

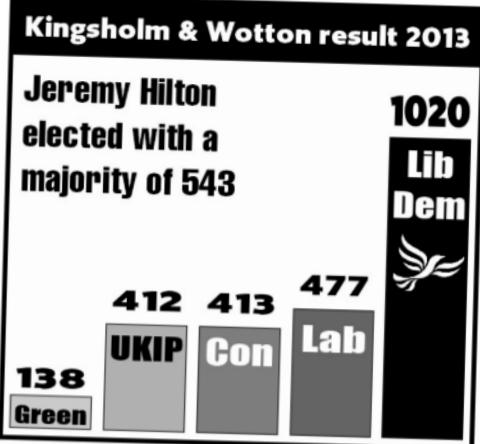
SPOTLIGHT

Covering Elmbridge, Kingsholm, Wotton and St. Oswald's Park

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Kingsholm & Wotton County Division - No 200



Public consultation finishes on 27th February

Have your say on new Gloucester City Plan

Gloucester City Council has embarked on a public consultation on its new City Plan that will point the way for development in Gloucester to 2031 and beyond.

The last adopted plan for Gloucester dates back to 1983, though it has had policy updates since then. The consultation ends on the 27th of February.

County Councillor Jeremy Hilton said: "The emerging City Plan is important for the future development of our city. There are a number of proposed housing developments planned in the county division amounting to 460 units. I would encourage residents to comment on them.

"We certainly need new housing in the city, but it is important that it is in the right place and that the green open spaces in Kingsholm, Wotton and Elmbridge are protected."

He was backed by Elmbridge Councillor Howard Hyman who said: "We must make sure we have the best City Plan possible. The public now have opportunity to comment."

www.gloscester.gov.uk/cityplan or access the draft plan document on Jeremy's website www.jeremyhilton.co.uk



69 London Road listed for housing

Areas proposed for housing in the Kingsholm & Wotton County Division

- SA01 - Helipeds, Sisson Road - 60 units
- SA05 - Allstone's, Myers Road - 250 units
- SA06 - Civil Service Club Ground - 20 units
- SA07 - 67-69 London Road - 30 units
- SA08 - Wessex House, GWR - 20 units
- SA09 - Great Western Rd, sidings - 100 units
- SA20 - Land at St Oswald's Park - 60 units

Lib Dems success in challenging housing numbers on Civil Service Club land

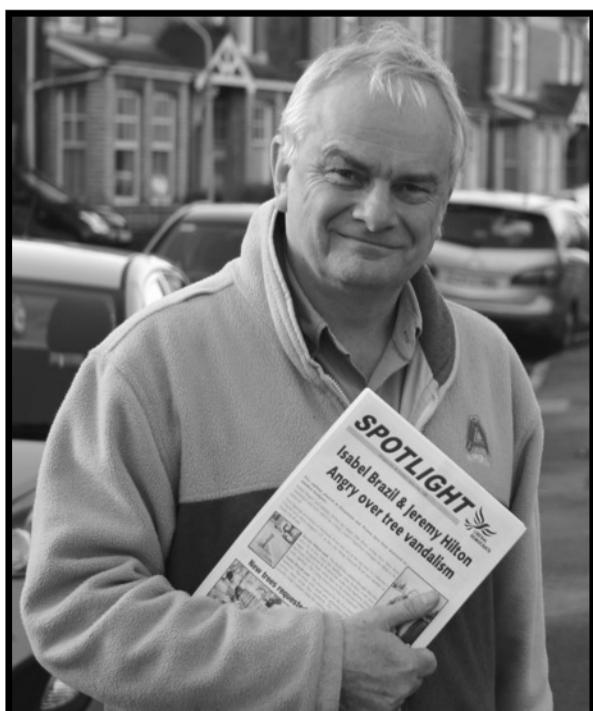
The proposed controversial development of 89 houses on the former Civil Service Club ground is still under consideration. There have been 28 individual letters of objection to the planning application.

At the city council meeting in December your Lib Dem councillors successfully moved an amendment to the draft City Plan reducing proposed housing numbers from 60 to 20 units.

