

# People First

**Vote Liberal Democrat on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and choose:**



- Safer streets, where people come before traffic
- A green town, which protects our parks and open space, and its history
- A community which works and invests in everyone's future
- Councillors who will listen to what you say



**Alan Damodaran** I have lived in Edenbridge for more than 10 years. I am putting myself forward as a councillor for North East Edenbridge as we need a change in our community.

There are many local issues still not resolved that have been on going for many years. For example, pot holes in the roads and the lack of street lights at junction roads. I'm passionate about representing your voice and want to provide better services to local community, with your support.



**Jim Morgan** I have lived in Edenbridge for over 40 years. I have been a school governor and actively involved in many local campaigns to improve Edenbridge. In particular I have championed initiatives for the young. I am strongly committed to environmental issues and take a keen interest in improving roads and transport for our town. Above all I want to give a wider voice to Edenbridge residents than the current one party view.

## What are these Elections for?

Elections are being held for Edenbridge Town Council and Sevenoaks District Council. Kent County Council - responsible for schools, roads etc - is not part of this election.

**Edenbridge Town Council** has 15 councillors and responsibility for:

- Parks - Stangrove, recreation grounds etc.
- Edenbridge cemetery
- Some small and local grants
- Public toilets
- Planning application recommendations

Edenbridge North and East ward elects eight councillors to Edenbridge Town council.

**Sevenoaks District Council** has 54 Councillors and responsibility for:

- Planning Application decisions
- Domestic rubbish and garden waste
- Leisure Centre (through Sencio)
- Licensing (taxis, alcohol, gambling)
- Parking, tourism, some public-health, some community safety.

Edenbridge North and East ward elects two councillors to Sevenoaks District Council.

**Want to vote but tied up at work? Away on holiday? Not well?**

Just phone the District Council on 01732227000 or email [elections@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:elections@sevenoaks.gov.uk) to ask for a postal vote form.

They will send it to you, so you can fill it in and return to arrive by 15th April

# How Lib Dem Councillors make a difference:

## Planning and Development:

The local plan obliges Edenbridge to identify sites for housing. The Liberal Democrats will work to ensure these:

- Prioritise local needs for affordable housing
- Don't overstretch existing facilities: transport, health & schools
- Have adequate pedestrian and vehicle access and parking
- Don't deprive us of existing public green-space (as has been proposed on the Stangrove Estate)
- Don't affect the countryside



## Transport:

Everyone is fed-up with poor transport: temporary traffic lights, cuts to bus-services, disruption to rail services, and a lack of provision for cyclists and pedestrians. The Liberal Democrats will work to:

- Maximise walking and cycling opportunities around new developments including the proposed Health Centre
- Minimise impact of road-works
- Maintain our rail services
- Minimise aircraft noise from Gatwick
- Provide adequate parking on estates such as Spitals Cross & Stangrove.



## Using your money effectively:

Sevenoaks District Council policy is to invest its reserves - your money - within 50 miles of Sevenoaks. Meanwhile Edenbridge Leisure Centre - owned by Sevenoaks and run by Sencio - lacks investment to the extent that people travel to neighbouring towns, or skip health activities. The District council should invest in its assets or allow Sencio to borrow to improve these.

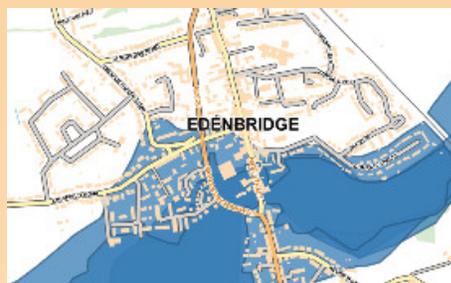
Liberal Democrats believe Council investments should be *in* the community, *for* the community.



## Flooding:

Much of Edenbridge sits close to the river and is susceptible to flooding. We will:

- Seek to work with the the Medway Flood Partnership to improve water-storage upstream and downstream
- Ensure culverts are kept clear to maximise local drainage
- Ensure Edenbridge has enough trained flood wardens
- Review Flood Resilience plans.
- Keep local people informed



Historical Flooding extents  
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