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LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Here in Hinckley and Bosworth it's a two horse race between the Liberal Democrats and the Conservatives.

More and more traditional Labour supporters are backing the Lib Dems to make sure the Tories are beaten

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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!

THE TORIES HAVE LET US DOWN FOR TOO LONG!

After 4 years in control of Hinckley and Bosworth Council the Tories have failed us. Despite their wild and desperate claims, designed to get your vote, the facts tell a difference story...

COUNCIL TAX

FACT: Council Tax in Hinckley and Bosworth has gone up by over 23%, despite Tory promises to keep Council Tax down!

TORY FAILURE

Tories at County Hall have also increased Council Tax by £400 since they took control.

"keep council tax down and deliver improved services."

Tory election Leaflet 2003

TOWN CENTRE

FACT: Where are the Debenhams, Marks and Spencer and Waitrose stores they said we needed?

TORY FAILURE

The Tories came to power with a pledge to scrap plans for a supermarket in the town centre. Now they have published their masterplan which includes a supermarket for the town centre.

We do now at least have a bandstand at Argents Mead - and a swamp where the gardens were!

SECRECY

FACT: The Tories promised to be more open, accountable and accessible. But the Tory cabinet meets regularly behind closed doors.

TORY FAILURE

RECYCLING

We agree with more recycling but why was it introduced in such a piecemeal fashion? And why scrap the weekly collection before adequate alternatives were put in place?

TORY FAILURE

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

Hinckley's new Christmas lights are very nice, but why the massive overspend? And what about Barwell, Burbage, Desford and the rural areas?

TORY FAILURE

CONSULTANTS

The Conservatives criticised the use of outside consultants. Now they spend more and more on consultants' fees.

TORY FAILURE

Our area has become a laughing stock...

You couldn't make it up...

The Sun

Hinckley Times

Council Leader Claridge binned for 9 months

Heartland Evening News

Former leader is fined

First we had "sniff my bin," then the guilty verdict over breaches of planning rules and finally she was removed by the standard's board.

The antics of the former Tory Leader has tarnished the reputation of the Borough.

It's time to restore pride in our area!

The Lib Dems are the only opposition to the discredited Tories

Con 18

Lib Dem 9

Labour are out of the race in Hinckley and Bosworth.

Lab 6

Seats held by main parties on Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council

It's time for a change

The Tories can be beaten

After four years, all we have seen from the Tories are their crazy plans!

More and more local people are saying it's time for a change. They want action from their local council not just words.

After nearly four years of a Tory Council residents are saying they have spent all their time talking and dreaming up plans.

We heard at one time about a glass dome over Hinckley's Castle Street and we were promised a variety of new shops.

Liberal Democrats have been leading the fight against plans to pull down the Council Offices and rebuild them at huge public expense.

Their "Masterplan" shows blocks of flats where there is currently open spaces and building over the top of desperately needed car parking spaces.



● **The Tories have published plans to pull down the Council Offices and rebuild them elsewhere.**

How much will this cost the local taxpayer? They promised to keep Council Tax down!

But there is a fresh alternative...

Our five point plan for Hinckley & Bosworth...

- 1** Restore the reputation of our Borough which has been tarnished by the Tories. We will ask the people first before making major decisions.
- 2** Fight to preserve our open spaces which are under threat from developers.
- 3** Work with the police and other agencies to stamp out anti-social behaviour.
- 4** Global warming is the biggest threat we face today. A green thread will run through all our policies.
- 5** Campaign to save and expand our hospitals and all other health services. For too long local people have had to travel miles for decent healthcare.

Hinckley and Bosworth needs a change from the Conservatives. People are fed up with broken promises and far-fetched plans.

Liberal Democrats are tired of the reputation our area has got under the Tories. We want to restore pride in our Borough.

We believe we need a Council system which is more open and listens to local residents.

The Government and the Tory-led Regional Assembly are putting pressure on the Council to encourage building on our open spaces. A Liberal Democrat Council will do everything it can to preserve our green areas for future generations.

Liberal Democrats want to scrap the unfair Council Tax. But while we're stuck with it we want a more honest approach. Everyone knows you don't get something for nothing, so why do the Tories pretend you can?

Over the next few weeks we will outline our vision for the future of the Borough. On May 3rd you have the chance to vote for a new approach to running our council.

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