Lib Dems believe with just 20 units on the site the rest of the field could be protected for sport and recreation and be large enough to accommodate a full size cricket pitch on it.

It is unhelpful, but Kingsholm & Wotton Tories in a leaflet promoting their candidate seem to be backing the Redrow plan for 89 houses.

Polling Day 4th May



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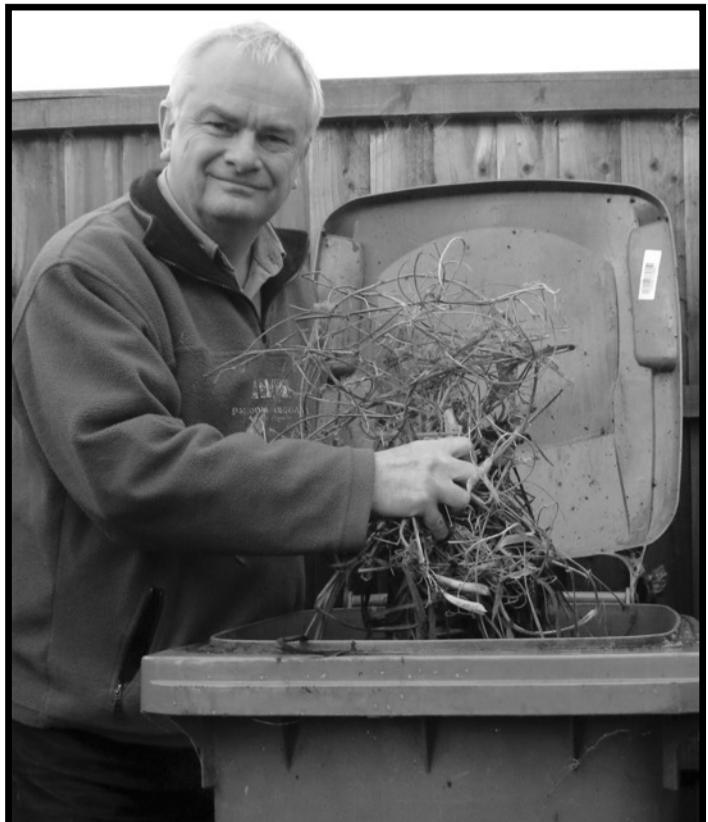
Jeremy Hilton to seek re-election

On the 4th of May elections to Gloucestershire County Council will take place. **Jeremy Hilton**, who is your county councillor, will be a candidate in the election for the Kingsholm & Wotton division. (see map on back page)

- ✓ Jeremy has represented Kingsholm on the county council for a total of 20 years
- ✓ This is the 200 edition of the Spotlight newsletter Jeremy started many years ago
- ✓ He also represents Kingsholm and Wotton on the city council, with 22 years service
- ✓ Jeremy works hard for our area all year round - getting things done
- ✓ Unlike his Tory opponent, he objects to Redrow's plan to cover the Civil Services Sports ground with 89 houses
- ✓ Jeremy works closely with Lib Dem city councillors Isabel Brazil (Kingsholm & Wotton), Emily Ryall (Elmbridge) & Howard Hyman (Elmbridge)

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Anger over Tory Garden Waste Tax - “it’s daylight robbery”



Jeremy Hilton has condemned plans by the Conservative-run city council to increase garden waste collection charges by 22%.

He has described the garden waste tax as “daylight robbery” and blames both the Conservative council and government.

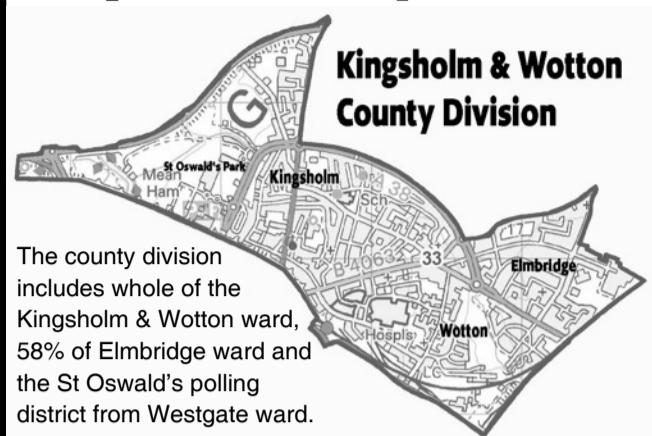
Residents currently pay £36 per year and the Conservatives are proposing to raise it to £44. Last year the Lib Dems discovered the council was making £110,000 profit - £6 per bin - for a service that was supposedly cost neutral.

