



Liberal Democrats

# FOCUS ON ELLIMAN 10



Lib Dem Cllr Amjad Abbasi

Lib Dem Cllr Asim Naveed

## LIB DEM CHELSEA WHYTE STANDS FOR A CEASEFIRE & AN INDEPENDENT PALESTINE



**Chelsea Whyte (left) says: "I'm proud to be the Lib Dem candidate to be the next MP for Slough."**

*Nationally, & here in Slough, the Lib Dems have been the only party that has been united in campaigning for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza since Oct 2023."*

**The AGM of Slough Lib Dems held on 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2023 unanimously called for an immediate ceasefire to get aid into Gaza: for details see our website (details on back) or use the QR code**



**The mother of Lib Dem MP Layla Moran is Palestinian. Layla has relatives who have been trapped and starved in northern Gaza. Layla speaks on international affairs for the Lib Dems. She has made passionate calls in the UK Parliament for a ceasefire, aid, release of the hostages and a long-term, two-state solution.**

**Residents in Lansdowne Ave area of Elliman ward asked Cllrs Amjad Abbasi & Asim Naveed for a meeting to discuss local issues including the lack of police patrolling the streets.**

**Asim Naveed arranged for Tim Bearder, Lib Dem candidate to be the new Thames Valley Police Commissioner to visit the area. See right for Tim Bearder's visit to Elliman where he told Asim that getting more community police for Slough would be a top priority if he's elected on 2 May.**



**Cllr Asim Naveed (above) discussed issues including crime & policing with residents in the Lansdowne Ave area**

### Lib Dem TIM BEARDER promises more community police for Slough



**Tim Bearder (left) visits Slough to meet Chelsea Whyte (middle) & Cllr Asim Naveed (right)**

**Tim Bearder (above), Lib Dem candidate for May 2nd's election for Thames Valley Police & Crime Commissioner, visited Elliman in late March. He told Cllr Asim Naveed & Chelsea Whyte, he had 3 priorities for Slough: more community police; tackling violence against women; & safer streets.**

# Lib Dems working to get Slough out of the mess created by Tory Governments & Labour councillors

## 1. Lib Dems campaigning for a fairer deal for all local councils

Council leaders from all parties across England combined recently to say the Tory Government was not giving local councils enough money to provide the decent local services residents deserve.

They said the Government should provide local council with £4 billion extra to ensure adequate funding of services such as care for the elderly, education needs, roads, street cleaning, libraries, playareas.

At national level, the Lib Dems are the first, and so far only, party to support this. The Lib Dems' conference in March voted to back this call. Slough Lib Dem Chelsea Whyte supported this call: see right.



**Chelsea Whyte**  
Lib Dem candidate to be Slough's next MP went to conference & supported the vote for fair funding

## 2. Lib Dem Cllrs are working to get developers to pay Slough a fairer share - but why did Slough Labour Cllrs fail to get us the same as other Councils got?



Lib Dem Cllr Asim Naveed proposed the Council motion to get more money for Slough.

Then Lib Dem Cllr Frank O'Kelly supported him by explaining other councils successfully got more.

Councils across the country combine 2 methods to ensure developers make a fair contribution to supporting local infrastructure when they are given planning permission.

But, Slough's Labour-run Council only used one of the two. The Lib Dem Cllrs successfully proposed a motion at Council supporting introduction of a combined approach using both. Slough's Labour Cllrs still refused to vote for this motion, even after Cllr Frank O'Kelly had shocked the meeting by showing how much less Slough got than other councils.

## 3. Experts had said it will take years for Slough Council to recover

In March 2022, an official report said to fully recover, Slough's badly-run Labour Council would have to carry on making cuts in vital services until 2029 because:

- **the deficit:** "Is of a magnitude which has not been seen before across the UK" and
- "The Council has no complete and fully accurate accounts since 2015/16"

In early 2023, Slough's Labour leaders agreed with the Tory Government that the town's Council tax could go UP by 10% in 2023/24 AND UP by 10% again in 2024/25.



Cllr Asim Naveed says: "Lib Dems are working with the current administration to help fix the council, support residents, & ensure a Council tax rise lower than another 10% rise Labour had been considering."

**Cllr Amjad Abbasi & Cllr Asim Naveed say: "we have helped people across Elliman: please contact us if you have a Council issue, or if you could help us, eg deliver Focus in your area"**

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