



Only Hart Conservatives can remove CCH and the LibDems

Since May 2017, Hart District Council has been run by the CCH/ LibDem ruling coalition. Their disastrous mismanagement of the Council, has resulted in a growing list of major failures that threaten the future prosperity of Hart. Only Hart Conservatives can remove CCH and the LibDems from power.

At last year's local elections, we received close to 50% of your votes. We need your support to regain control of

the Council and deliver a prosperous future for our local community.

CCH and the LibDems have recklessly managed local finances, massively increased staffing costs, downgraded and poorly managed local services, and wasted money on unnecessary and unpopular projects such as Shapley Heath and the Pedestrianisation Scheme.

They have made no progress on plans to reduce carbon emissions,

removed recycling services, cut the dog warden service, overseen disruption to our waste collection services, and failed to explore any plans for future development in Hart or the regeneration of our town and village centres.

All they have wanted to do is destroy Hart with 10,000 unnecessary and unwanted new homes at Shapley Heath – a plan that will destroy our green countryside and devastate our local infrastructure and communities.

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Mohua Chakraborty (Fleet West), Roy Fang (Fleet Central) and Shikha Krishnamurthy (Fleet East) - your local Conservative candidates for Fleet in the May 2022 Hart District Council elections.

It's time for Conservatives to regain control of Hart

CCH/LibDem led Hart District Council facing future financial crisis

The LibDem/CCH run Hart District Council is projecting a huge black hole of £1.8 million in their future finances, around 15% of it's total revenue. This will lead to inevitable cuts in key services for residents. This year they are projecting a loss of £481,000, which will have to be covered from reserves.

This financial trend has been known about for some years and yet CCH and the LibDems have refused to take any meaningful action to deal with their financial mess. Instead, we have seen massive increases in staff costs and money wasted on unnecessary and unpopular projects, such as Shapley Heath and the Pedestrianisation Scheme.

Hart Conservatives have already proposed a major restructure of the Hart District Council senior management team. Hart has not one, but two Joint Chief Executives! We would also improve the efficiency of the key services that are provided, including joint provision of services with adjacent local authorities.

The choice is clear. A Conservative run Council, with a track record of delivering balanced budgets, cost-effective services, generating £1.2 million of revenue each year from the new £23 million leisure centre and building reserves. Or a CCH/LibDem run Council who are planning to fail.



The ruling CCH/LibDem administration have their heads buried in the sand and have failed to tackle the impending black hole in Council finances.



£22.1 million of central government business grants funding for Hart.



£67.4 billion of UK furlough payments (to July 2021).

£33.5 million of government support for Hart

A staggering £33.5 million of financial support has been provided to Hart since the start of the pandemic, including £2 million of direct funding to Hart District Council.

The funding included business rates relief, council tax hardship, and business grants. The number did not include payments for the 5,600 jobs furloughed in North East Hampshire. The total UK furlough payments totalled £67.4 billion.

The level of funding for local businesses was also extraordinary. £9.06 million for business rates relief, £88.8 million of business loans covering 2,108 businesses and a vital £22.1 million of business grants. Further business funding has been announced for businesses most affected by Omicron.

The government has also announced a £150 council tax rebate to all Hart households in property bands A to D.

As restrictions have eased, it is important that we continue to look for ways to support businesses. It was unforgivable that when businesses first reopened after the Covid-19 lockdowns, the CCH/LibDem led Council implemented their disastrous Fleet Road Pedestrianisation Scheme that impacted many businesses so badly. We must protect our local economy and our town and village centres.

Safer pedestrian crossing at Calthorpe Park School

When Hart Conservatives replace the controlling CCH/LibDem coalition at Hart District Council, we would deliver a new pedestrian crossing at Hitches Lane near Calthorpe Park School.

We also call for Hart District Council to allow car park access at the Leisure Centre for school pickup and drop off, together with much needed improvements to the Leisure Centre access. These plans would significantly reduce congestion at the school and leisure centre.

The crossings planned for the Reading Road North and Elvetham roundabouts are fully funded and are required to be built by the developer at Harehill. We would ensure that

they are built as soon as is practicable, ideally in the school holidays. Let us hope that the funding for the crossings is fully secured by the CCH/LibDem controlled Council, without the lengthy delays that were seen for the new roundabout at the Redfields Lane/A287 junction. Safety should be paramount!

