

# CONSERVATIVES DELIVER IN EAST CAMBS

The Conservative Manifesto for the  
East Cambridgeshire District Council  
Elections on 4th May 2023

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# Our plan for East Cambridgeshire

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## STOP the Cambridge Congestion Charge

89% of East Cambs residents that responded to our surveys are against the Cambridge Congestion Charge. Conservatives across Cambridgeshire are fighting to STOP the Charge. Cambridgeshire Lib Dems, Labour and the Independents are working together with the Labour Mayor to force the £5 to £50 daily charge on East Cambs residents to get to work, education and Hospital. Lib Dems and Labour voted to block a referendum to give the decision to the people of Cambridgeshire.

### OUR RECORD

- ✓ Passed a motion against Congestion Charging at East Cambs District Council - East Cambs Lib Dems voted AGAINST this and are working to bring in the Charge
- ✓ Provided suggestions for alternatives
- ✓ Campaigned hard against the Charge
- ✓ Supported the petition for a referendum to give the decision to the people of Cambridgeshire
- ✓ Conservative County Councillors took a motion to the County Council for a referendum - the Lib Dem led coalition with Labour and the Independents voted it down



### OUR PROMISES

If you re-elect us in May we will:

- ▶ Work tirelessly to STOP the Lib Dems, Labour and Independents from bringing in a Cambridge Congestion Charge

**Use your VOTE on 4th May - VOTE to STOP the Charge**

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## **FIX our roads**

Conservatives across Cambridgeshire are fighting to get our roads fixed. The roads in our district are in an appalling state of disrepair and are becoming dangerous. The Lib Dem led County Council is failing the people of East Cambs who are suffering damage to their vehicles and accidents.

### **OUR RECORD**

- ✓ Conservative County Councillors suggested an alternative budget with extra money for roads - the Lib Dem led coalition with Labour and Independents voted it down
- ✓ Written to the Lib Dem Leader of the County Council pressuring her to urgently review spending priorities and make significant extra funding available
- ✓ Reported defects and raised safety concerns



### **OUR PROMISES**

If you re-elect us in May we will:

- ▶ **Work tirelessly to pressure the Lib Dem led County Council to FIX our roads**

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## **KEEP Council Tax low** **KEEP delivering great services**

East Cambs Conservatives run a well managed budget, whilst continuing to support residents and deliver high quality services. Setting up East Cambs Trading Company has benefited the Council by £3.6m helping to keep costs low. Lib Dems at the Council voted against Council Tax freezes.

### **OUR RECORD**

- ✓ Frozen the District Council element of Council Tax for 10 years; no cuts to services; new investments into services and infrastructure
- ✓ Delivered £3.6m support to our budget through East Cambs Trading Company which runs Ely Markets, Parks & Open Spaces, and builds new affordable homes for local people together with Community Land Trusts
- ✓ £0 external borrowing meaning no costly interest payments
- ✓ A balanced budget for the next 2 years
- ✓ A healthy 10% of our budget in Reserves for emergencies
- ✓ Increased investment in our Waste and Recycling Service - East Cambs Lib Dems voted against this



### **OUR PROMISES**

If you re-elect us in May we will:

- ▶ **Keep Council Tax low, keep delivering great services**
- ▶ **Continue to support the Council's budget through East Cambs Trading Company with decisions that benefit the community**
- ▶ **Maintain the increased investment in our Waste and Recycling Service**

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## FREE car parking

East Cambs Conservatives promise to keep car parking free in our town and city centre Council car parks. We have worked with the Police on a new enforcement role to tackle illegal parking and speeding. The new Road Safety Police role is akin to that of Special Constables and they will be able to capture evidence that will lead to fines for illegal parking and speeding. Lib Dems will need to bring in parking charges for their expensive, irreversible, inefficient on-street enforcement plan.

### OUR RECORD

- ✓ Kept FREE car parking in our town and city centre car parks - supporting residents and businesses and the health of our High Streets
- ✓ Worked with the Police on a new Road Safety enforcement role to control illegal parking and speeding
- ✓ Built new commuter car parks near railway stations
- ✓ Kept the cost of parking in the out of town commuter car parks low



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- ▶ Support the Police with communications about illegal parking enforcement and speeding

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## AFFORDABLE homes for local people

East Cambs Conservatives support genuinely affordable homes that are reserved for local, working people with ties to their community - the very people that are so often shut out of the housing market. The Lib Dems have worked to undermine Community Land Trusts and voted against £100k Homes for East Cambs residents.

