

# LABOUR'S LEGACY: Secrecy & Waste!

Over the past four years, the Mayor and his administration has controlled the City Council's purse-strings, and could have changed Bristol for the better.

Instead they have:

- Consulted on making our poorest residents pay Council Tax (from which they are currently exempt).
- Underfunded support for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities - and lost a court case to force a change of policy.
- Consulted on closing two thirds of the City's libraries, including Marksbury Road.
- Started building residential tower blocks, like those planned for Bedminster Green and Totterdown Bridge, regardless of the impact on local communities and services.

Nothing illustrates the Mayor's waste more than Arena Island - once touted to have a completed green Arena by 2018. Yet with two new bridges completed, the Mayor has now done a secretive deal to develop the land whilst another deal will see an out-of-town Arena built in Filton.

BRISTOLIANS DESERVE BETTER.

## BRIDGES TO NOWHERE...



**Andrew Brown & Sarah Classick**  
visit the road and foot bridges to Arena Island  
- still a wasteland after all these years.



## ALL CHANGE FOR WINDMILL HILL... ...BUT THE LIB DEM TEAM IS STILL HERE FOR YOU!



At the elections in May, voters in Windmill Hill will elect two new Councillors to represent them at City Hall.

Both existing Councillors are standing down after just one term; **Andrew Brown**, who has been a committed campaigner in Windmill Hill for over 6 years will be standing for the Liberal Democrats. He will be joined by **Sarah Classick**, a passionate activist for women's rights, environmental action, and a fairer society.

# A New Approach

## Fighting the Climate Emergency together

Liberal Democrats believe that politics should be about empowering people to live their best possible lives, involving them in decision making rather than imposing decisions on them.

That is why we want to establish local (and national) "Citizens' Assemblies" to tackle the biggest issue facing our communities: fighting the Climate Emergency.

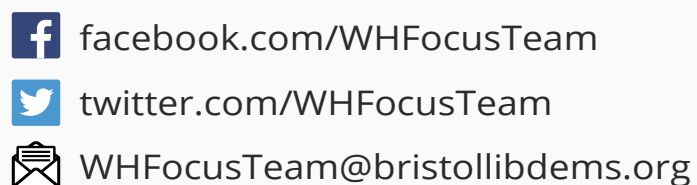
**We know that the clock is ticking and urgent action needs to be taken NOW if we are to stop global temperatures from rising too far, too fast.**

We know that the consequences of not taking action will be catastrophic.

That is why we support Bristol Council's efforts to achieve "Carbon net-zero" by 2030 and oppose the current expansion plans for Bristol Airport.

Tackling the Climate Emergency will involve individuals, communities, businesses and local and national government working together. Establishing Citizens' Assemblies, along with ensuring a fair transition to a zero carbon economy are essential.

Find out more about  
**Andrew & Sarah's** campaign:



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## Time to think again on Mayoral system?



**Mary Page, Liberal Democrat Candidate for Mayor**, is leading calls for a rethink on the mayoral system with a promise of a referendum to allow people to choose whether they wish to abolish the role.

Mary Page said: "There is growing anger at centralised and secretive decision-making by Bristol's Labour administration.

"Too often we have seen the Mayor not listening to our communities or their representatives - such as with the ditching of the Arena at Temple Meads. What's more, this administration has paid huge sums to consultants, run sham consultations, and failed to tackle air pollution in the city.

"If elected, I will have a rainbow Cabinet to share decision-making and in 2022 I will give people a vote to scrap the role of Mayor."

# Andrew says "Thank You"



December saw an unexpected General Election, and local campaigner Andrew Brown was the Lib Dem candidate in Bristol South.

Andrew more than doubled the Lib Dem vote compared with the result in 2017.

Commenting on the result, he said "I am incredibly proud and humbled that, in a short-notice election in the middle of December, so many people came out to vote for me and the positive vision of a Liberal Britain that I stood for.

"Obviously, I'm disappointed by the overall result, but I am determined to keep fighting for the people of Bristol South, and Windmill Hill."

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