Through our Conservative County Councillors, we are arranging for immediate Hampshire County Council repairs to ensure that the Hitches Lane footpath is safe.

We also commit to either widen the pavement along Hitches Lane or create a new cycle route to the school from West Fleet and Elvetham Heath.



New pedestrian crossing points for Calthorpe Park School would provide additional safety for our school children.



It's time for Conservatives to regain control of Hart District Council from the failing CCH/LibDem ruling coalition.

Your Fleet Conservative candidates

It's time to support your Conservative candidates and help us retake control of Hart District Council from the failing CCH/LibDem ruling coalition.

Shikha Krishnamurthy is a Fleet East resident, and mum. She is chair of her Residents Association and is passionate about improving the local area. Her focus is on community safety and creating new walking and cycle pathways. Shikha is your candidate for Fleet East.

Roy Fang is your candidate for Fleet Central. He is currently a Fleet Town Councillor. Roy is committed to secure investment for the regeneration of Fleet High Street and the provision of one hour of free parking in Council car parks to support local business.

Mohua Chakraborty is a local mum, living in Fleet West. She is fighting for improvements to your local area, including additional CCTV to improve community safety, and a new pedestrian crossing for Calthorpe Park School. Mohua is your candidate for Fleet West.



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Vaccination success

The UK vaccination programme is a national success story. Over 52 million people have now received a clinically approved vaccination for COVID-19, in the biggest and fastest vaccination effort the world has ever seen. Cllr. Dr. Anne Crampton, the Hart Conservative Group Leader, has been actively involved in the local vaccination programme.

Over 82,000 people in Hart have now been vaccinated, which is a phenomenal achievement. In Hart, 92% of people aged 12 and over have had the first dose of the vaccine. 88% have had the second dose and 75% have had a booster or third dose.

It is not too late to register for a postal vote.

To download a registration form, please visit... www.gov.uk/government/publications/apply-for-a-postal-vote

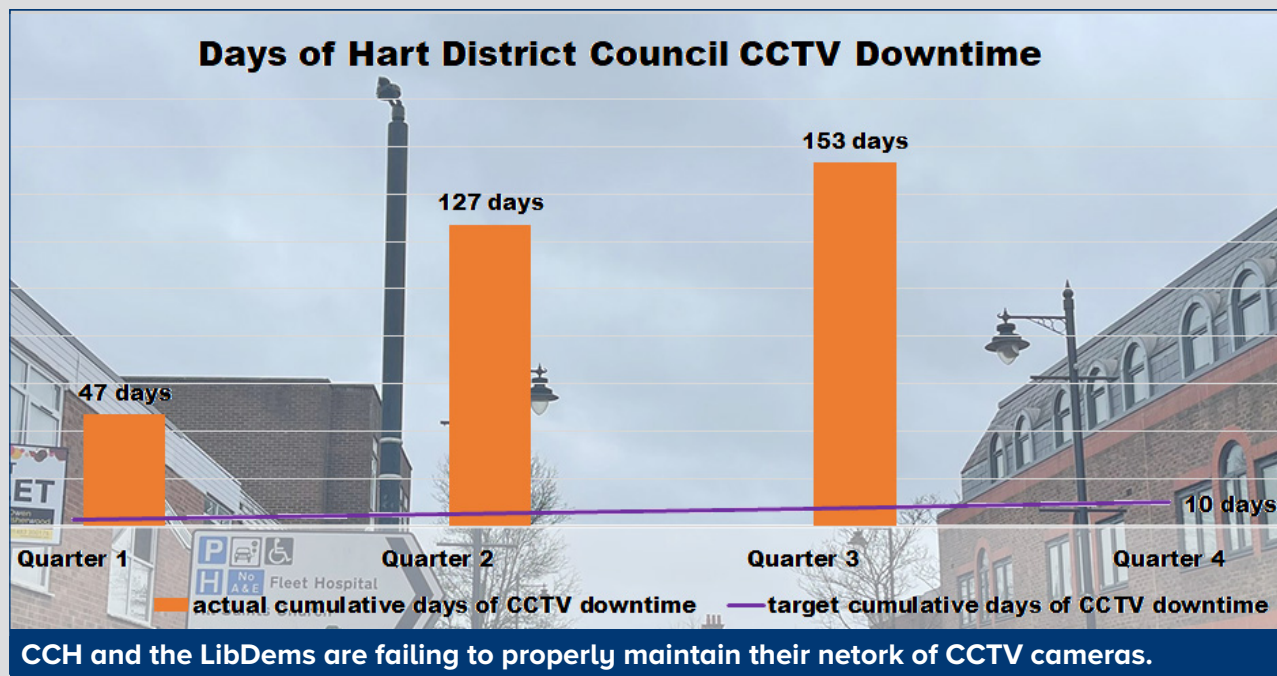
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Hart's CCH/LibDem coalition have really let us down. A Conservative victory for our candidates in Fleet and Church Crookham would give us control of Hart District Council.

