

HUGH EVANS

Your local choice for Long Ditton



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Dear Resident,

It was a pleasure to meet Long Ditton voters at the recent May elections and to hear your concerns and aspirations. I am enormously grateful for your support and was encouraged by my strong second place, just 49 votes shy of victory. It is a privilege to be able to represent you again at this by-election.



In less than 10 months all Long Ditton councillors will be required to re-stand for election along new ward boundaries. I am clear that there should be no coasting or treading water in the months ahead. If you elect me on July 23rd I will get to work right away so that I can stand before you again in May 2016 with a solid record of action on behalf of Long Ditton.

In this endeavour I can call upon the powerful support of the majority Conservative group at Elmbridge as well as our Surrey County Councillors and local MP Dominic Raab. Long Ditton needs a councillor at Elmbridge with influence, who can get stuck in and fight for investment in our community, for good quality services as well as against harmful overdevelopment, not stuck on the side lines as the Lib Dems are.

I ask for your support at this election and for the opportunity to serve in the months ahead. Thank you.

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Hugh's priorities are:

- 1 To press for more quality local school places for Long Ditton children.
- 2 To push for safer roads, particularly close to schools.
- 3 To defend Long Ditton from over development that might reduce our quality of life.
- 4 To be a strong voice for Long Ditton within the Conservative Group on Elmbridge Borough Council.
- 5 To listen to concerns and put the needs of residents first, before party or any other considerations.

About Hugh:

Hugh grew up in Thames Ditton and has lived locally virtually all his life. He attended Hinchley Wood School and holds a degree in Theology from Roehampton University.

Hugh works for the NHS as an administrator in a section specialising in treating children and adolescents with mental health issues.

He is the chairman of the Elmbridge Conservative Future, developing young people's interest in politics, and has previously worked as a researcher for Boris Johnson. In his spare time he volunteers as a presenter for Brooklands FM community radio.

Hugh is married to Catherine, who works in international development.

ACTION FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND

What we can achieve together

SCHOOL PLACES

Our children deserve the best start in life and that means access to good local schools. On the doorsteps at the recent election I met parents who are deeply concerned about whether their children will gain a place at Hinchley Wood or other local schools. Some have been offered places as far away as Epsom. This cannot be right and I will take up these concerns with Conservatives at Surrey County Council and support existing efforts to expand our schools. Long term a free school in the Dittons is required and I will support any credible proposals.



ROAD SAFETY

Conservative-led Surrey County Council is carrying out a five year programme to address parking issues and road safety blackspots in Elmbridge. This is an opportunity for Long Ditton to secure overdue action on concerns such as Ewell Road, where hidden junctions and blind corners present a risk to safety and were subject to a recent petition. If elected I will feedback local concerns and lobby Conservative colleagues to ensure Long Ditton issues are addressed as part of this review. Additionally Surrey has set aside money to repair potholes and resurface roads. It is vital our next councillor is able to influence the decision makers for the advantage of Long Ditton.



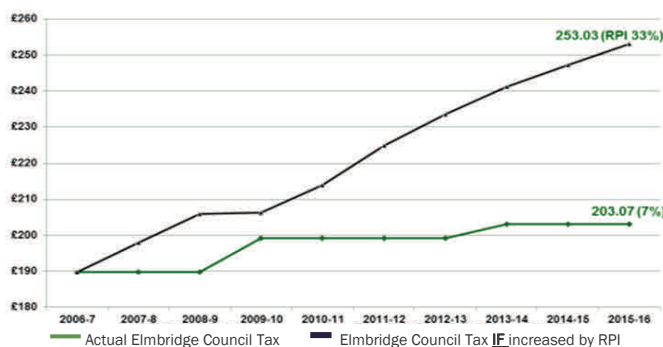
CONSERVATIVE ELMBRIDGE - LET'S KEEP MOVING FORWARD

ELMBRIDGE IN SAFE HANDS



Since we took control in 2006, Conservative-run Elmbridge has been one of Britain's highest performing Councils. We have kept your Council Tax down and made our services even better. The most recent feedback from residents shows that 88% are satisfied with our services and 73% believe the Council is value for money.

