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We want to know your views

Over the past couple of weeks LOCAL Liberal Democrat candidate Sachin Singhal and his Lib Dem colleagues have been out canvassing residents opinions and in some streets conducting resident surveys. Sachin said *"It's been very informative talking to people and looking at the completed surveys. I've learnt that there are some isolated pockets of anti-social behaviour (ASB) that need to be investigated and that many residents see ASB as a major issue for the town council to deal with. It's clear to me that we must do more for residents who are suffering from this problem."*

Other early indications of the survey show the majority of residents are not worried about the level of crime in the town, that a large number of residents are concerned about the local environment and that over 80% believe that town councillors should live in the town.



Sachin on the door step speaking to residents in The Culvert

Don't leave it to someone else—we need YOUR vote to win

Just over a year ago, following the resignation of another conservative councillor from the Town Council Liberal Democrat Jon Williams was elected. However, it was a close fought thing and Jon only won by 9 votes. This time, with the Liberal Democrats fielding the only LOCAL candidate, it would be easy to think that winning is a forgone conclusion. Jon says *"To win this election Liberal Democrat supporters need to make sure they go and vote. I was very nervous at the count last October and because it was so close there had to be a re-count. I don't want Sachin to go through that experience and so I hope people who voted for me will go out and vote for Sachin and those people who didn't go out and vote last time will make the effort and increase the Lib Dem majority. It's a 2 horse race with no Labour candidate standing and so I hope those residents who may not usually support the Lib Dems will see this as an opportunity to show the Conservatives that they can't have it all their own way."*



Support Sachin Singhal The LOCAL Candidate

Relocation, Relocation, Relocation

You will have recently received "The Forward Plan for 2009/2014" from the Town Council. This is headed a "Draft Consultation Document", but already decisions have been made that affect the area where you live. The Conservative administration have already decided that they are going to develop the Jubilee site even more and site the new Town Council offices in a new build scheme.

Sachin Singhal said *"The Town Council needs to be at the heart of the town at the new town centre. There they will be easily accessible to everyone and residents will be able to access the town council offices at the same time they're doing their shopping."* **Jon Williams** added *"The residents of Savages Wood Road, The Beeches and The Willows experience a lot of disruption during the year and now the council are planning to build new offices and encourage more traffic to use the local roads. Despite setting up a working party to look at the options a decision was made 3 months ago to discount all the other options and only consider development at the Jubilee site. Where is the promised consultation?"*



On a typical day the Jubilee Centre was practically deserted whilst the Town Centre was a very busy place. **Sachin** said *"Early indications from our Residents Surveys show a clear majority in favour of the Town Council having an office at the Town Centre. If elected I will try to make this a reality."*



Why vote for Sachin Singhal ?

- Sachin is a Bradley Stoke resident who is keen to see the communities within the town be supportive of each other
- He will work to ensure that a new bowls club is viable and will ensure that the council reduces it's burden on the Council tax payer
- He will work with young people and youth workers to provide a youth club which people are able to access regardless of where they live in the town
- He will lobby for consultation with residents on the location of the new Town Council offices and ensure they have a voice in any development choice
- He (and other Lib Dems) will find out residents views on traffic calming and consult on the outcomes
- He will lobby the council to put money into dealing with anti-social behaviour

What Does LOCAL Mean?

LOCAL means:

- that you live in the town
- you pay the Parish Precept
- you are affected by the decisions you make
- you don't have a conflict of interests

The Liberal Democrats want:

- A Town Council who will support local people and encourage community activities
- A Town Council who listen to what residents want and work with them to achieve it
- A Town Council which makes a promise and keeps it
- A Town Council which makes decisions **AFTER** consultation, not **BEFORE**
- A Town Council made up of residents of the town, where members don't sit on other town/parish councils

