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## **Liss Neighbourhood Development Plan**



It's now 18 months since the Liss Neighbourhood Plan was approved. Many residents contributed ideas, and the teams put in an exceptional amount of work. The result was an excellent document, which I fully support, to guide the future of development in Liss.

I will work to support the Parish Council, so that planning applications are examined carefully and that residents' views are represented to the

South Downs National Park who will be responsible for any significant planning applications.

Cala has already applied for development at Andlers Ash which doesn't follow everything in the Liss Development Plan. I have sent an objection and comments to the planning office.

There are other sensitive development sites in Liss which I will also carefully monitor.

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## **Roger Mullenger**

### **Your Liberal Democrat candidate**

I am standing to be your next District Councillor for Liss.

Now retired, after a career in IT gaining experience of a wide range of businesses in UK and abroad.

Nearer home, I have lived in Liss for 25 years, and was a Liss parish councillor for 12 years, and was chairman for three years.

My voluntary roles over the years have included; parent governor, nature reserve warden, U3A walk leader and Newman Collard trustee.

Recently I played active role in the creation of the Liss Neighbourhood Plan, and am currently on two South Downs National Park committees, one giving community grants and the other improving recreational access.

I really believe that good affordable and high quality housing, excellent education, good local services and a protected environment are essential for everyone to have a chance in society.

**I will work hard for every resident in Liss.**

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

**MULLENGER, Roger**



# Working all year round

## Education - a priority



Our children are our future

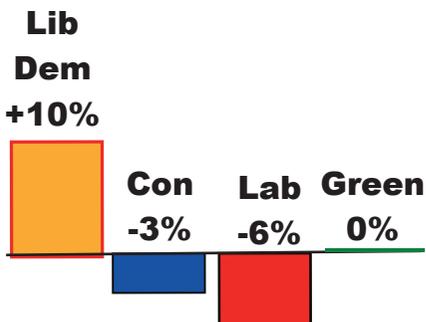
Nationally schools and parents are having to raise cash for school improvements. Liberal Democrats believe in proper education funding. The Government states that school budgets have been protected, however

few teachers or headteachers believe that is correct when struggling with ever increasing costs. Having a son who is a teacher, I hear of some of the problems.

We believe **every** child matters and needs an excellent start in life.

**The youth services and education need to be funded properly.**

## 2019 Local Elections



Average change in vote share, Jan to Mar 2019

English local by-elections this year involving Lib Dems, Conservatives, Labour and Greens

## "Affordable" Homes

**East Hants District Council policy is for 40% "Affordable Housing", but recently less than 25% was achieved.**

Conservatives are claiming 40% in Petersfield area, but that planning has been handled by the SDNP. Elsewhere in East Hampshire it's been as low as 15%.

Major house building companies are making huge profits, while claiming they cannot afford to build affordable homes.

Unlike East Hampshire District Council, **Liberal Democrat Eastleigh Borough Council builds affordable homes for rent and shared purchase.**



## Investment risks

EHDC are rushing to invest another £100million in one year to increase income. Recent decisions has seen property bought far and wide. One investment has now been empty for four years and another in Winchester is half empty.

Making large investments in property, this coming year, in competition with other investors seems high risk.

Most of the money is not being invested locally, or in affordable housing which is desperately needed. We need to invest wisely, and nearer.

## Local Decisions



Some of the Lib Dem team standing for better local decision making

The existing local community forums have no powers, and are therefore poorly attended and frequently cancelled.

Most councillors aren't on the planning committee for their ward's applications. This means that many decisions are made by council officers or councillors who don't know the area.

We believe that Local Area Committees with real powers should be reinstated. These were working well here until the Tories abandoned them, and are still used successfully elsewhere.

Each area should have an LAC, with responsibilities covering any item which can be devolved from Penns Place: Planning and licensing should be decided by local councillors. Real decisions with real budgets, allowing a high level of meaningful public participation.

**Councillors will be both responsible and accountable to their local electors.**