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* Source: county council elections in Gloucester 2009

Gloucester's next MP - local man Jeremy Hilton to be Liberal Democrat candidate at the General Election (Full story inside)



Liberal Democrat petition on back page

Tory waste incinerator could be in Gloucester

The Conservative controlled county council has just published a list of ten sites within the Central Severn Vale as possible 'strategic waste' processing locations, to include a waste incinerator.

Three potential sites for an incinerator in the Gloucester area are at land near to the Railway Triangle, Javelin Park and Quadrant Business Centre Quedgeley.

A fourth site at Netheridge Sewage Works maybe the place for anaerobic digestion of biodegradable waste.

Jeremy Hilton attended the cabinet meeting when the decision was made, he said:

"The Tory administration took another step towards the building of a massive waste incinerator in Gloucester.

"Despite their denials, the Tories have identified 3 sites in and around Gloucester as potential locations to burn the county's household waste.

"They have been awarded £92m of PFI credits by the Labour government for just this purpose.

"The cabinet report made it quite clear that these sites are for dealing with residual household waste and possibly commercial waste."

Liberal Democrat spokesperson on waste, Cllr. Bill Crowther said: "The county is considering waste facilities with a total capacity of

295,000 tonnes per year including commercial waste.

"This means more than one site on the Tory shopping list could be the location of a waste incinerator.

"Liberal Democrats are deeply concerned about these proposals."

Quedgeley campaigner Anna Mozol said: "The Conservatives initially had a long list of 110 sites across the county, but reduced this to 10 leaving their Cotswold heartland an incinerator free zone!"

Chris Witts, city councillor for Elmbridge said: "The Railway Triangle is unsuitable for a major waste site as it is next door to residential homes and has poor road access.

"The Railway Triangle is one of Gloucester's 'magnificent seven' regeneration sites.

"I want to see high quality housing and public open space here, not piles of rubbish.

"I urge local people to sign our petition on the back page and to write to the county council to object."



Jeremy Hilton, Steve Webb MP and Kevin Daws give a thumbs down to a massive waste incinerator in Gloucester

The three waste sites

The three proposed waste sites that are in or close by the city boundary that could locate the Tory waste incinerator are:-

- A Land to north of the Railway Triangle**
- B Javelin Park near to junction 12 of the M5**
- C Quadrant Business Park**

If you wish to object write to:-

Waste Planning Policy, Environment Department, Gloucestershire County Council, Shire Hall, Freepost NAT8320, Gloucester GL1 2BR or email m-wplans@gloucestershire.gov.uk

The Bulletin Comment

Jeremy Hilton the right person to be our next MP

Gloucester Liberal Democrats have made a wise choice by selecting local man Jeremy Hilton as their candidate for the General Election.

Jeremy's local knowledge and passion for the city give him a head start in this election, and mean he has a real chance of victory.

Too often, parties 'parachute' in candidates from outside, with no local knowledge or background.

However, rather than becoming Gloucester's representative in Westminster they become Westminster's voice in Gloucester; and our historic city loses out.

Jeremy Hilton has said there will be no "double-speak" from him. He will defy the party whip if necessary, if it is in Gloucester's best interest.

Certainly, his 18-year track record of service to the community as a local councillor speaks volumes about his commitment to Gloucester.

The Bulletin recommends that people seriously consider backing Jeremy and sending him to Westminster to fight Gloucester's cause in parliament.

Fighting to save our fire control from Labour's axe

Labour's controversial plans to close Gloucestershire's TriService fire control and replace it with a regional fire control in Taunton received a blow at a recent meeting of the Local Government Association's (LGA) Fire Services Management Committee.

Leading fire authority councillors, including Jeremy Hilton voted to oppose the project.

Until now, the LGA had supported the government's plan to replace England's 45 fire controls with eight regional control centres.

Liberal Democrats successfully called for LGA officers to develop alternative options in the event of project failure.

Gloucester Liberal Democrat parliamentary candidate Jeremy Hilton said: "This ill-fated project supported by Parmjit Dhanda was doomed from the start.



Jeremy Hilton and Chris Witts (current Mayor of Gloucester) visit the TriService fire control room

"The Government have not listened to local people.

"In Gloucestershire, we already have a modern fire control at the TriService Centre – we don't need to move to Taunton.

"The Regional Control Centres project has consistently failed to meet deadline after deadline, and is millions over-budget.

"We can upgrade our TriService fire control to take in the latest communication technologies at a fraction of the cost."

"Labour has given us eight massive empty buildings that the LGA is now against.

"It is a scandalous waste of public funds to close our superb TriService fire control and replace it with an unwanted regional control 70 miles away in Somerset.

"As the former county cabinet member for fire I opened the TriService Centre in 2003, I know only the Liberal Democrats can be trusted to fight to save our local fire control."

Protecting open spaces in Quedgeley

Development plans by Gloucester City Council to allow 30 homes to be built on land owned by Gloucestershire County Council off Clearwater Drive have been dropped.

