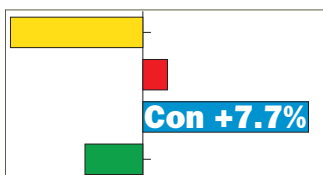




MOMENTUM FOR LOCAL CONSERVATIVES

Recent by-election result signals an end to so-called 'tactical voting' in Queen Edith's!



FUNDING SUCCESS FOR COMMUNITY FORUM!

Queen Edith's Community Forum secures grants following Conservative intervention.



CONSERVATIVE ANDY BOWER WELCOMES NEW PUB

Queen Edith's has a new pub. The Queen Edith pub run by the popular Cambridge-based Milton Brewery is the first new-build pub in Cambridge in over 30 years. It is the only pub in the ward and fits in very nicely at the end of Wulfstan Way. Andy Bower, the Conservative candidate in the city council election, said, "I welcome the new pub and wish the owners well. As the opening night showed, this is a welcome community asset and I am pleased to see that it is under the stewardship of a great local company."

and I have found much goodwill towards The Queen Edith. I think the project has been executed to a high standard and I look forward to seeing everyone in the new pub!"

"I am pleased that Oliver Crabb the new manager is a local lad, raised in Queen Edith's, who understands the area and I wish him and his staff every success."

You can contact the pub on 01223 244536 or follow them on twitter @QueenEdithPub



Congratulations to the brewery on overcoming the many bureaucratic obstacles that confronted the project. It must have been frustrating to find that local councillors from the Lib Dems, while keen to pose in front of the developing building for leaflets, were behind representations to the licensing application that could have put a spanner in the works of the project being a commercial success, leaving pub company director Richard Naisby expressing his frustration on social media. We hope councillors will recognise they had nothing to worry about!

Andy Bower says, "the business has a track record of running local pubs responsibly

Andy Bower visited the new pub earlier to see how development was proceeding.



BOWER'S ELECTION PLEDGES

1

Transport that works

I will fight to ensure Cambridge gets the transport system it needs, with more capacity, used smarter. I will work with Addenbrooke's and the county council to ensure the right incentives are in place for car-free commuting, more cycling and to ensure drivers can park sensibly.

2

Planning a better Cambridge

Cambridge is growing and we need more housing but it must be in the right place and it must be what people want. I will work for a better built environment and oppose new development in environmentally-sensitive sites like Worts Causeway.

3

Putting the taxpayer first

Labour wrecked the public finances, leaving a generation to repay their debts. Councils are in the forefront of fixing Labour's mess. I will help provide a strong Conservative presence on the council to ensure taxpayers are put at the forefront of how the council spends its scarce resources.

4

A hard-working campaigner

I will work hard helping residents sort out problems in Queen Edith's. I have a track record of campaigning on local issues in our part of Cambridge and have played a key role in campaigns from promoting speed enforcement to opposing congestion charging for city residents.

OPINION

Local Conservatives predict a close race in the Queen Edith's city council Election between community activist Andy Bower and the Liberal Democrat candidate. We think Labour looks set to fall back, after their surprise selection of a new candidate from the other side of Cambridge.

Conservative Andy Bower is standing again for election on May 7th, after being widely praised as a strong candidate during the local Council by-election in Queen Edith's ward last November. The Conservative vote share in the by-election increased nearly 50%, making a very close result likely this time. There is no need to vote tactically – the Conservatives will win here with your support.

CYCLE PARKING

NEXT TO THE NEW PUB

The new Queen Edith pub on Wulfstan Way has its own cycle rack and plans to install more cycle parking soon. They also paid substantial cash to the council as part of a so-called 'section 106' settlement. It was expected that the city council would provide further cycle parking next to the recycling bins but there seems to have been no progress. It would be helpful if the councillor elected on 7 May could get to grips with this.



Cycle parking: it's the city council's turn to do its bit at the new pub site.

AT ADDENBROOKES

Local Conservatives continue to be frustrated at the attitude of Addenbrookes bosses to cycle parking at the hospital sites. They should be adding to the options not removing them!

...CAR PARKING TOO!

Car parking problems in the ward will not be solved until the hospital management stop externalising their infrastructure requirements

onto local residential streets. Andy Bower says, "Addenbrookes management should offer affordable parking to their own employees. I want councillors to impose this as a condition on their expansion."

PLANNING A BETTER, GREENER CITY

Conservatives in Cambridge have for many years been demanding better planning rules for our city but councillors have not risen to the challenge.

We have seen them vote through housing around Worts Causeway that will cause transport chaos and environmental damage. Further into town buildings like the Marque show councillors failed to foresee what developers' plans really mean.

The much needed housing for Cambridge needs to come from well designed new settlements like Northstowe not the piece-meal addition of flats for London commuters.



The Marque, Hills Road.

SOUTH AREA COMMITTEE REPORT (30 MAR)

FUNDING SECURED FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Andy Bower's interventions at South Area Committee were key to securing full funding for a community newsletter and a local event, both organised by the Queen Edith's Community Forum.

Council officers had initially not recommended the full amount that was requested for these community activities to go ahead and ward councillors did not table an amendment but citing the 'enthusiasm' of Conservative Andy Bower's comments the officer found the cash to enable these projects.

LITTER

Queen Edith's Conservatives also secured at this meeting a clean-up of the lane from Long Road to Addenbrookes.

The city council is embarking on a 'deep clean' of Queen Edith's Ward. New ashtrays around the site should help but please let Andy Bower know of anywhere around the ward you think need bins, ashtrays or dog litter bins.

STREETLIGHTS

Local Conservatives asked the streetlight contractors what options local campaigners have to save individual streetlights. In the absence of parish councils here it would be difficult but it is possible to pay to adopt them, at quite some cost.

Why does the local election matter?

We have four local councillors in Queen Edith's; all currently Lib Dem; one on the County Council (which runs schools, social services and highways) and three on the City Council (which controls planning, bins and recycling and community development etc). Labour has a majority on the city council and there is only one Conservative. Thursday 7th May is our chance to elect a Conservative to fix the balance on the council and ensure we have a **hard-working representative** who can't hide behind the work of other colleagues!

There has been dismay as local councillors seem to have sat on the fence or played both sides in recent decisions:

- Only 2 out of a 9-councillor committee bothered to vote on whether Queen Edith's Way should have a 20mph speed limit
- Councillors who agreed with us about funding for the community forum didn't even table an amendment to fix it.
- Councillors who talked up the new pub raised obstacles to the smooth passage of its licensing.

LOCAL CONSERVATIVE ANDY BOWER HAS THE MOMENTUM!

Great news for local voters: the huge increase in the Conservative vote share in the recent by-election in Queen Edith's shows that it really makes sense for Conservative supporters to vote Conservative in May's local election!

Andy Bower says, "Thank you again to everyone who supported our positive campaign for common sense solutions in Queen Edith's."

