

Liberal Democrats DEMAND BETTER

Meopham Lib Dems say: "Welcome to new readers as we expand our newsletter into Meopham South and Vigo ward. This newsletter shows how local Liberal Democrats like to work: keeping in touch with residents and seeking their views on the issues that affect us.

This copy of *Meopham Matters* focuses on transport. However issues we are also working on include street lighting, building on the green belt and the lack of planning for growth of population. On all of these, the current local councillors have been a disappointment. If you would like to help the Lib Dems make a difference, here are our contact details.



To let us know about local issues that matter to you, or to help Meopham Liberal Democrats, please contact

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If Only ...



Meopham Station were **accessible to all!**

Local residents with less mobility can't use our railway station, because they can't get over to platform 2, for the trains from London or to the coast.

People with wheelchairs or pushchairs can't make a return journey to Meopham, they have to get taxis to Longfield or Rochester stations instead.

If only our county councillor cared enough to campaign for transport improvements and help local people get off roads and onto rail.

News from your *local* Liberal Democrats

And If Only ...

If only Tory Councillors kept their promises!

The Gravesham councillor elected in the 2017 Meopham North by-election said,

“It is obvious that Wrotham Road lacks safe crossing points.... I will continuously lobby our County Council to ensure we secure an additional pedestrian crossing so that residents can cross Wrotham Road safely and without risk.”

That went well, didn't it? The Tory local councillor can't even persuade his friend the Tory county councillor to make it safer for our children going to school and for all local residents to cross the road safely.

And if it isn't safe to walk to school, more families feel they have to drive, making our traffic problems even worse.

And if it isn't safe to walk, residents have to drive or wait for unreliable buses to

- ➔ get to Meopham Surgery
- ➔ visit the library
- ➔ get to the station (assuming they are able to get across to platform 2!)

Tory Traffic Trouble

Tory Government plans for a Lower Thames Crossing threaten to make the A227 a rat-run for lorries between the M2 and M20

Only TWO pedestrian crossings on five miles of main road in Meopham

Can our Primary School children reach school safely when there is increasing traffic and the air pollution these vehicles bring?

Tory Government plans for more green-belt housing in Borough Green and other points will feed more traffic onto the A227