This follows a campaign led by Anna Mozol of Quedgeley Parish Council and local residents into the loss of open space.

The land between Clearwater Drive and the canal was acquired by the county council for a school in the 1980's but never built.

Now Anna has raised a petition asking for 100% of the county land to be dedicated as public open space.

Anna said: "We have a lack of open space in Quedgeley. This land is important as it is used by many local people to walk their dogs and for children to play games on. It is great for wildlife too."



Anna Mozol and Jeremy Hilton at Clearway Drive with their petition against development on county council land.

We need better sport & cultural facilities

Two of Gloucester City Council's youngest members successfully proposed a motion at the recent meeting of full council.

In the 'Issue Debate' section of the meeting, Liberal Democrat councillors John McLellan (Barnwood) and Sebastian Field (Kingsholm and Wotton) argued that in relation to sporting and cultural facilities in the city, there is a lot more to be done.

John McLellan talked about a friend of his who has a real chance of winning a Commonwealth gold medal, but who is let down by poor training facilities.

John McLellan said: "It's a real shame that the city's young athletes are being failed by the Conservative administration.

"Some of the city's training facilities are in a really poor state, with damaged tracks and overgrown pitches.

"With the Olympics coming in 2012, Gloucester needs to raise its game to Olympic standard."

Sebastian Field added: "I spoke at the meeting about the lack of cultural facilities in Gloucester.

"I've argued in previous meetings that Gloucester does not do enough to celebrate its cultural heritage.

"This needs to be remedied, but also Gloucester needs better facilities for its current cultural activities - be it theatre, exhibitions or concerts.

"I think we need as a city to think about a cultural centre to house all these activities."

The motion was carried, and John McLellan rounded up by saying that he hoped words would translate into actions and that facilities would be improved.



Sebastian Field wants better cultural and sports facilities

Working to regenerate the city centre

Newland Homes, who are planning to redevelop the former Kwik Save site on Northgate Street and along Black Dog Way, have outlined their revised plans for the building.

They bought the site a few years ago, and had their plans to build attractive modern apartments on the site approved by the planning committee, but then the housing market took a tumble as



Gordon Heath & Kelsa Rowlands-Evans look at the plans for the Kwik Save site

a result of the economic crisis, and the plans were shelved.

Now that the market is picking up, Newland Homes have revised their plans, slightly increasing the number of apartments from 98 to 119.

Local campaigner Kelsa Rowlands-Evans said: "The former Kwik Save store site is in desperate need of high quality regeneration. I hope this project succeeds and the new plans are approved."

City Mayor seeks volunteers



Chris Witts who is the current Mayor of Gloucester is calling for more volunteers to help staff the National Waterways Museum at Gloucester Docks.

He said: "It is vital that the National Waterways Museum remains open.

"Gloucester Civic Trust and I made a successful appeal for volunteers to come forward to help staff the museum.

"There is now a positive buzz there and visitor numbers are on the increase again."

If you would like to help out give Chris a call on 526202.

Liberal Democrats open campaign office in Gloucester



South West MEP, Graham Watson (right) joined Jeremy Hilton and members of the Gloucester party to open the campaign office at 280 Barton Street.

Local man Jeremy Hilton an excellent choice as Gloucester's next MP

Jeremy Hilton who is leader of the Liberal Democrats on Gloucester City Council has been chosen as the party's candidate for Gloucester at the General Election.

He is a local man, born and bred in Gloucester, with 18 years elected service to the community as a local councillor.

He is married to Polly, who is from Chile.

His commitment to elected public service in Gloucester surpasses that of the current MP who has only done eight years.

The Tory candidate, a newcomer from the Cotswolds, has no track record of elected service to the people of Gloucester.

Jeremy Hilton was born in Gloucester in 1955 on the day of the General Election.

He has recently retired from his import business and now works part-time as a local government advisor to other councils around the country.

He represents Kingsholm and Wotton ward on the city council and the Elmbridge, Kingsholm and Westgate division on the county council.

Jeremy is an experienced councillor and was the cabinet member for community services at Shire Hall from 2001 to 2005.

He had the responsibility for fire and opened the TriService Centre in 2003.

Jeremy is opposed to Labour's plan for a regional fire control in Taunton.

At a national level Jeremy serves on the Local Government's Fire Committee and he has experience of giving evidence on fire matters to a House of Commons select committee.

Jeremy Hilton said: "Gloucester needs an MP who will speak up for Gloucester in parliament.

"There will be no double-speak from me.

"If I have to defy the party whip to defend the people of Gloucester, then so be it.

"You won't see me saying one thing in Gloucester, for example over post office closures, then voting the other way in the House of Commons as our Labour MP did - Gloucester deserves better.

"I love the city of Gloucester, but there is still so much more to do.

"Regeneration is stalling under the Tory run city council.

"Our sport and cultural facilities are substandard for an historic city.

"There is a shortage of affordable housing to rent and we must encourage the city council to build new homes for rent.

"Our health service is important and we must not let government cuts damage the health of local people.

