



Liberal Democrats **FOCUS ON ELLIMAN 11**



Lib Dem Councillor Amjad Abbasi

Lib Dem Councillor Asim Naveed

“Happy New Year” from Amjad and Asim
 SEE BACK PAGE FOR 2024 LOCAL NEWS & ACTON: fly-tipping, crime, Horlicks parking, street meetings

Lib Dem Clls trying to save Slough services as Labour’s bankruptcy crisis gets worse

A SHOCKING NEW REPORT SHOWS LABOUR COUNCILLORS LEFT SLOUGH IN AN EVEN BIGGER MESS THAN FIRST REALISED WHEN THEY “BANKRUPT” THE COUNCIL IN 2021, & LOST POWER IN 2023

Slough Council has been badly damaged by:

1. Years of Tory Government under-funding key services;
2. Incompetence of Labour Cllrs who lost control of the Council’s finances with 6 years of unaudited accounts;
3. And now, this new report (see red box right). It shows that as the historic record is checked, it becomes clear the council’s finances were even worse than first thought!

Commissioners’ Report Sept ‘24
 Governments send Commissioners into “bankrupt” councils. They force councils to reform & make cuts, sell-off assets. Slough has had Commissioners since 2021. In 2024 they checked the previous records: *“as a result, the future financial position has become more serious.”*

So, Government, now Labour, appointed Commissioners have demanded more cuts & sell-offs.

How are Lib Dem Cllrs trying to help tackle this terrible Tory/Labour mess?

1. Getting more money for extra facilities from developers in Slough

Most councils use 2 schemes to get money from developers when they are granted planning permission. This money is used to pay for new facilities such as roads, health centres etc. When Labour controlled Slough Council they only used one of the 2 methods, and got in much less money than most other Councils. **Lib Dem Cllr Asim Naveed** successfully got Slough Council to agree to also use the second scheme (above) - Slough will now start getting more money.



2. Lib Dem Cllr Frank O’Kelly is chairing the Council’s Audit Committee & trying to work with the professional auditors to clear-up the Labour back-log of unaudited accounts.



Lib Dem Cllrs standing up for Slough pensioners: Lib Dem Cllrs Frank O’Kelly & Amjad Abbasi successfully called on Slough Council to campaign against the cuts to the pensioners’ **Winter Fuel Payments** made by the Labour Government & MPs, some of whose own fuel bills are often paid by taxpayers. The motion also said the Council should do more to help pensioners claim the benefits to which they are legally entitled. **Slough’s Labour councillors failed to support the motion to help Slough pensioners, other Cllrs did support it**

2024 Action report to residents from Elliman's Lib Dem Cllrs - Amjad Abbasi & Asim Naveed

STOKE POGES LANE:

NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

An old lights-controlled crossing on **Stoke Poges Lane** often stopped working. **Cllrs Abbasi & Naveed** got the council to install a new crossing (below).



LABOUR COUNCIL'S HORLICKS QUARTER PARKING FAILURES

Some local residents said the original plans for the Horlicks Quarter development did not have enough parking spaces. But at that time Labour controlled the Council & went ahead & accepted plans with not enough parking. Cllrs Abbasi & Naveed talk to residents in the Quarter & local roads about what can be done to reduce the problems.

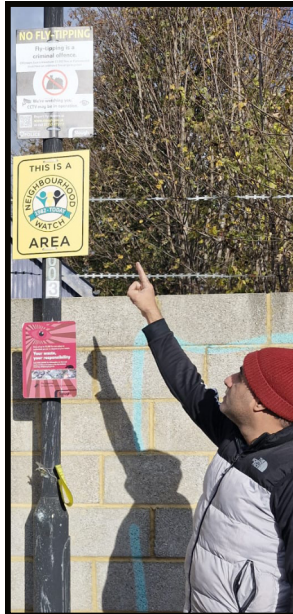
MEETINGS WITH RESIDENTS

Cllrs Abbasi & Naveed have met with residents in various parts of Elliman ward. These include **Myrtle Crescent**; and also the **Lansdowne Ave** area to discuss local issues including the lack of police patrolling the streets.



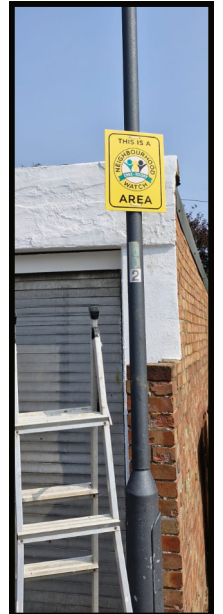
Cllr Asim Naveed (above) discussed issues including crime & policing with residents in the Lansdowne Ave area

Lib Dems Cllrs working with residents to tackle fly-tipping & other crimes



Cllrs Abbasi & Naveed had meetings with residents who asked them to put up signs reminding people fly-tipping was a criminal offence (see Amjad left putting up 2 examples). They put up signs in **Belgrave Rd, Lismore Park, Littletdown Rd, Shackleton Rd.**

Cllrs Cllrs Abbasi & Naveed worked with Slough Borough Council, Neighbourhood Watch & related WhatsApp Groups in various roads to put up Neighbourhood Watch signs in many roads (see 3 examples right & left). These included the above 4 roads, plus: **Carrington Rd, Gilliat Rd, Grays Rd, Queens Rd, School Lane, Stoke Rd.**



Elliman Lib Dem councillors do more case work than most Cllrs

Slough Borough Council's records show that Elliman's Lib Dem Cllrs, Amjad Abbasi & Asim Naveed take up more case work for residents than most other councillors.

The many cases they raise with the Council cover 36 topics; case numbers are much higher as often various residents ask about the same type of issue, such housing matters, admissions, etc, etc.

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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