

15th February 2019

Dear Resident,

I am writing to let you know that I will be standing as the Liberal Democrat candidate for your ward in the Winchester City Council elections in May. During the last 8 years, I've had the privilege and pleasure of representing Alresford and Itchen Valley, but as much of my time has been spent campaigning on issues located within the city centre, including Silver Hill, the Bar End sports centre, Chesil Lodge and the High Street, it made sense to focus on St Michael.

My family (Nicky and our three daughters) and I moved to Winchester 21 years ago. My day job is as a Chartered Surveyor and developer and I support urban regeneration. However, it's essential that Winchester's heritage is respected. It was the harm that previous proposals for Silver Hill would have caused, which sparked my (successful) Winchester Deserves Better campaign. My aim was always that the site should be sensitively regenerated, and as the project progresses I will continue to promote public uses which will bring economic, social and cultural benefits to the whole city.

Planning is a subject I am especially interested in, and I know that people are concerned by what sometimes seem to be inconsistent decisions made in respect of individual housing schemes. I also know that many are disappointed by the lack of master planning for Bar End and, indeed, for the city as a whole. I will campaign to make the planning process more effective, and to make the new leisure centre a place that works as well for local residents as it should for all those who visit it.

One reason why I left the Conservative Party last June was because the current Administration is profligate with taxpayers' money. At Bar End and Station Approach, millions of your pounds have been spent with no proof that the projects are financially viable. Vital decisions have been taken behind closed doors, and lip service has been paid to the many sensible ideas and genuine concerns expressed by the public. I will continue to strive to ensure that the Council is far more transparent in its workings and responsive to the people it serves.

I joined the Liberal Democrats City Group because they recognise the need for fiscal intelligence without compromising the need for social responsibility. They also have a real appreciation for the city's history and a far better understanding of how its future should be shaped. I very much look forward to your own thoughts on these and other issues and, hopefully, to meet you in person as I campaign over the weeks ahead.

Best wishes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Kim' with a stylized flourish at the end.