funds to community projects - Burwell Recreation Ground Project, Burwell Community Sports Centre - support for new roof
- ▶ Business, jobs & skills - local businesses supported; new businesses and high quality jobs brought into the district (closer to home); apprenticeships delivered
- ▶ Housing - championed Community Land Trusts (CLTs) that deliver truly affordable housing for local working people and proper infrastructure - by local people, for local people
- ▶ Housing - bringing empty properties at the Princess of Wales site back into use, with a plan to build new CLT truly affordable homes on the site reserved for local, working people
- ▶ Low Council Tax - ECDC element of Council Tax frozen for 6 years, with no cuts to services
- ▶ Low management costs - by far the lowest of any District Council in Cambridgeshire
- ▶ Less Councillors - number of Councillors reducing from 39 to 28 in May 2019

Above: David and Lavinia have been District Councillors in Burwell for 12 years and will be standing for election again in May. They have a strong track record for delivering for the people of Burwell



Above: The walkway going up at Ely Bypass, the new road opened in October 2018. The District Council contributed £1m

Below & Left: The hugely popular cinema complex and The Hive district leisure centre - delivered with no external borrowing and no Council Tax increases

Our plan for East Cambridgeshire

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Community led developments: housing by the people for the people

Communities in East Cambs are establishing Community Led Developments which provide truly affordable homes for local working people with ties to their community - housing for the next generation

Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

Renovating empty homes; new affordable homes for local working people

The Council is buying the 88 empty houses at the Princess of Wales Hospital in Ely. We'll renovate the existing houses into homes for local residents and build new affordable homes on the site for local working people

Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

A 10
Ely 12
Downham Market 28
Kings Lynn 42

Dualling the A10; upgrading the A14/A142 junction

We will ensure the Combined Authority duals the A10 from Ely to Cambridge and delivers the much needed A14/A142 junction upgrade at Exning, making our journeys safer and easier

Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

Railways: A Cam Metro station for Burwell and Soham Station

We will ensure a station in Burwell when the Combined Authority builds the new Cam Metro link from Mildenhall to Cambridge, whilst fighting for the new station for Soham

Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

Better bus services, like the Ely Zipper, and more rural routes

The Combined Authority has the power to control the bus network and timetable. We need more and better bus services, like the Ely Zipper, and more in rural areas. We'll work with you to identify more routes for the Combined Authority to deliver

Our Plan for East Cambridgeshire

Cleaner & Greener: more resources for street cleaning; cracking down on fly-tipping & graffiti; Purge on Plastics

Residents are recycling more and reporting environmental crime. East Cambs Street Scene has new resources going into street cleaning, fly-tipping and graffiti. And we're campaigning for a "Purge on Plastics"

FOR A PLAN, PROGRESSION & POSITIVITY

Our plan for Burwell

SURVEY RESULTS - WE DO WHAT YOU TELL US!

In Summer 2018 we carried out our second survey across the district, which David and Lavinia delivered to everyone on the electoral roll in Burwell, asking about your priorities. Here are some of our promises of what we will do in the next four years if you vote us back in, in May 2019

- We will work to ensure the **A10 dualling** project is delivered by the Combined Authority And work is progressing on the **A14/A142** junction.
- We will continue to work with Cambridgeshire County Council, Suffolk County Council, Burwell Parish Council and Exning Parish Council to deliver a **safe cycling/walking route** linking Burwell and Exning.
- The East Cambs element of **Council Tax will be frozen in 2019/20**, that's **6 years in a row with no cuts to services**
- We will continue with our efforts to **make the Council more commercial**, but within reason!
- We promise to keep **car parking free of charge** in the ECDC owned city and town centre car parks

Burwell Ward residents' survey

16 Conservatives are working to improve the quality of life for residents in Burwell. In addition to your answers to questions 5 & 15, what would be your top priority to improve the quality of life in Burwell?

