

Your Liberal Democrat candidates **David Podger & Phil Shaw**



David Podger - EHDC St Peter's

I live in St Peter's Ward and am married with four children, all of whom went to local state schools. My career has been wide and varied, ranging from a volunteer with VSO in East Africa to board-level roles in the private sector, education and not-for-profits. I currently work in business development for a national charity and am an active fundraiser for various local and national charities.

A long-time Liberal Democrat, I was spurred into political activism by the Referendum campaign. Since then I haven't stopped campaigning, as a candidate in County Council and District Council elections. I have campaigned on regional and national issues from safe road crossings, protecting Hampshire's school budgets to demanding a People's Vote on our future relationship with Europe.

My priorities for East Hampshire include fighting for more affordable housing, closer scrutiny of the Council's investment policy and bringing back local area committees to make decision-making more representative of residents' views.

Phil Shaw - EHDC Petersfield St Peter's and PTC Ramshill

I am standing as a Liberal Democrat candidate for both the District Council and Town Council. I feel my skills and experience make me an ideal person to represent local residents.

My wife and I have lived in Petersfield for over 34 years. I first came to the area in the 1970s when I joined the Royal Navy and fell in love with the town. My working life has been spent serving society and my local community. Following 24 years in the Royal Navy, including seeing active service both in the Falklands War and in the former Yugoslavia, I qualified as a Mental Health Nurse. I spent the first 12 years of my nursing career as a Community Mental Health Nurse supporting the people of Petersfield, before moving into clinical research and finally Senior NHS Management. I retired in 2018. I am also a Governor at a local primary school.

I want to help shape the future of our local community and, if elected, I will do all I can to make sure our community gets the services it deserves. I will represent residents' views and ensure that community interests are taken into account.

Going local - residents get more say

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 worked well here until the Tories abandoned them, and are still successful elsewhere.

LACs should have responsibilities covering any item which can be devolved from Penns Place. Planning and licensing should be decided by local councillors. Our aim is **real decisions with real budgets**, allowing a high level of meaningful public participation.

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

Demand Better - for better services

Protecting affordable housing targets



Lib Dems will encourage smaller and affordable homes

Conservatives have claimed 40% new affordable homes in the Petersfield area, but planning for those developments has been handled by the National Park. Elsewhere in East Hampshire it's been as low as 15%.

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

Unlike Conservative East Hampshire District Council,

Liberal Democrat Eastleigh Borough Council builds houses for affordable rent. We need to follow their example.

EHDC Investment Concerns

Last year EHDC wrote down assets by £970,000, a mixture of fees and loss of value. One of its properties has been empty for four years, and another in Winchester



Empty hotel at Liphook Services

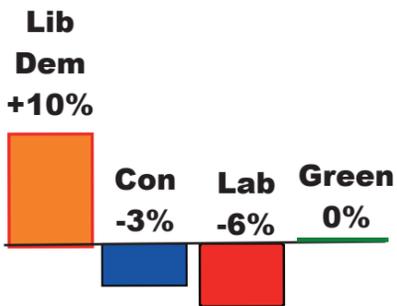
which was rented by HCC is now less than half occupied.

David says, "Making large investments in property, £100 million planned this coming year, in competition with other investors seems high risk."

Not only that, but most of the money is not being invested locally, or in the affordable housing which

is desperately needed. We need to invest wisely, and nearer to home.

Lib Dems gaining ground



Local Election results 2019

In English local elections this year involving Lib Dems, Conservatives, Labour and Greens.

Average change in share of the vote from Jan 2019 to Mar 2019

TOWN ISSUES

Town Visitor Centre

Thanks for all your comments. The general feeling seems to be that it needs to be in the centre of town. Some have suggested the Museum. Your comments have been passed on to our councillors.

Festival Hall Costs

Once elected, the new council is due to meet and consult with members of the public about plans for the Festival Hall and council offices.

There have been concerns raised and the council plan to both explain and listen.

Pedestrians Suffering

We've been busy calling on hundreds of residents, and it's been interesting hearing your concerns. These include dodgy footpaths, hidden traffic and difficult crossing points. College Street, Pulens Lane, Swan Street near the hospital and North Road were examples given.

Liberal Democrats have clear Green policies which **David Podger** and **Phil Shaw** fully support. Policy areas include:

- ▶ Cleaner air and green transport
- ▶ Low carbon energy and greener homes
- ▶ Protecting nature
- ▶ Cutting waste and using resources wisely



Phil says "You can be confident that by voting Liberal Democrat green issues will not be neglected."

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We're building a big, open, liberal movement to be the voice for the millions of voters who feel powerless and frustrated with the direction our country is taking.

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