



Liberal Democrat
MANIFESTO 2010
for the Wokingham Borough

Wokingham Borough Council Liberal Democrat Group Manifesto 2010



What do the Liberal Democrats stand for?

.....locally

“We believe the council should act fairly and openly, enabling every resident of Wokingham Borough to take part in the decisions that affect them and achieve a good quality of life. We believe the council should support all the communities in the borough, to enable them to enhance their prosperity and vitality.”

Liberal Democrat Council Group Vision for Wokingham Borough

.....and nationally

“The Liberal Democrats exist to build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no-one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance or conformity. We champion the freedom, dignity and well-being of individuals, we acknowledge and respect their right to freedom of conscience and their right to develop their talents to the full.”

Extract from the Preamble to the Constitution of the Liberal Democrats

Liberal Democrats in Wokingham Borough are fighting for:



Sustainable development



- ☑ Less infill development
- ☑ Less greenfield development
- ☑ More infrastructure
- ☑ More environmentally friendly construction
- ☑ A higher proportion of new housing to be affordable

Liberal Democrats in Wokingham Borough are fighting for:



Safer Roads



- ☑ 30 mph limits in villages
- ☑ 20 mph limits near schools during school hours
- ☑ More routes for cyclists
- ☑ More places to cross the road safely
- ☑ Make safety paramount in road scheme designs

Liberal Democrats in Wokingham Borough are fighting for:



A Better Quality of Life



- ☑ More for young people to do
- ☑ Tackling anti-social behaviour more effectively
- ☑ Fostering community spirit
- ☑ Improving our town centres
- ☑ Cleaner, tidier and safer neighbourhoods
- ☑ The Council playing its part to tackle climate change

Liberal Democrats in Wokingham Borough are fighting for:



A Fair Deal for Everyone



- ☑ looking after the interests of vulnerable people
- ☑ Keeping travel tokens for the elderly and disabled
- ☑ Campaigning for the council to be treated fairly by government
- ☑ Looking after the interests of all parts of the borough
- ☑ Playing our part to make poverty history
- ☑ Making sure our children are safe

Liberal Democrats in Wokingham Borough are fighting for:



The best Education for our children



- ☑ Ensuring every child's needs are met
- ☑ Bringing all our school buildings up to standard by investing in them now
- ☑ Focusing on solving pupils' problems early to avoid future crises
- ☑ Involving all stakeholders in decisions about the future of education in our Borough



Better local government closer to home



This manifesto sets out the Liberal Democrat priorities for Wokingham council. These priorities take into account what we need locally as well as the national policies of our party.

The principles behind this manifesto are simple. Liberal Democrats believe in involving people in the decisions that affect their lives. We believe that openness, fairness and transparency are vital if you are to trust politicians. As a party we have always campaigned to protect the environment, to care for the vulnerable and to invest in the future.

Those of you who make a habit of reading manifestos will see that the content is much the same as it was before. Why? Because the ruling Conservative majority has failed to address any of the issues that we Lib Dems think are important. We believe in

- ☑ *a community where everyone matters*
- ☑ *a community where our young people are equipped for life*
- ☑ *a community where our environment is safeguarded*

In pursuing those aims we will always strive to provide value for money for the borough's residents.

This manifesto seeks to show how we would translate this vision into action for the benefit of the residents of Wokingham Borough in 2010.

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