



# Time for change at County Hall

## Conservatives continue to waste your money

For the last four years, you have been represented on Kent County Council by a Conservative.

The Conservatives have wasted millions of pounds moving their highways department, yet our roads and pavements are now worse than ever before.

The Conservatives have spent millions on an internet TV station which no one watches. At the same time, they've cut vital services to support elderly and vulnerable people in our community. As a result of bad management, considered negligent by the Audit Commission, £50million of our money is frozen in Icelandic banks.

It's time for a change. After 4 years of waste, you need a councillor who will stand up for local people. You pay

enough council tax. It should be spent on services to support the community, not on lining the Chief Executive's pocket.

Jo Calvert-Mindell said, "I'm standing for election to the county council because I can see how the Conservatives have wasted our money. I will fight to make sure our roads and pavements are repaired for the benefit of cyclists, drivers and pedestrians alike. I want residential areas to be safe – that's why I'm supporting the campaign for 20mph speed limits in residential areas."



• Jo Calvert-Mindell looking at the state of the roads with Lib Dem Campaigners Guy Voizey and Cllr Michael Berridge

### It's your Choice

### Who do you want at County Hall?

Your hard working local Lib Dem:



If you believe council tax money should be spent fixing our roads and pavements and protecting children and older people, then vote **Jo Calvert-Mindell**

**OR**

County Hall's ruling Conservatives:



If you believe council tax should be wasted on reorganising Kent Highways and on Kent TV, then vote Conservative



The local Conservatives deny the existence of climate change, yet yet Canterbury is one of the most polluted places in Kent.

Jo Calvert-Mindell is a keen supporter of the new air quality monitoring stations like the one pictured above.

On June 4th you have two votes

**Jo CALVERT-MINDELL**

For Kent County Council



**Liberal Democrats**

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# Conservatives fail to prepare for high speed service



• Sharon Bowles MEP and Kent campaigner Catherine Bearder join Canterbury Lib Dems at Canterbury West station

Councillor Calvert-Mindell has criticised the failure of the Conservative council to prepare for the new high speed rail service due to arrive at Canterbury West station later this year.

“This new service will attract even more traffic to the area around the station. The council knows this, but has done nothing. St Dunstan's, North Lane and St Stephen's Road are already very busy and these roads will only get worse. Commuter parking is already a problem in areas like Hanover Place. This will start to affect more roads, further from the station, as greater numbers of commuters try to find a place to park before catching the train.”

## Axe Council Tax say Liberal Democrats

Local Liberal Democrats, led by Cllr Jo Calvert-Mindell and parliamentary spokesman Guy Voizey, are campaigning for a fairer tax system for local government.

“Council tax is the most unfair tax of all”, said **Guy Voizey**. “It’s based on the value of property in 1991, so it’s not surprising most people think the tax should change.”

Since the Conservatives won control of Kent County Council in 2005, council tax bills have rocketed.

Guy Voizey said, “The people on fixed incomes, including most pensioners and many of the most vulnerable in our society, are the hardest hit by council tax increases. In the last ten years, many pensioners have been forced to dip into their life savings to pay their



Guy Voizey and Jo Calvert-Mindell discussing unfair taxes

increasing council tax bills. With interest rates now at a historic low, pensioners aren’t getting the return on their savings, putting their finances under even more pressure.

“The unfair council tax was introduced by the last Conservative government.

Despite being in office for twelve years, the Labour government has done nothing to make council tax fairer. The Lib Dems have a long-standing commitment to abolish council tax and replace it with a local income tax based on the ability to pay.”

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**Thursday**  
**June 4th**  
**7am - 10pm**

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