Below: Word cloud generated from answers to Q16

police presence reduce control reducing traffic Ely plan swimming pool
Bypass Bank people need PCSO Cambridge bigger School Street
new shops better affordable housing traffic infrastructure
housing transport By-pass pavements roads
new GP village Less housing Burwell improvement
speed North Street parking housing development Improve
Tighten on-street parking police causeway bus service links
facilities better bus service Less traffic decent local areas surgery
post office

- We will support the **delivery of a new hospital** at the Princess of Wales site in Ely, and work to ensure it includes a full **Local Urgent Care Service** and **GP provision** on site
- We will continue to put **more resources** into keeping the district **free of fly-tipping, graffiti and litter** - and **we will prosecute** the criminals who do it whenever we can

BURWELL - TOP 3 CONCERNS

- 1 ROAD MAINTENANCE**
Conservatives have injected an **additional £13.1m** into County Council highways maintenance **this winter**, including money for footpaths (see overleaf for more)
- 2 BY-PASS**
In the survey, one of the top concerns was the need for a by-pass. We will **explore the feasibility of a by-pass** with the Combined Authority.
- 3 AFFORDABLE HOUSING**
We will work with villages that want to establish a Community Land Trust, which will deliver **truly affordable housing "for local working people, with ties to the village"** (see overleaf for more)

EAST CAMBS CONSERVATIVES GET THINGS DONE - EVEN WHEN IT IS DOWN TO ANOTHER AUTHORITY!

Opposite: 2 of your top 3 concerns are not the responsibility of the District Council, but we will push the Combined Authority and the County Council to deliver what you need - **and we have a track record of doing just that!**

Conservatives deliver reduction in number of Councillors from 39 to 28

In 2014 when finances at the District Council were extremely challenging and before major changes to the management structure were made, Conservatives felt it was right to seek a reduction in the number of Councillors alongside the reduction in staff numbers. The Boundary Commission agreed, as did local residents (residents' survey 2014), and in May 2019 the Council will go from 39 seats to 28. This means that the boundaries of Wards in East Cambridgeshire have been changed.



Burwell Ward is reducing from 3 elected members to 2. Long-standing local residents David Brown and Lavinia Edwards have been 2 of your District Councillors since 2007. Both will be standing for re-election in May to represent Burwell.



**Please VOTE on 2nd May
Vote BLUE**

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HOUSING - HOW MUCH, WHERE, WHO GETS IT?

Conservatives at East Cambs District Council are working to make the best of planning law, to help communities decide on appropriate locations, to own their own affordable homes for people in their community, and to determine the right infrastructure

One thing is for sure, it's a topic that sparks great passion and much debate!

Most people accept that new housing is needed in the UK and want more affordable homes with the right infrastructure, for local young people and families to be able to stay in their own community. But, understandably, they don't want to see rampant new housing estates being forced on their own village or community.

"Affordable homes for working people with ties to the village"

Local Planning Authorities have targets for new housing numbers - the Government basically tells ECDC how many houses it must try to get the market to deliver. ECDC's Local Plan focuses development on the bigger areas such as Ely, Littleport, and Soham, with less land being allocated for development in the smaller villages and settlements.

The frustration for the District Council is that it can give all the planning permissions it likes, but it has **no powers to actually force developers to build the houses**. If the housing numbers are not delivered the Local Plan becomes vulnerable to applications outside the development envelopes.

"ECDC has no powers to actually force developers to build houses"

Community Land Trusts (CLTs), made up of people from the local community, are the Conservatives' preferred way of delivering affordable homes in East Cambs because developments are led and controlled *by* the community, *for* the community. CLT sites deliver big benefits - much more than the normal 30% of affordable homes, with the community choosing what those benefits should be.

CLTs decide where new housing should go, how much of it there should be,



Above: Stretham Community Land Trust

what it should look like, what infrastructure should go with it, and who gets to live in the affordable homes - usually that's **"working people with ties to the village."**

David and Lavinia said: "We would love for Burwell to think about having its own CLT for local people to be able to afford to stay living in their own village. **We are ready to support this work if residents would like to take it forward."**

TORY WAR ON POTHOLES

LibDems Opposed

Conservatives have injected an additional £13.1m this winter into maintenance of our highways, including work on our footpaths

Conservatives:
£13.1m extra into
our highways
THIS WINTER



Above: The Dragon Patchers can fix more than 1,000 potholes every week

The LibDems like to moan about potholes (a lot!), yet they voted against the County Council Conservative budget proposals to increase highways maintenance two years in a row. Thanks to Conservatives, this winter will see an extra £13.1m for our highways and footpaths, which includes additional money secured from central Government. Further increases agreed by Conservatives and voted against by the opposition include extra money every year to 2023/24 - **a total of £28.7m since the Beast from the East struck.**

With the County Council's three new Dragon Patchers, which can each repair up to 150 potholes per day, Conservatives have committed £28.7m and got the right machinery in place to improve our highways and make your journeys easier.

Vote for us, we'll deliver for you