### OUR RECORD

- ✓ Supported Community Land Trusts - new genuinely affordable homes, owned by the community, reserved for local people with the strongest ties to their community
- ✓ Secured '£100k Homes' where local people have been able to buy their first home for a flat rate of £100k for a 100% freehold
- ✓ Refurbished old MoD houses to create new Shared Ownership homes reserved for local people with the strongest ties to their community



### OUR PROMISES

If you re-elect us in May we will:

- ▶ Continue to support new and existing Community Land Trusts across the district
- ▶ Continue to deliver new forms of affordable housing, like £100k Homes and First Homes
- ▶ Deliver more new affordable homes through East Cambs Trading Company
- ▶ Continue to prioritise affordable homes being reserved for local people with the strongest ties to their community

**Use your VOTE on 4th May - VOTE for AFFORDABLE  
homes for local people**

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## INVESTMENT in community projects

East Cambs Conservatives have agreed £2.3m for nine new fantastic community projects across the district. This is on top of £10m already spent on GP Surgeries, leisure centres, recreation fields, country parks, village halls, car parks, youth centres, new roads and cultural facilities. Lib Dems voted against the nine community projects below.

### OUR RECORD

- ✓ **£2.3m for nine community projects:**  
Soham to Wicken cycleway, Stretham Hub and GP Consulting Rooms, footbridge at Burwell Lode, cemetery & biodiversity project in Bottisham, Apprenticeship Hub at Viva's Spencer Mill in Soham, plus upgrades to village halls and sports facilities at Soham Town Rangers, Witchford, Little Thetford, and Isleham



- ✓ **Supported communities with more GP access:**  
We have helped the NHS to keep Priors Field GP Surgery in Sutton open and will support them with finding a long term solution. We have provided funding for St Mary's Surgery in Ely and Stretham GP Consulting Rooms. We are supporting the expansion of Staploe GP Surgery in Soham and the Princess of Wales Hospital redevelopment which now has planning permission.
- ✓ **Spent £10m on community infrastructure and gave £3.8m to Parish Councils, including:**  
Viva's Spencer Mill, Littleport Youth & Community Hub, Ely Museum, The Hive, GP Surgeries, Schools, cyclepaths, new roads, Ely Country Park, open spaces, recreation fields, car parks and more!

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- ▶ **Continue to provide significant funding and support for community driven projects, health services and infrastructure across the district**
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## CLEANER GREENER East Cambs

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East Cambs Conservatives are doubling land for nature and adopting more environmentally friendly ways of working to reach our goal to become carbon net zero by 2040. We are delivering our 20 Environment Actions every year and we have made a large investment into our Waste and Recycling Service to improve our recycling rate even further - you are already the best recyclers in Cambridgeshire - thank you!

### OUR RECORD

- ✓ Identified nine areas for a biodiversity boost to help double land for nature
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- ✓ New community orchards across the district
- ✓ Retrofitted homes for energy improvements
- ✓ Installing solar panels on buildings and EV charging points in Council car parks
- ✓ Purchasing new low emission waste lorries delivering a huge reduction in Co2
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- ✓ Become the first Council in the country to run a project helping schools achieve Ofsted's sustainable development goals



### OUR PROMISES

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## IMPROVING local transport options

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East Cambs Conservatives work to get better transport and infrastructure for our district from the Combined Authority, central Government and the County Council. We also try to get ourselves in the best possible position to attract funding.

### OUR RECORD

- ✓ Funding for the Ely Bypass
- ✓ Funding for the A14 upgrade
- ✓ Funding for the A10 roundabout improvements to deliver new jobs
- ✓ Helped to deliver Soham Station
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- ▶ Support the case for more frequent and direct rail services
- ▶ Support the Ely North rail junction upgrade, but only if it retains road access for local residents, communities and businesses
- ▶ Keep pushing other Authorities for better bus services and transport improvements for East Cambs

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