

## Your Lib Dem Team for St Johns

**Keith LePla - District & City candidate** - is a qualified accountant who retired to this area 5 years ago to be closer to family. For 7 years from 1985 he was a London Borough Councillor, spokesman on finance and very active in representing people in his ward. For four years he has helped in producing St John's ward Focus and helping residents with individual complaints and larger scale campaigns like defending our green belt.

**Paul Ray - District & City candidate** is a partner in a law firm and lives in Birmingham Road.

"The next stage of the Southern By-pass needs to go ahead to cope with increased traffic from the new housing - but we also need to be sure the design of the junction with London Road does not create new problems."

**Gordon Owers - District candidate** is a retired secondary school head teacher & has lived in the Lichfield area for many years.

"South Lichfield has had its full share of development and the existing green belt boundaries must be firmly defended."



**Alison Anketell - City (parish) candidate** has lived in Lichfield for over 25 years with her husband and family and does voluntary work with the Samuel Johnson hospital.

**Marguerite Stockdale - City (parish) candidate** is a retired teacher. She has been a city councillor for Leomansley ward for 4 years and is active as a school governor and on the Bower

**Stuart Stockdale - City (parish) candidate** is retired teacher and is locally active as a school governor and as secretary of town twinning

### Your local Lib Dem team

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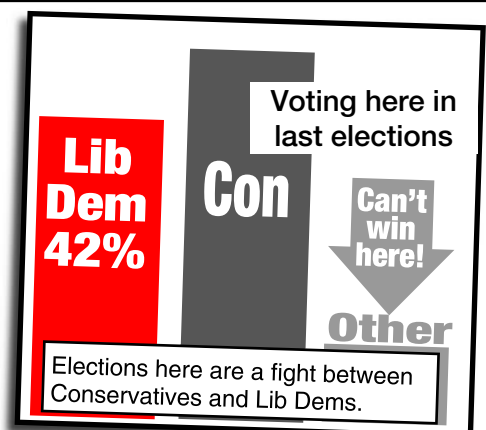
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We are always happy to hear local residents views on local or national matters - or receive offers of help!

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# Liberal Democrats - working all the year round

## Lichfield Liberal Democrats leader welcomes High Speed Rail Inquiry

"The existing plans are unacceptable as they stand and the inquiry should be able to allow a searching challenge of both the need for this project and its design" says **Cllr Ian Jackson**. "Both sides of the argument will be able to call and cross examine expert witnesses" .

"We have already said that an excessively high design speed of 250 mph has led to far higher costs and an inflexible and intrusive routing. Such a speed is totally inappropriate for a small country like ours. Compared with a speed of, for example, 180 mph it offers only small savings of time at a high financial and environmental cost.

I am pleased that the alternative of a more conventional new rail line and also provision of extra stations are also mentioned in the terms of reference "

"If a new passenger line were decided upon there will need to be a new station wherever it crosses the A5 for the Lichfield area to benefit at all. The logical route for any new line is to follow existing transport corridors, such as M6 Toll locally, where there would be less disruption and cost and also greater local benefits."



### Lib Dems prioritising the right services

- All Liberal Democrat councils have prevented closure of Sure Start centres
- Jobs losses have been minimised in Lib Dem councils (by early preparation, voluntary redundancy schemes, and by leaving vacancies unfilled) for example, Labour-run Manchester is playing irresponsible political games by threatening 2000 job losses, while Lib Dem Sheffield plans for less than 300.
- From libraries, to public toilets, youth centres to local transport, Liberal Democrats in local government are prioritising the services that matter to people.
- Spending has been cut from the back office and management, and reserves have been put to good use where it has been affordable and prudent.

### LABOUR'S CUTS...

- Labour left not just huge debts but also a huge annual over-spend of over £150 billion - a quarter of everything spent by Government has to be borrowed.
- As Ireland and Greece have recently discovered, like the banks, that if their lenders lose confidence they need to be rescued - also when you are rescued you lose control over what happens.
- The coalition plans are for spending to gradually reduce to 2006 levels over a five year period - who was in charge from 2006 to May 2010?
- Labour say they would tax more (but not who) and cut less - all magically without paying higher interest rates for borrowing that makes the deficit worse so the pain goes on and on.

**You have 3 votes for District Councillors - please use them all for:**

<i>On Thursday May 5th, vote...</i>		<b>OWERS</b> Gordon		
<b>LEPLA</b> Keith			<b>RAY</b> Paul	

**You ALSO have 5 votes for City (parish) Councillors - please vote for the team:**

<b>Alison Anketell</b>	<b>Keith LePla</b>	<b>Paul Ray</b>	<b>Marguerite Stockdale</b>	<b>Stuart Stockdale</b>
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