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Here we go again. During the last District Council by-election (in Whittlesey South Ward), I highlighted the serious allegations there were of bullying within the Conservative Group. Now we have yet another resignation and yet another ex-Conservative complaining about bullying. This most recent resignation makes it five Town Council and two District Council by-elections over the two years since the all-out elections in 2023. As well as allegations of bullying within the Conservative group, which were explained in a Cambs Times article, the councillor who has just resigned said:

“If I wanted to be in a playground, I’d work in a nursery. I refuse to waste any more of my time on clowns with crayons”.

You deserve better than this. Your Town and District Councils have descended into chaos whilst failing to address some serious issues for our Town. It is time for Whittlesey to elect a serious Councillor who can deal with local issues.

Here is my record:

- Previously represented Whittlesey as a Councillor for 20 years
- Former Leader of Cambridgeshire County Council
- Former Lead Peer – provided improvement advice to councils across the UK and abroad
- Regular media commentator on local government, including the Cambridgeshire focused Coffee, Buses and Politics podcast

Are you ready for four bins?



Did you know the Government has introduced “simpler recycling” rules that mean Fenland residents are likely to need four waste bins? Fenland District Council agreed to support this scheme back in February and also to communicate with residents about it. Have you heard anything? You should have been informed and consulted by now, something that is especially important for residents who might struggle to find the space

Help Me To Win

I am the only candidate with experience, a past record of fighting for Whittlesey and excellent knowledge of how good councils work. If you would like to help, I am always in need of people who can deliver a few leaflets. Also, if you get anything through your door from other candidates or their friends, let me know about them. My details are at the top of the first page of this newsletter.

Some of my priorities



Relief Road. I will support proposals to investigate a relief road for Whittlesey. The Conservatives won't say it openly, but our two roundabouts are due to get much busier in the next few years and it is this Ward that will suffer most from the resulting rat running. (check out my blog on this issue at www.martincurtis.net)

Better Development. Conservatives at Fenland have abandoned their local plan process, which means we still have little say over where large developments happen, or to plan the infrastructure that should accompany it. I will campaign to have the process restarted so we can take better control.



Must Farm. It is a scandal that we do not have any relics from Must Farm in our town and I will never give up until we have our fair share as part of a bigger tourism offer.

Merger with Peterborough. If this happens it will have a huge impact on our town. Our Council leadership might argue against it (and I have some serious concerns) but they also need to be talking to Peterborough **NOW** so that we can maximise the benefits for Whittlesey (and there are some). I will open up that dialogue.



Pot Holes and Pavements. Strictly speaking potholes are a county council responsibility, but I will use my considerable experience to push for them to improve funding and to speed up turn-around time for repairs after potholes have been reported.

Don't Take It All at Face Value

It is a sad fact that politicians often twist reality to win your votes, here's an example: One of your candidates is trying to hook you into the National immigration debate by claiming that Homes of Multiple Occupation are his priority - except there are none in Whittlesey.

Tell Me What You Think

As both a candidate and councillor I want to be contactable and hear your ideas and thoughts. My contact details are at the top of the first page. Please ask me questions or check out my blog and tell me what you think. I want to be open and accountable about the decisions I am involved in.