Elmbridge Council Tax compared to inflation increases



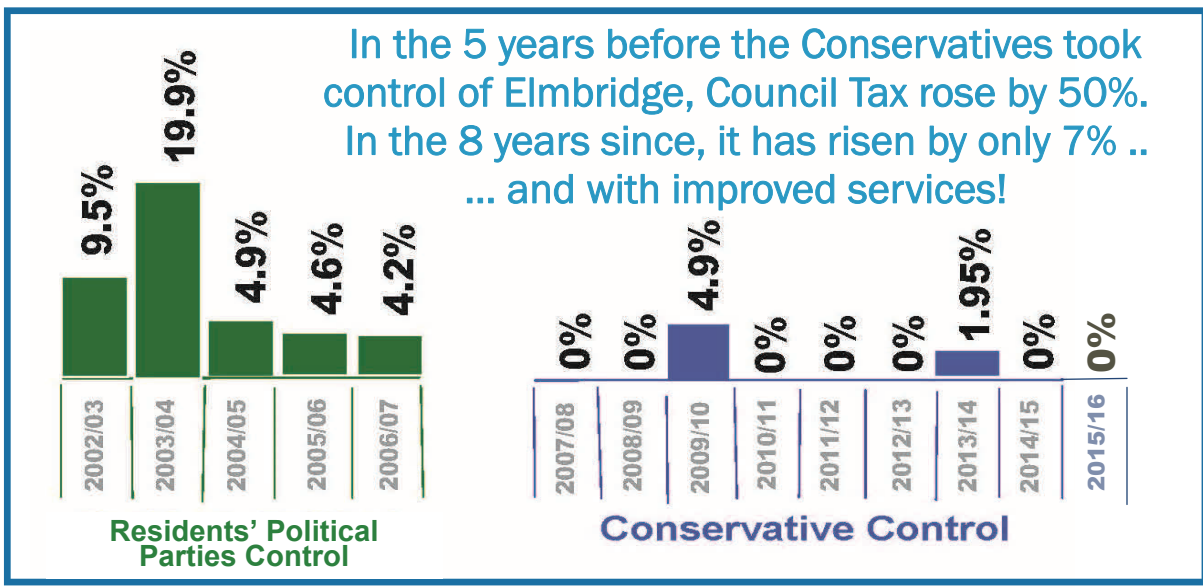
■ We have frozen our share of the Council Tax in seven of the last nine years. That is a record only a handful of other Councils can match. During this period national retail price index (RPI) inflation has been 33%: Elmbridge Council Tax just 7%.

■ Despite the recession, we have fully maintained the funding for our flourishing community sector. Last year we more than doubled the small grants budget and next year all our 11 key voluntary organisations, such as our two Citizens Advice Bureaux, will receive an above inflation 2% increase in funding.

Your Conservative team has cut significantly the Council Tax in real terms and improved the services which residents value so highly.

We have increased funding for the voluntary sector, promoted local enterprise, supported affordable housing and protected our Borough's unique green environment. And from May 2016, the number of Councillors will be reduced by 20%, saving residents at least £50,000 a year.

With your support on July 23rd we can keep moving forward and extend Elmbridge's deserved reputation as one of Britain's Best Boroughs.



CREATING AN EVEN BETTER BOROUGH

Elmbridge Conservatives are always looking for improvements for all our residents including here in Long Ditton.

- We will expand support for our local businesses through new training programmes. Already xx Long Ditton shops have benefitted from grants from the hugely successful Elmbridge Civic Improvement Fund and we hope more will apply.
- We shall prioritize more affordable housing and free up more family accommodation and reduce the number of empty properties.
- Many Long Ditton families enjoyed last year's phenomenal first ever Elmbridge Food Festival at Painshill Park. It's going to be repeated in September and will be even bigger and better!

CARING AND CAMPAIGNING IN LONG DITTON

SOUND FINANCES

Elmbridge is one of the top performing councils in the country. Since the Conservatives formed the Administration in 2006 council tax has been frozen for seven years in the last nine, while services and grants to voluntary groups like Citizens Advice have been safeguarded. This is in spite of the recession and the Council having to find £8 million in efficiencies to offset a significant reduction in funding from Central Government. I am particularly supportive of Conservative plans to generate income to offset council tax by investing in local property and I will join with Conservative colleagues to ensure that sound financial management continues. This is the key to maintaining the great services and quality of life we enjoy in Long Ditton.



HEALTHCARE

As somebody who works in the NHS I am a strong supporter of world class local hospitals and GP services. Locally based healthcare is more convenient for our residents and eases the pressure on our already overburdened A&E department at Kingston Hospital. Government reforms mean that local doctors and clinical practitioners have a greater role in the management of our local NHS services. This is good news for community hospitals and as a councillor I will champion our local hospital and press for better out of hours GP provision.



LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE



I understand the challenges young families face to get on to the housing ladder in this area where property prices make it virtually impossible to buy. We need more homes and affordable housing but must ensure that this is in keeping with the area and that local roads, schools, healthcare etc. can cope. The Conservative Council is spending £300,000 to encourage more affordable homes and bring empty homes in the borough back into use. One of my aims as a councillor would be to continue to seek approaches to housing in Long Ditton which benefit residents and the community.

CRIME & ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

If you speak to the police they will tell you that Long Ditton remains one of the safest places to live, raise a family or enjoy retirement – but the Council has a role to play in ensuring it stays that way. While campaigning I have heard from residents who are concerned about low level antisocial behaviour and petty crime. As a councillor I will keep in contact with our local neighbourhood officers to pass on local concerns and press for direct police action where needed, as well as encouraging neighbourhood watch and youth initiatives to help prevent crime and antisocial behaviour.



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