

Bicester Voice

About The Community We Live In

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County Council Cuts: The Truth!

What's been cut?

£64M cuts to services

- £7.1million cut in Adult Social Care including
 - Meals & shopping
 - Citizens Advice
- £6.4million cut in Children's services including
 - £1.3million from children with special education needs
- £1.5million cut from Homelessness services
- And cuts to
 - Fire & community safety
 - Libraries
 - Recycling centres
 - Public Health

Bicester is growing fast – what's the impact of a higher population & fewer resources?

- Pressure on school places
- Falling capacity in Health & Social Care
- Dwindling support for the vulnerable
- Infrastructure gridlock – roads, traffic, drainage

The Coalition Government demanded a further £64million of cuts to vital local services in Oxfordshire – on top of the £201million cuts already budgeted for – and all because Tory Chancellor George Osborne failed to make savings at government level to meet his own deficit plans!

During budget discussions in Oxfordshire the Labour Councillors argued for the retention of Children's Centres, a reduction in the cuts to Adult Social Care and a living wage for all council employees – and these were accepted and incorporated into the budget.

But Labour also put forward budgeted proposals to deliver more of its manifesto promises by

- Creating Youth Workers
- Continuing subsidies for Dial-A-Ride
- Preserving Crisis Loans for vulnerable people and working with Credit Unions
- Increasing Children's Social Workers to reduce excessive case loads

The Tories (and Bicester's Independent Councillor) voted for the cuts and against these sensible Labour measures!

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TRAFFIC IN BICESTER

What's the point of our local councillors complaining about traffic & road safety when they actually voted for a cut of £11.2 million from the budget – which includes Highways!

Since the closure of North Street to traffic, and the opening of Sainsbury's car park, congestion has become a regular hazard for drivers.

Queens Avenue and Bucknell Road are a nightmare – recently a grandmother was knocked down on the zebra crossing and there have been lots of near misses with traffic turning out of Bucknell Road.

As they voted for the cuts - why would we trust our Tory and Independent councillors to do anything about it?

The people of Bicester need local councillors willing to stand up for Bicester residents - motorists, shoppers and pedestrians alike!

Cherwell District Council Elections Thursday 22nd May

Labour candidate stands in Bicester West

Bicester is a rapidly expanding community, but the present administration has a chaotic approach to meeting residents' needs. We have traffic schemes which make congestion worse, increasing danger to motorists and pedestrians, a new hospital too small for a growing population, austerity driven reductions to vital public services and plans to build new homes on flood plains (some currently under water).

"If elected in Bicester West I will

- **Fight for proper planning of infrastructure for Bicester**
- **Support action, including free parking, to revive the town centre**
- **Oppose destruction of our local heritage and natural environment**

It is time to do things properly and oppose the piecemeal chaos inflicted on the people of Bicester by the Tory Council."



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On your side

If you want to help me in the campaign or just to meet and talk about the issues in your area, please get in touch.

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