

## “Priory Road footway is unsafe” - Jeremy Hilton



Liberal Democrats have called on the county council to increase the investment in footway repairs around the city of Gloucester.

This year the Tory run council plans to resurface just four footways from its capital budget allocated to Gloucester.

Jeremy Hilton believes the county council is starving the city of funds to resurface many footways and he cites the example of the footway on Priory Road next to St Oswald’s Priory as an example of a footway that needs fixing.

Jeremy said: “This footway has potholes, is uneven and the kerbstones have sunk below the road in places. The path isn’t safe. It needs completely resurfacing with kerbing standing proud. I am pressing the county council to include the footway in its resurfacing programme.”

## Tories determined to flog off the Bishop’s College site

The Tories are refusing to halt the sale of the former Bishop’s College site off Estcourt Road despite plans for major house building over the next twenty years.

Information provided to Jeremy Hilton indicates that there will be a need for a new comprehensive school in the north of Gloucester in a few years’ time.

Jeremy Hilton said: “Flogging off the Bishop’s College site at this time is short sighted. We will need a new school in a few years’ time.

“This site should be land banked for this purpose. If a new school is to be built it is better that it is in walking distance for local children.”

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# SPOTLIGHT



St Oswald’s Park - Dec 2016 - Liberal Democrats working for you

## Slow progress on road & footway adoption at St. Oswald’s Park



County Councillor Jeremy Hilton getting things done

The adoption of the roads and pavements by the county council on the St. Oswald’s housing estate is progressing slowly, but is going in a forward direction.

In the summer, Lib Dem county councillor Jeremy Hilton met a representative of Persimmon for a walkabout on the estate. They discussed a number of remedial issues that need resolving. Jeremy is also in contact with the county council officer who is dealing with the road adoption.

Persimmon has said that their main focus is to get the surface water sewers adopted by Severn Trent before the roads can be adopted by the county council. There is also remedial work that needs to be done to fix the road surface in parts, plus a large number of substandard kerb stones.

Jeremy Hilton said: “I am in regular contact with Persimmon about getting the estate finished so the roads can be adopted by the county. I will keep everyone informed of progress through regular editions of Spotlight newsletters.”



## Can you help deliver Spotlight?

Spotlight newsletter is funded by your local Lib Dem county councillor to keep you up to date on local issues. We already have a good team of helpers but we could do with filling in some of the gaps. A round usually takes no more than an hour.

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## Deans Way Meadow

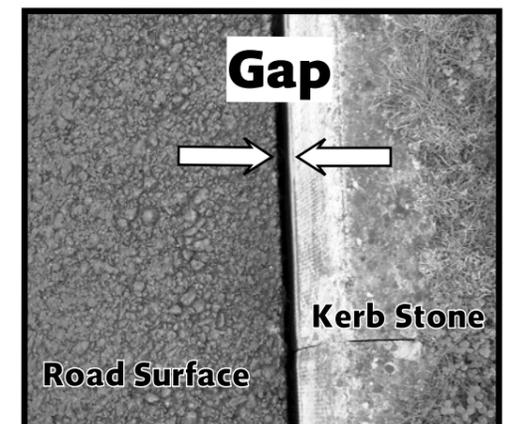
Lib Dem councillors have got the fence which encloses the children’s play area on Deans Way Meadow fixed.

Jeremy has also allocated money from his Members Allocation Fund to install a ‘sculptured’ park bench that will add an artistic attraction to the meadow, but will also be practical and robust. Idea for a design theme would be welcome.

Jeremy Hilton has also requested increased litter clearing of the meadow particularly adjacent to the footpath.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from Jeremy Hilton & the Liberal Democrats

## The road problem



The photo shows the gap between the road surface and the kerb stones on Longhorn Avenue. This needs fixing before the county council will adopt the road.

## Tree pits Longhorn Avenue



Jeremy Hilton at one of the tree pits

At the square on Longhorn Avenue there are some tree pits laid out to plant trees. These pits are part of the original planning permission given before the estate was built. Persimmon has yet to plant the trees.

In discussion with Jeremy Hilton, Persimmon have suggested the pits are filled in to make additional parking spaces. Jeremy would like to know what you think? Persimmon would require a variation to their planning permission if they do not plant the trees.

## Bonnies Lane



Jeremy Hilton has asked Persimmon to provide the top surface of Bonnie's Lane from Longhorn Avenue to the gates of the New Farm.

## The Siege of Gloucester (1643) the city can do more to commemorate



Gloucester City Council debated how the city could better celebrate and remember the events of 1643, when the citizens of Gloucester defended the parliamentary garrison against the royalist forces during the first English Civil War. The Liberal Democrat group proposed the motion.

From 10th August to 5th September 1643 the army of King Charles I besieged Gloucester. The city held out for just short of a month under the leadership of Colonel Massie until it was relieved by parliamentary troops under the command of the Earl of

Essex. This was a pivotal turning point in the civil war.

Cllr. Jeremy Hilton said: "The revival of Gloucester Day and the parade is one way in which the city remembers the events of 1643 when our ancestors fought on the side of parliament.

"It was a crucial turning point in the English Civil War. We should be proud of this point in our history. Gloucester fought for parliament and democracy."

The city council unanimously agreed to do more to commemorate this event.

## Lib Dems increase vote share by 24% in Longlevens By-Election

There was a by-election in neighbouring Longlevens ward on the 3rd November following the sad death of a Conservative city councillor in August.

The contest for the ward was between four candidates and the seat was won by the Conservatives by reduced majority which dropped by 500 votes.

In a hard fought campaign the Liberal Democrat candidate leapfrogged from fourth to second place. The ward is now a Tory/Lib Dem marginal and the Lib Dems aim to win it next time.

### The full result was as follows

Conservative	1066
<b>Lib Dem (Linda Castle)</b>	<b>852 + 24%</b>
Labour	223
UKIP	167

# Objections flood in against plans for housing on Civil Service Sport Ground

The city council is being flooded with objections from local residents to Redrow's plan to build 89 houses on the former Civil Service Club ground.

Sport England has also requested that the planning application is rejected due to the loss of a playing field on site.

Redrow deposited plans with the city council on the 5th of August and the application became valid on the 22nd September when all documents were displayed on the city council website.

Jeremy Hilton said: "I do urge local residents to write to the council with their objections to this planning application. There is plenty of time. It won't go to the committee until next year.



"Redrow are packing far too many houses on the site and the public open space provided is stingy. Vehicular access to the site is poor causing a loss of parking spaces on Denmark Road and removal of the slip road into Lansdown Road. The loss of the playing field for sport is contrary to city council planning policy."

"Do write to the city council with your objections. The application documents can be viewed on the city council website." [www.gloucester.gov.uk](http://www.gloucester.gov.uk) Ref No.16/00968/FUL

## Are you interested in starting up a neighbourhood watch scheme or joining one already active?

The NHW Officer for your area will be able to provide you with the necessary help and advice on how to proceed.

The average size of schemes in Gloucestershire ranges from 20 to 50 homes and the coordinators and members will determine how it will best operate to achieve its local aims.

Your local NHW Officer Bob Lloyd can be contacted by dialling 01452 756086 or email [bob.lloyd@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:bob.lloyd@gloucestershire.pnn.police.uk)

## Please don't flush wet wipes and nappies down the toilet!

Contractors are being called out to fix blockages at the foul water pumping stations. This is being caused by residents disposing of nappies and wet wipes down the toilet. The pumps are struggling to cope.

Persimmon said: "Further education is needed for residents of this development...to stop people disposing of nappies and wet wipes down the toilet."

Spotlight asks residents to follow the advice from Persimmon.