

Tom GARTH



YOUR STRONG LOCAL VOICE FOR WHITELEY & SHEDFIELD WARD

Dear Resident,

I'm delighted to be standing as your Conservative candidate for Whiteley and Shedfield. From tutoring Mathematics and English here in Whiteley to local schoolchildren, to working on wards at Gosport War Memorial Hospital during the first wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, I've always looked to do my part to improve our wider community.

If elected as your councillor, you can rely on me to take on the task with energy, ensuring action on local priorities.

Having lived in this community my whole life, I've grown up experiencing the great change that our area has seen. Many residents feel that the pace of development across the ward needs to slow, with action required to tackle concerns such as a rise in anti-social behaviour and reckless driving.

It has always been a part of this community's character that all residents, especially young families, feel it is a safe and welcoming place, and I am determined to work to maintain this. If you feel similarly, I'd ask you to take a look at my pledges, setting out my priorities for our area.

Best wishes,

Tom Garth

Conservative candidate for Whiteley & Shedfield Ward of Winchester City Council



I am privileged to endorse Tom as your local Conservative candidate for the elections on 4th May.

He is a person of honesty and integrity who is committed to his community.

Tom's youth and enthusiasm will bring a new and positive voice to Winchester City Council.

Vote for Tom on 4th May.

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The Liberal-led city council continues to spend your money on external consultants for developments based in Winchester City centre. This is despite around 40% of council tax payers living in the rural and southern areas of the district. Conservative councillors will work hard for **every** resident and this year pledged to refund a percentage of council tax back to families to help with the cost of living. Vote for a strong, united Conservative voice and **value for your money.**

CONSERVATIVES PLEDGE TO PROTECT OUR GREEN FIELDS

Conservative councillors have pledged to protect our green fields from development, whilst providing much needed homes on brownfield sites first. We will support enforcement officers at the City Council to ensure developers do not ride roughshod over planning decisions.

Winchester City Council will offset around 377ktCO₂, costing more than £7.5m to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030. Conservative councillors will ensure that your money is invested locally to support green jobs, better transport, and tree and hedge planting across our district. Conservative-led Hampshire County Council has already invested £30m in a new facility that will handle 135,000 tonnes of recyclable material each year.

Local Conservatives are committed to reducing the carbon footprint of the district and have been involved in setting up Climate Action Groups and organising Repair Cafes.



A VOTE FOR ME WILL MEAN:



ACTION ON ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Our community should be safe and free from anti-social behaviour; we have seen a marked increase in recent times. I will work with the Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones, local police, and community groups to tackle this head on.

[Photo: Whiteley Way Underpass - An anti-social behaviour hotspot]



FOCUS ON CAR MISUSE AND SPEEDING

Evenings bring with them a rise in irresponsible and dangerous driving. I will work to bring about greater monitoring and enforcement around dangerous driving hotspots.

[Photo: Parkway Road - a speeding hotspot]



ACTION ON FLY TIPPING

The natural beauty of our local area should not be harmed by fly tipping, nor should residents be inconvenienced. I will ensure a quick response when this occurs and raise this as a key concern at council.



ACTION ON PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT

The planning and enforcement team at Winchester City Council has been reduced in size in the last few years and has become increasingly ineffective. The lack of planning enforcement means that developers feel they can proceed without planning permission, carrying out inappropriate development and blighting our countryside. It's time to reverse the Liberal Democrat cuts and get a properly resourced and effective team.



ACTION TO PROTECT OUR COUNTRYSIDE

We live in a beautiful area. With the construction of North Whiteley our area now has an abundance of housing. I will work to ensure that the local plan does not include new housing for the foreseeable future in our ward.

[Photo: Tom at the new housing in North Whiteley]



FOCUS ON COUNCIL TAX

Southern wards within the district do not currently see the benefits of their sizeable council tax contributions, with money being spent around central Winchester. I will ensure better value for money here in Whiteley and Shedfield.

VOTER ID INFORMATION

From this year voters will be required to produce an accepted form of photo identification at the polling station.

If you have a postal vote you are not required to produce photo ID, but when voting in person you will need to provide one of the following:

- A passport
- Photographic driver's licence (full or provisional)
- EEA photographic ID card
- UK Biometric Residence Permit
- Identity card bearing the Proof of Age Standards Scheme hologram (PASS card)
- A blue badge
- Oyster 60+ card
- Concessionary travel pass funded by HM Government or local authority

If you do not have any of the above forms of ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate which can be obtained free of charge. This is a document containing an elector's name and photograph, specifically for the purposes of voting. You can apply by visiting - www.gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

More information about this can be found by visiting - electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/voter/voter-id OR by phoning WCC on 01962 840222.



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