

Long Ashton FOCUS

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The South Bristol Ring Road - a real threat to our village!

Plans for the South Bristol Ring Road would effectively create a rat-run for traffic from the M4 to avoid the Almondsbury Interchange and end up on the Long Ashton by-pass at a new junction a stone's throw from Northleaze School. We all know that noise from the by-pass can already be a problem but the proposal would make it far worse and would add to carbon emission pollution around our village. The air pollution that could occur would have a huge impact and we should be concerned at how close parts of the village and the primary school would be.



The ring road would also create a corridor adjacent to the village, encouraging the expansion of the City of Bristol along Ashton Vale – destroying the precious green belt and wildlife habitat, the Ring Road would create extra traffic and add to issues of congestion which could be solved through better public transport.

We cannot ignore how the face of our village would be changed by this proposal and how property prices will suffer.

Let me know what you think and what concerns you about the Ring Road.

Take Pride in Long Ashton

"Our village is a place to be proud of, with green spaces we should fight to preserve and a character that sets us apart from our City Neighbour" says Angela Neale, Liberal Democrat spokesperson.

"Tory Councillors have consistently put the car and business first by blocking plans for improved public transport, cycle tracks and re-cycling schemes. I feel it is important that we are all able to contribute to enhancing the local environment and to oppose unwelcome changes that would damage our quality of life. The Liberal Democrat Council have made many improvements but I want to see our current door step re-cycling scheme extended to include printed cardboard and hopefully plastics."



Angela Neale, Liberal Democrat spokeswoman, launches the Long Ashton Litter Pick

Achievements of your Liberal Democrat led District Council that wouldn't have happened under the Tories

- ✓ The Audit Commission says that North Somerset Council is performing well in delivering its environmental services and has awarded it a score of 3 out of 4 for the first time. A far better record than under the Tories.
- ✓ We are the first Council in the country whose Town Hall is totally supplied by a solar hot water generator. A wind turbine has recently been installed on the roof to generate free electricity as well.
- ✓ Council-run buildings and facilities across North Somerset are also saving energy. All public conveniences are fitted with the latest water saving devices. Schools in our area are actively reducing energy usage and saving water. We use bio fuel in many of our vehicles, which reduces particulates in emissions and improves mileage over normal fuel.
- ✓ A new state of the art recycling centre has been opened in Backwell. There are now two recycling zones, with green signs for recyclable materials and red signs for non-recyclables. Each sign clearly indicates the materials that can be placed in that container. Other benefits of the new site include Sunday opening, thus providing a seven day a week service, and a facility for recycling plastic bottles.
- ✓ Residents in North Somerset are reducing, re-using and recycling more of their waste than ever before, with over 32% not going into landfill sites. Under Tory control it was only 14%! Local Council Tax payers will benefit from a reduction in, as well as savings on, disposal costs. The green garden waste and corrugated card fortnightly collection, which was introduced just over a year ago, has been particularly successful. Tory Councillors opposed the scheme and, if they had won, our garden waste in Long Ashton would still have been sent to landfill in Devon.
- ✓ *Friends of the Earth* have recently given the Liberal Democrat MEPs a 99% rating for their voting record on environmental issues. This compares with Labour's 70% and the Conservatives' shocking 13% rating. Our local MEP Graham Watson, seen with Angela Neale, was given a rating of environmentally friendly on all the areas he voted on. Tories are all talk and no action on the environment, with David Cameron cycling to the House of Commons while being followed by his chauffeur-driven car.



Angela Neale discussing environmental issues with Graham Watson, MEP

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