

Hazel Grove Ward MATTERS

Edited by **Cllr. Oliver Johnstone**



Hazel Grove Councillor, Oliver Johnstone, voted to freeze car parking charges in Hazel Grove and opposed Stockport Council's proposal to increase prices by 10p per hour, a 50% increase in the cost of an hours parking.

Originally the Council had proposed to increase car parking prices to a minimum rate of 50p but this was successfully blocked by **Cllr. Johnstone** and his Conservative colleagues.

Oliver said, "I was elected on a very clear platform that parking in Hazel Grove should be made more affordable. Over the last 4 years, I have campaigned hard for a limited free

parking scheme in Hazel Grove but this has been opposed at every turn by the Liberal Democrats and Labour.

Hazel Grove residents deserve investment and resources to be focused on our district centre after being abandoned by the Council for so long. Hiking car parking charges as the Council have proposed will hurt our high street and plague residents with yet more on-street parking problems."

Cllr. Oliver Johnstone is committed to opposing the increase in car parking charges and will continue to fight for a limited free parking scheme in Hazel Grove district centre, if re-elected on 3rd May 2018.



OLIVER JOHNSTONE FIGHTS LOCAL CAR PARK PRICE HIKE



WILLIAM WRAGG MP CALLS FOR 'BROWNFIELD FIRST' TO PROTECT LOCAL GREENBELT

William Wrag is backing a brownfield first policy

The protection of our greenbelt is an issue that really matters to William. He has campaigned hard to protect it from massive housing developments since being elected to Parliament in 2015.

William is currently fighting hard to ensure that a 'brownfield-first' policy is followed. This means land that has already previously been built on will be prioritised for development, ensuring that our greenbelt is protected. This will also enable people to live nearer to their workplaces and reduce commuting.

William has also called for the Government to look at ways to increase the density and quality of new housing developments, without eroding so much into greenbelt land.

The strength of local opinion is clear: the greenbelt should be safeguarded, and previously developed urban land and brownfield sites should instead be prioritised for housing.

IMPROVING OUR PARKS & GREENSPACES – OLIVER PLEDGES MORE

Long time supporter of Friends of Torkington Park, Cllr. Oliver Johnstone, is delighted to see the new play area going in. Oliver worked alongside Friends of Torkington Park to ensure the Council were able to provide additional seating for parents & guardians within the play area.

Oliver has also been working with the Friends and Stockport Council to seek funding for new tennis & sports courts within Torkington Park.

Cllr. Johnstone said, "As well as the work I do with Friends of Torkington Park, I have been lobbying the Council to provide funding to

put play equipment back in to Devonshire Park. It has been some years since this was removed but local residents are keen to see this park return to its former glory.

I am also delighted to report that a funding bid has been submitted to refurbish the gates & fencing at Hazel Grove Memorial Park in advance of the centenary of the end of the First World War, later this year.

Our local parks and greenspaces are very important to me and if re-elected in May, I pledge to continue to work hard to improve them."

OLIVER SAYS, "ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!"

After yet more months blighted by the appearance of illegal traveller camps at Melford Road in Hazel Grove, Cllr. Oliver Johnstone is campaigning for Stockport Council to seek a High Court injunction, banning unauthorised traveller encampments throughout Stockport Borough. Currently, Council officials must follow a lengthy legal process each time a camp is setup.

"Hazel Grove residents are sick to the back teeth of the fly-tipping, anti-social behaviour and mess created when these camps are setup. It effectively makes Melford Road a 'no-go'

area for businesses & residents. This is utterly unacceptable and enough is enough", said Oliver.

Anyone who breaches such an order could be arrested, fined and even jailed.

"Please sign my petition to show your support for banning illegal traveller camps in Hazel Grove and Stockport!"

I/we the undersigned call on SMBC to apply to the High Court for an injunction to ban unauthorised travellers' camps in Stockport Borough.

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ACTION ON ROADS & POTHOLES

Cllr. Oliver Johnstone has welcomed the additional resurfacing of Torkington Road which was in a poor state before he was elected in 2014. The surface used along the whole length should reduce vibration and noise from the road for local residents.

Resurfacing is also planned for Chester Road between the junctions of Station Street and Grundey Street, after persistent campaigning from Oliver. This follows on from the much-needed resurfacing of the pavements on Beech Avenue which has now been completed.

Cllr. Johnstone commented, "I am pleased to see that much-needed resurfacing is now being done but there are plenty of more roads



Oliver Johnstone is campaigning for better roads and pavements

that need attention urgently. I am campaigning to see work done to improve roads and pavements such as on the Cherry Tree Estate and Garthland Road."

CRIME & ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

Oliver Johnstone & the Conservative team in Hazel Grove have been working closely with Greater Manchester Police and Stockport Council to combat persistent crime and anti-social behaviour, particularly around Chester Road and Hazel Grove Train Station.

Cllr. Oliver Johnstone said, "My colleagues and I are working alongside residents to identify and stop the perpetrators. I have been in touch with the Council's Trading & Licensing team to stop gangs of underage kids getting access to alcohol. We have also been speaking to Greater Manchester Police about securing more resources for policing in Hazel Grove.

We take our resident's safety and security very seriously and we know that a lot more needs to be done to tackle the problem of anti-social behaviour."



DOG FOULING PATROL

Cllr. Oliver Johnstone has secured anti-dog fouling signage at Eyam Road, Bosden Fold Road, Beech Avenue & Hazelwood Road in response to concerns raised by residents about an increased amount of dog fouling taking place in the area.

Oliver said, "Dog fouling really frustrates me. We need to make sure that those who do not clean up after their dogs are aware of the consequences and take the responsibility of cleaning it up. These new signs should raise awareness in key hotspots."

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