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GREENS SAY "DROP THE GIMMICKS AND GIVE PEOPLE VALUE FOR MONEY"

AN expensive high-tech art installation in Gosport library has broken down after less than two months.

The rotating plasma screen, which is likely to have cost thousands of pounds, has ground to a halt and led to calls from the Green Party for local councils to stop wasting Council Tax on gimmicks.

Andrea Claire Smith, the Green Party Parliamentary candidate for Gosport, said: "The Conservatives have a reputation for lowering taxes, but two Tory-run councils - Hampshire County Council and Gosport Borough Council - both gave money for this plasma screen. [1]

"We cannot afford 'extras' like this when pensioners and people on low incomes are struggling to pay their Council Tax bills."

The Green Party is also opposed to Gosport Borough Council's plans to spend £300,000 on revamping Gosport High Street with new paving stones and flags.

Andrea said: "The Conservatives on the borough council introduced parking charges because they said they needed the extra income, but at the same time they are wasting money on new pavements that won't attract new shops or shoppers.

"Greens are standing in the county council elections for Gosport and, if elected, they will blow the whistle on waste."

In Lancaster, Gina Dowding, one of eight Green councillors on the city council, exposed how the authority was allowing a local nuclear plant to put off paying its business rates at a cost to local taxpayers of £18,000.

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1. <http://www.discoverycentres.co.uk/gosport/art1.html>

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