



It's not racist
to impose limits
on immigration.

ARE YOU THINKING WHAT WE'RE THINKING?

Paul West supports Michael Howard's tough stance on asylum and immigration. We cannot simply go on absorbing people in the way that we are.

Conservative plans include:

- Annual limit on immigration
- Quotas for refugees
- 'Points' assessment for work permits
- Drop international refugee agreement
- More port security

Immigration has more than doubled under Mr Blair. He believes that Immigration should be unlimited. The Liberal Democrats agree.

At the next election people will face a clear choice: unlimited immigration under Mr Blair or limited, controlled immigration with the Conservatives.

Labour's open door policy for prisons

Conservatives have pointed to the downgrading of the Government's official prison population forecast as evidence of the effect of Labour's attempts to relieve pressures on the overcrowded prison system by releasing criminals early.

Highlighting the issue, Paul West said: "This downgraded estimate effectively means up to 13,000 criminals who should be locked up will escape prison. Our prisons have experienced massive problems with overcrowding under Labour. The government is trying to reduce this problem by instructing judges to take the limited prison capacity into account when they hand down sentences.

Paul added: "At the same time as the

deterrent of prison is reduced by these shorter sentences, the number of crimes recorded by police continues to rise. So far, 3,600 crimes have been committed by criminals let out early on Labour's early release scheme. That's 3,600 extra victims as a direct result of Labour's attempts to reduce prison overpopulation."

He continued: "Conservatives will implement an honest sentencing policy and build 20,000 more prison places so that sentencing of criminals is based on the appropriate punishment, not prison capacity. The public face a clear choice between overcrowded prisons and shorter sentences under Labour, or proper sentences and prisons not exceeding capacity under the Conservatives."



Paul's priorities

- Ipswich First
- Ipswich Second
- Ipswich Third

I care passionately about the town; it is after all where I was born and where I live and work. I am not a career politician or another public schoolboy. My priority is to do what is best for Ipswich.

I shall campaign tirelessly for the town to bring about the improvements that we all seek.

Paul West

Labour try to 'gag' Paul

In a recent newsletter Paul suggested that the council's decision to give the green light to a 23-storey building might get people wondering whether there were two sets of rules.

This comment angered a Labour councillor who saw fit to file a complaint about Paul to the Standards Board for England for what he said was doubting the integrity of officers and councillors. However, the Standards Board gave Paul the all clear for expressing his views. In comparison the Labour councillor was given short shrift and made to look foolish.

Paul will not take any notice of people telling him to keep quiet and will continue to speak out for local people when the situation demands it.

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Paul calls for Last Orders on 24hr drinking

Paul believes that binge drinking will get worse as a result of 24 hour licensing.

He has called on the government to abandon the plans in the face of concerns from Chief Constables, local councils and members of the public.

If twenty four hour drinking goes ahead there will be more resources required for policing and the A&E departments. As usual the taxpayer will pick up the cost whilst the drinks industry rakes in the cash.

Paul has put forward his own measures to combat the rise of binge drinking in addition to scrapping the "24-hour" legislation. They are:

- Charge people under the influence of alcohol £500 for using the ambulance and local A&E department after a drunken night out.
- Prevent general stores in local communities from selling alcohol and compensate them by reducing the business rates accordingly
- Levy a tax on the drinks industry on turnover to go towards local policing



Help needed for first time buyers

Paul West has called for the Stamp Duty threshold to be doubled to £120,000.

This move will help ease the burden on first time buyers who get hit hard with this unfair tax.

Paul also believes that duty should only be payable on the sum over the threshold, and not on the full purchase price.

NONE Anglia!

Whilst the rail operator and government trumpet improvements in the rail service, local people know differently! Commuters from Ipswich to London are able to tell the truth about a declining service.

In recent months commuters have seen:

- Increases in Commuter Club prices by 6%
- More trains cancelled due to lack of rolling stock
- Trains frequently delayed – ten-fifteen minutes is the norm.

At peak times some commuters on the Ipswich to London trains have to stand as the train is so full.

Tough action needed

Paul favours much tougher action against Class A drug dealers who prey on the vulnerable and ruin people's lives. He believes Class A dealing should carry a mandatory life sentence.

However, Paul makes a clear distinction between "dealers" and "users". For users caught in the spiral of addiction Paul favours far more long-term support to help people change their lives.

Retaining NHS Dentists – Conservatives set out their policies

The Conservative Party has set out its dentistry policy. It includes plans to increase the number of dentists and professionals complementary to dentistry, exempt over-75s from charges and extend exemptions for children up to the age 21 for those who follow good oral health promotion.

It will also give non-exempt adults the option for a voluntary low-cost monthly payment scheme as an alternative to pay as you go.

Paul West said: "Five years ago Mr Blair promised everyone would have access to an NHS dentist within two years. But this was all talk. Today, fewer people are registered with



an NHS dentist than 7 years ago."

He added: "The Conservatives' policy will bring NHS dentists back to the high street. It offers patients access to their dentist either free of all charge or on an affordable basis. It gives dentists a solid incentive to offer NHS dentistry geared to preventative programmes for good oral health."

One stop shops

Paul favours the idea of one-stop health shops in the local community. It would be good if GP facilities, local health services and dental care could be grouped together in one building.

We keep hearing about joined up action so let's hope this sort of idea can become a reality.

Paul needs your help...

If you would like to help Paul to become Ipswich's next MP then please contact him at one of the contact points at the top of this page.