

Ipswich matters

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From **Paul WEST** your Conservative
Prospective Parliamentary Candidate

Anti-social behaviour blighting people's lives

**Paul West says not enough being done to protect
law abiding citizens**

**The lives of ordinary, hard working
people are being blighted by ever
increasing anti-social behaviour.**

This behaviour – often alcohol related – takes various different forms but whether it's graffiti, litter dropping or vandalism, the affect is detrimental on the local environment and people's quality of life. What's more, nothing seems to be done against those who create the havoc.

Paul believes the trend has got to be reversed and that politicians have got to respond in a way that sees the law abiding person feeling safe in their own neighbourhood again.

Seeing more police on the streets would be a good start.

Paul wants to work together with the police, the council and local people so that the problem of anti-social behaviour can be dealt with more effectively in Ipswich.

If you are experiencing anti-social behaviour and would like to tell Paul about it, please give him a call or drop him a line – he'll be glad to hear from you.

Contact Paul on **01473 712181**
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Lack of affordable family homes a growing problem

**Little is being done to properly
tackle the shortage of affordable
family homes in Ipswich.**

Over the last few years the emphasis has been on building more and more executive flats in and around the town centre. But the time has now come for greater priority to be given to providing more homes for families.

Paul West says: "There is a lack of



**More family homes are needed in
Ipswich says Paul West.**

affordable family homes and more should be built. We need to make sure there is a better balance between the different types of new housing. You can't build sustainable communities around plush apartments."



Paul WEST says...

I care passionately about Ipswich; it is after all my home town. It is where I live and work.

I am not a career politician. My priority is to do what is best for the town.

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

Paul wants to hear from you...

**In the recent local elections
Paul was successfully elected
to Ipswich Borough Council.**

He is now taking up issues for people right across the town.

Paul says:

"I am happy to hear from people about their issues of concern. I will work hard to get results for people when they contact me. People want politicians to work for the local community to improve local neighbourhoods. This is exactly what I will do"

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East Bank link road

Access to and from the Port of Ipswich is very difficult. With expansion going on in this part of town the situation is set to become worse. Paul West supports the principle of the East Bank Link road (or Gainsborough Relief Road) that would connect the port with the A14.

There is private money on the table for this project. The Labour council continues to ignore this proposal.

Paul West is a long-standing campaigner for this road. He believes that it would make access to the Port easier and it would take traffic away from Wherstead, Landseer and Nacton Roads.



Rethink needed on Schools and Hospitals

For too long governments have expected the public to keep quiet and take what they are given when it comes to health and education. Conservative proposals to introduce choice will ensure that the standards are improved as the money follows patients and pupils. We want all hospitals and schools to provide excellence.

In Ipswich, Paul West has been listening to local communities where there is a shortfall of good services on the ground. Paul has been campaigning for more GP's to be provided particularly in the Old Stoke and Gainsborough neighbourhoods. He was also one of the first people to publicly call for a new High school to be provided in North and East Ipswich to ease the pressure off Northgate and Copleston.



Paul was one of the first people to call for a new high school for East Ipswich

The sky's the limit!

Paul feels that Ipswich Borough Council has set a dangerous precedent in giving planning permission for a 23-storey skyscraper for the old Cranfield Mill site in College Street, along the waterfront.

Many people who struggle to get a planning permission for their own home will wonder whether there are two sets of rules.

MRSA Superbug

We hear that the government is bringing in consultants to advise them how to combat the superbug in hospitals. Perhaps if they were to put more resources into keeping the hospitals clean, the consultants might be out of a job!

Smoking Ban supported where possible

Paul supports a smoking ban on all public transport, in restaurants and public buildings but does not think a ban is practical in pubs or clubs.

Tax credits

Paul thinks the system of tax credits is far too complicated and difficult to understand. A simpler concept would be to scrap all tax credits and just allow people to keep more of their own money in the first place, rather than having to apply to get some of it back!



Re-banding will not make Council Tax fairer

Government plans to re-band properties is just another wheeze to raise more cash from the Council Tax payer.

Householders have seen bills rocket by over 70% across the board since Labour came to power and worse is still to come.

Labour just doesn't seem to understand the strength of feeling. Most people are now paying near to or over £1,000 and that is just too much.

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Paul needs your help...

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