

WEST LANC'S News

Members Newsletter

September 2018



Chairman's Message

Labour have published their proposals for a new Local Plan that will have a hugely detrimental impact on West Lancashire. The Association and the Conservative Councillors consider it a major election issue and are actively campaigning against the proposals.

My press release is reproduced to highlight the key issues.

Leaflets need to be delivered in most wards and any help would be greatly appreciated. Contact the Office on 01695 572306 or e-mail office@westlancsconservatives.com

Finally, please complete the survey on the Association's website www.westlancsconservatives.com and the Council's public consultation that will open in October.

David Westley
Association Chairman

Party Chairman visits West Lancs



Brandon Lewis at the recent garden party organised jointly with

our Partner Associations and hosted at the Rufford home of County Councillor Jayne Rear.

Brandon is pictured with South Ribble MP, Seema Kennedy and Oscar.

We were blessed with a warm sunny day, good food and excellent company making it a very enjoyable afternoon.

LABOURS NEW LOCAL PLAN

Labour's intention to scrap the existing Local Plan is crazy. It still has 9 years to run, is meeting local housing need and has withstood legal challenges in respect of rogue developments. They want to replace it with a completely new Local Plan covering an unprecedented 30 years. A Plan that includes:

- A plan for a Greater Skelmersdale
- 15,992 new homes for West Lancashire
- 1,500 acres of Greenbelt to be lost
- Massive new industrial estates
- 6,256 homes to meet Merseyside's needs

Labour also want to ditch the established practice of safeguarding sites identified for future development. This would mean the Council abdicating its responsibility to manage the release of sites and allow developers, or as Labour say the "market", to decide which sites should be developed first. It would also mean that all the sites needed for the next 30 years would be made available for development from 2020.

Apart from wanting a huge increase in the annual target for both house building and commercial development, Labour want to provide land to meet the housing and commercial development needs of Merseyside - 6,256 new homes and hundreds of acres of new industrial estates.

The official figure for population growth in West Lancashire is 6,000 by 2041 and this can be met by the existing Local Plan yet Labour want to triple this rate of growth by attracting large numbers into the Borough from neighbouring areas.

The Conservatives insist that land for future housing in the Borough should be strictly limited to that required to meet the local need with the maximum use being made of brownfield sites. Releasing Greenbelt land should only be done as a last resort.

Labour's plans are irresponsible and if implemented, would have a devastating impact right across West Lancashire. They simply do not appreciate the importance of our greenbelt.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS



Friday 14th September – Ladies Three Course Lunch at the Blue Mallard, Canal Wharf, Burscough. 12.00 for 12.30pm Scarf Demonstration. Jewelry and Scarf Bring & Buy sale. Raffle. Contact Ruth Melling on 01704 896373

Saturday 6th October – Harrock Hall Barn, Hilldale. Enjoy an excellent Fish and Chip Supper with live music and dancing to a superb Buddy Holly Tribute Act. Starts 7.30pm until late Tickets £25 Contact May Blake 01257 463636



Friday 12th October – “A Dinner with Stanley Johnson”

A 4 course dinner and entertainment organised by Lancashire Conservatives at The Pavillion, The Villa, Moss Side Lane, Wrea Green, Preston PR4 2PE. Tickets: Young Conservatives £30, Gold £50 and Platinum £100 (the latter includes priority seating, a pre-dinner Champagne Reception with the guest speaker and a signed copy of Stanley’s latest thriller). Contact WLCA 01695 572306 or office@westlancsconservatives.com

Friday 19th October – Quiz Night and Raffle. Hot Pot Supper and Apple or Fruit Pie. 7.00pm for 7.30pm at Lathom Scout Hut, Hall Lane, Lathom, Ormskirk L40 5UN. Tickets £15 No Bar but bring your own drinks, glasses provided. Contact Ruth Melling on 01704 896373 or Marilyn Westley on 0773 8680752

Friday 16th November – A 3 Course Lunch with Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for the Environment, at Wrightington Country Club. Cost £40 Contact Marilyn Westley 07738 680752 or e-mail marilyn.westley@btinternet.com



Friday 7th December – Enjoy a Christmas Morning at The Kicking Donkey with Mulled Wine and Mince Pies. 10.30am Tickets £10 from Ruth Melling 01704 896373 or Marilyn Westley marilyn.westley@btinternet.com 07738 680752

Friday 14th December – North West Conservatives Womens Organisation – Christmas Lunch at Wrightington County Club. For details contact May Blake on 01257 463636

BREXIT MEETING at BRIARS HALL

We promised to revamp the Disraeli Meetings to make them more interesting and the subjects more topical as well as arranging for guest speakers. It is hoped that the first meeting will be held in October or November at Briars Hall with the usual one course meal and a glass of wine followed by a talk from **Daniel Kawczynski, MP** for Shrewsbury and Atcham followed by a question and answer session.