"Gloucester needs an MP who will keep up the pressure to improve services from both government departments and local councils in equal proportion.

"I can do this as Gloucester's next Liberal Democrat MP."



Jeremy Hilton receives a petition from Lucy Rodgers of Kingsholm Kids at Play action group. He is working with the group to get better children's play area in Kingsholm. As an MP for Gloucester he will work tirelessly to get a better deal for the city's young people.

Barton's 'mock' Mayor making



The Mayor of Barton is a 'mock' Mayor, one of only a few left in England.

It started when Charles II returned to the Throne.

He didn't like Gloucester very much because the city had sided with Cromwell during the English Civil War.

Gloucester withstood his father's army during the Siege of Gloucester in 1643.

Charles took his revenge in various ways, knocking down the city walls and severely reducing the city boundaries.

This left the Barton area outside the city.

The residents were so upset that if they couldn't defer to the Mayor of Gloucester, then they'd invent their own, simply to poke fun at Gloucester's official powers-that-be.

This carried on until Victorian times.

Around 12 years ago, the Barton Residents Association, wishing to improve the quality of life in a badly run-down area of Gloucester, revived the office, which has been a great success.

This year well known Barton resident Jean George became the new Mayor of Barton taking over from Citizen columnist Martin Kirby.

Jeremy Hilton joined in the fun and attended the Mayor making ceremony at One Eyed Jacks, on 2nd September.

Jeremy Hilton said: "I wish Jean George the best in her year as Mayor of Barton and thank Martin Kirby for the past year."

Labour Leader says vote Liberal Democrat



The former Labour leader of Gloucestershire County Council, Peter Clarke, who represented Barton, says people in Gloucester should vote Liberal Democrat and for Jeremy Hilton at the General Election.

He said: "We need a fresh start, as New Labour no longer has the answers. Nick Clegg and Vince Cable are showing the way. I urge former Labour voters to follow me and vote Liberal Democrat."

Red or Blue both are to blame for the economic mess



Dr. Vince Cable MP meets up with Jeremy Hilton

Both the Conservatives and Labour cannot duck out of their responsibilities for our current economic mess.

So says Jeremy Hilton who spoke to the Bulletin after a recent meeting with Liberal Democrat shadow chancellor Vince Cable MP.

Jeremy Hilton said: "The near collapse of our economy at the end of last year may have happened on Labour's watch but it was the Tories who lit the fire.

"It was their economic model, with its over reliance on financial services at the expense of manufacturing that has so spectacularly crashed and burned.

"New Labour's mistake, egged on by the Conservatives, who were calling for even less regulation in the financial services sector, was to meekly accept this model.

"They saw the pound signs but failed to see the dangers.

"Only the Liberal Democrats consistently warned of the perils of building an economy on foundations of unsustainable personal debt and overstated house prices."

However although things may be bad, according to Jeremy Hilton, it is important to remember that Britain is not bust, far from it, but we must be clear on what needs to be done.

As Vince Cable explained at the recent Liberal Democrat conference in Bournemouth, although the economy had survived a massive heart attack it was still in intensive care.

The last thing it needed would be for a future Labour or Conservative government to adopt a "slash and burn" approach to public spending where the good is cut with the bad affecting public services.

Dr Cable went on to insist that instead we must be mature and set priorities deciding what government should and shouldn't do.

This would involve ending such things as the civil service bonus culture and cancelling both the National ID card scheme and the new Trident submarines.

Learndirect in Barton

Barton Street branch of Learndirect opened its doors to the wider public in August, with the Sheriff of Gloucester, David Brown presiding over the opening ceremony.

The Barton Street branch of the learning and skills provider had been training former offenders in citizenship, numeracy and literacy skills.

It is now open to other people to improve their skills.

Liberal Democrat city councillor, Usman Bhaimia said: "Barton & Tredworth is a deprived area with many people who have lost their jobs because of the recession.

"This centre will now give residents a chance to gain new skills and hopefully get a new job."



Sheriff David Brown, Cllr. Usman Bhaimia and Jeremy Hilton join Learndirect regional manager Ali Khan at the opening of the new centre in Barton Street.



Jeremy Hilton the best person to be Gloucester's next MP

Help the Lib Dems fight for a fair deal for Gloucester

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For more information visit:
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I say No to a massive waste incinerator in Gloucester

I the undersigned oppose the building of a massive waste incinerator in Gloucester or close to the city boundaries. I ask the county council to rethink its waste strategy and come up with a more environmentally friendly solution.

Name.....
Address.....
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Email.....
Return to - FREEPOST FPN1947, Gloucester Liberal Democrats, Front Office, 280 Barton Street, Gloucester GL1 4JJ

Tory councils argue about bus shelters

For the past year two "The planning committee has collected in Gloucester City and Gloucestershire County have been arguing with each other about who is responsible for putting in new bus shelters.

The result is some key locations around the city remain without a bus shelter.

Barnwood Liberal Democrat councillor Phil McLellan said: "This is the ultimate in stupidity.



Phil McLellan campaigning for better bus stops