**Cllr. Dr. Anne Crampton,
Group Leader, Hart Conservatives**



Focus on community safety

Hart Conservatives would secure additional police patrols, invest in new monitored CCTV, support 'Speedwatch', deploy SID's on problematic roads, and introduce more secure cycle parking.

Anti-social behaviour continues to be a worrying problem in the local area. There have also been reports of burglary, car crime, and other issues such as bicycle theft. Speeding cars on local roads is also of great concern to residents.

We have already secured extra police patrols, but we need an effective way to deter offenders. We would invest in new and upgraded CCTV cameras

and ensure that they are properly monitored. Higher quality cameras would provide more reliable evidence for the prosecution of fly-tipping, vehicle theft, or other offences.

Across Hart, the poor reliability of the current CCTV cameras is a major problem. There were 153 days of CCTV camera downtime reported in the first 3 quarters of this year, 20 times higher than expected.

If the CCH/LibDem run Council do not properly maintain our network of cameras, how can we expect to monitor anti-social or more serious criminal behaviour and apprehend or prosecute offenders.

Shapley Heath still a threat!

CCH and the LibDems vow to reinstate the Shapley Heath development project for the next Local Plan review. But their project to build 10,000 unnecessary and unwanted new houses to create a sprawling new town that would join Fleet with Hartley Wintney, Winchfield and Hook, has been 'paused' - at least for now!

In 2019, the Planning Inspector ordered that Shapley Heath be removed from the Local Plan. The LibDem/CCH led Council decided to continue with this project regardless. They have wasted close to £714,934 of your money on this disastrous development and have been forced to 'pause' the project. They have simply run out of money!

Let us be clear what they are doing. 'Pausing' the project actually means that they have immediately stopped all liaison and consultation with the local community, while continuing with all the 'developer funded' studies that will be used when the project is reintroduced for the Local Plan.

The development would have a devastating impact on local infrastructure such as schools, roads, railways, medical centres, and leisure facilities for many years to come.

A Hart Conservative survey across all the district found that 95.4% of people are against the Shapley Heath development.

Even Hart District Councils own survey received widespread criticism and condemnation of the development proposal.

We are delighted that our public campaign has paused this project. We will continue to fight against it.

Our plan to revitalise Fleet

Hart Conservatives will invest to revitalise our town and village centres. We will create sustainable, thriving town and village centres that provide a mix of independent and mainstream shops, entertainment facilities, public spaces, bars, cafes, and restaurants.

Our future town and village centres need to be tailored to the needs of local communities, so there will be consultation and engagement with residents and businesses from start to finish. Our vision is to revitalise our entire town and village centres, and not just focus on Council owned buildings in the Civic Quarter.

We will buy-up vacant properties or redundant employment land that helps us to deliver the vision, but there are no plans for high rise buildings, intensive

development, or the loss of the library. The significance of locally sensitive areas, such as Gurkha Square and the War Memorial, will be respected.

Cllr. Steve Forster commented: "Nearby Conservative local authorities have successfully put in place plans to regenerate their town centres. Why have CCH and the LibDems failed to do so?"

In contrast, the CCH/LibDem led Council are only looking to monetise the Civic Quarter in Fleet. They have made no progress with their plans over the past few years and have again taken the decision to delay any community engagement until after the local elections. By focussing only on the Harlington, this once again brings into question the future of Gurkha Square and the library.



Hart Conservatives will invest to revitalise Fleet town centre.