



i – before – e campaign is launched

Paul West calls for Infrastructure before Expansion to avoid long-term chaos

With Ipswich rapidly expanding many people are beginning to ask what action is being taken to ensure that the town can cope with all the traffic that will be created by the predicted housing growth.

Hot off the press is the news that the bid for a University has been successful. It's location just east of the town centre is one of the worst congestion spots in the town. In recent weeks we have all



witnessed what happens when a lane of the A14 is closed.

And anyone who had to travel through town when Yarmouth Road was closed would have been able to see just how limited the options are in the town.

That's not to mention the extra pressure that the SnOasis development will put on north and west Ipswich if it gets the go ahead.

Maybe we need a second Orwell Bridge, or a tunnel on the riverbed under the Orwell bridge – or maybe a northern by-pass is part of the answer. Whatever, a discussion needs to be had, with all the options on the table thoroughly looked at otherwise Ipswich will just grind to a complete halt.

I urge all councillors and planners to put i – before – e when it comes to the town's development.

LEFT: Labour has put a stop to new road building – ending this policy is vital to the prosperity of Ipswich



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. 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 supports council tax discounts for pensioners

Paul supports Michael Howard's announcement that the next Conservative government would halve the Council Tax bill for every home where residents are 65 and over (up to a maximum of £500 discount).

The move will ensure that five million pensioners in the UK have their Council Tax bills cut. This is welcome news. The Council Tax has been used by the government to load more taxes onto us all and it is the pensioners who are bearing the brunt of that.

The Conservative pledge of Council Tax discounts contrasts with Labour who are set to revalue

the council tax bands in 2007 – a move that would see sharp increases in Ipswich.

The Conservatives in Ipswich have already shown their credentials on the Council Tax. The new Conservative-led council has just announced the lowest Council Tax rise since the introduction of the tax.

CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT PLEDGE TO PENSIONERS		53-61-24
Pensioner Households		
Up to £500 Off your Council Tax		£500
<small>Cheque No 001526</small>	<small>Branch Sort Code 53 6556566</small>	<small>Account No 5455887422</small>

Conservatives plan war on fly-tippers

Paul West supports Conservative proposals to tackle fly-tipping by making it an arrestable offence, allowing the police to seize the vehicles involved as well as the perpetrators of the offence.

These tough measures are needed to start dealing with the cowboys who ruin our environment. We all pay the cost of fly tipping through our taxes and it's about time polluters were made to pay a heavy price."

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CONSERVATIVE



More support for vocational courses

Paul West has warmly welcomed the Conservatives announcement that grants are to be made available to allow 14 – 16 year olds to begin vocational study.

A Conservative government would create a new scheme of Vocational Grants for students to divide their time between preparation for GCSE's and working on vocational alternatives.

The plans would see the immediate introduction of 300,000 Vocational Grants, worth £1,000 a year each, enabling 20 per cent of the 14 – 16 year old school population to take part.

This will help tackle disengagement among some young people by transforming the opportunities available to them.



Paul visits local theatre and film company with Theresa May MP

Paul and Theresa May MP paid a recent visit to Red Rose Chain, a theatre and film company that produce short films telling stories about the lives of young people.

Your MP's record – what do you think?

The current unknown Labour MP for Ipswich can boast the following statistics:

- Spoke in 9 debates in the last year — **531st out of 659 MPs***
- Asked 3 written questions in the last year — **507th out of 659 MPs***
- **Took an expenses paid round the world trip** to Singapore, USA, Australia and New Zealand to study local government – nice work if you can get it!**

Source: * www.theyworkforyou.com
** Common knowledge

Hospital matrons would spearhead attack on MRSA crisis

Whatever the government says, most people realise that the MRSA superbug is one of the biggest problems facing the health service.

The Prime Minister's obsession with targets "has created a culture in which the superbug thrives".

Paul West, the local Conservative candidate for Ipswich, says that "it is a fact doctors and nurses are prevented from closing wards they know to be infected with the superbug because of Mr Blair's targets." According to a National Audit Office report, more than one in 10 infection control teams reported that their recommendation to close a ward or hospital to clean up the super bug was refused or discouraged by the chief executive because of 'pressure on meeting performance targets'.

Recalling Florence Nightingale's dictum that "the very first requirement in hospital that it should do the sick no harm", Mr West said, "the best thing to do would be to scrap

central-imposed Whitehall targets on hospitals and give matrons the power to close wards and operating theatres infected with MRSA.

The Conservatives will put matron back where she belongs – in charge. Hospitals will be required to publish their infection levels so that patients know which hospitals are cleanest. There is nothing inevitable about the superbug crisis. By putting matron back in charge we can give people the security of knowing that, when they fall sick, they will be treated quickly in clean hospitals.

WHAT WE WILL DO

- 1 Cut waiting lists
- 2 Invest more in the frontline
- 3 Give patients greater choice
- 4 Clean dirty wards
- 5 Give doctors and nurses control



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Paul needs your help...

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