Jeremy Hilton said: “The Lib Dems tried to reduce the charge to £31 just to cover the cost of collection, but now Tories plan to increase the charge to £44.

“This is a tax on responsible householders who recycle their garden waste. It’s daylight robbery.

“We should be encouraging recycling – not ripping people off. It’s unfair”

Map of county division



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Around the county division action file

- Persimmon** have promised that the **two silver birch saplings** along **Old Spot Way** that have been vandalised will be replaced.
- Jeremy Hilton is to visit **Elmbridge Primary School** to see how the move to a single primary school is progressing.
- Severn Trent Water** has **two pumping stations** servicing **St Oswald's Park**, the second one has just been formally adopted by them (pump 1 Longhorn Ave PPS1403 & pump 2 Mercia Road PPS 1375). Their 24hr operations centre is **0800 783 44 44** should there be a problem.
- Isabel Brazil and Jeremy Hilton are supporting a grant application by the **Friends of Hillfield Gardens** so that they can carry out some minor improvements to the gardens.
- Further work has been done to stop over growing vegetation on the planters in **London Road** to further improve visibility for motorists exiting **Heathville Road**.
- Jeremy Hilton is supporting a **grant application** so that **St. Catharine's Under Fives Playgroup** can provide a better outside play area for young children at the church hall.
- The footpath on Priory Road, adjacent to St Oswald's Priory, has been earmarked for repairs following a request from Jeremy Hilton.

Big job cuts imposed by Tories at city council - services will suffer

Sixty jobs are to go at the **city council** as part of budget cuts being imposed by the controlling Tory group.

The job cuts will see staff numbers down from **247 to 187** employees, with a loss of **102,120 hours** work per year.

Improvement projects are **already being delayed or not delivered** and the Lib Dems, believe this will just **get worse**.

Deans Way Meadow to get a sculptured oak bench



A sculptured bench at Robinswood Hill - an example of the woodcarver's skill who will be working on the bench for Deans Way Meadow.

Cllr. Jeremy Hilton and Cllr. Isabel Brazil are supporting a project to provide a hand-carved oak bench at Deans Way Meadow.

An on-site meeting took place on 20th January with the artist who has been commissioned to carve the bench from a solid piece of timber. It will be made from oak and will be about 6 foot to 7 foot long.

Jeremy Hilton said: "It is intended to have an animal/plant theme, which we hope will be of interest to children who use the adjacent play area.

"The woodcarver will work on the project in May and June. We would welcome ideas on which plants and animals could be featured on the bench."

Great news Colebridge Avenue footways to be resurfaced

The footways in Colebridge Avenue are to be resurfaced before the end of this financial year. The work has been listed in the programme for a few years.



County Councillor, Jeremy Hilton said: "I have been chasing the county council to complete the project and I am pleased to say the work should be done by the end of March. The county council is waiting for the contractors to confirm the price."

"Liberal Democrats are determined to see the budget for footways increased. There are other footways that need to be resurfaced and I would be happy to receive suggestions on what paths should be next."

Progress on Hyde Lane resurfacing project

Jeremy Hilton has succeeded in getting funds secured to resurface Hyde Lane. This is a private road, but it is a major pedestrian route to the hospital and is signposted as such.

It is hoped the work will be done by end of March. The council intends to adopt this section of the road once the work is done.

Jeremy said: "The short section of road is in a terrible state and has been for years. Hyde Lane is hazardous for pedestrians to use."

"It has taken a lot of time to get the funding. The only problem that could delay the work is the completion of legal agreements with the landowners."

Jeremy Hilton working for you all year round