# VISION AMBITION ASPIRATION

## Our plan for a better Borough

**The Conservative Manifesto for the Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council elections on 3 May 2018**

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# Our 5 Point Plan for Nuneaton and Bedworth

1. Transforming our Town Centres
2. Borough Plan Fit for the Future
3. Homes for the Next Generation
4. Investing Your Money Wisely
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Vote for Vision, Ambition & Aspiration

Vote Conservative!

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# A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE CONSERVATIVE GROUP LEADER

Cllr Kris Wilson, Leader of the Conservative Group

Dear Neighbour

At this election we have opportunity to determine the future of Nuneaton and Bedworth. With half the seats at the Town Hall up for election this year the Conservatives can control the council, no other party can beat -and get rid of - this discredited wasteful Labour council - no other party is offering change to improve our Borough.

We have two town centres which are a shadow of their former selves and are crying out for new ideas and investment. Instead we have high car parking charges and markets where the stallholders are leaving because it is too expensive to trade in our towns.

Housing estates are being built across our Borough with no schools, doctors, shops or community facilities. The road networks are at breaking point. Yet Labour have not planned to do any of these things properly.

Young people are struggling to get on the first rung of the housing ladder. Our Council has powers to help, such as being able to provide mortgages, yet the current Labour leadership sits idly by as our children and grandchildren go without the help that they need.

The leadership at the Town Hall has run out of ideas.

If our neighbours—such as Hinckley and Rugby—can turn things around then so can we. But to do so we need people in charge. People who have vision, ambition and aspiration to make our Borough a better place to live.

At this election, the power is in your hands. You have an opportunity at this election to vote for vision, ambition and aspiration. I ask you to vote for the change that our community needs and vote Conservative on Thursday 3 May 2018.

*Kris Wilson*

**P.S. Only the Conservatives can remove Labour from control at our Town Hall. A vote for any other party sees Labour retain control, and continue to ruin our Borough.**

**CLLR KRIS WILSON**
**CONSERVATIVE GROUP LEADER, NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

# TRANSFORMING OUR TOWN CENTRES

Regeneration of both of our town centres is vital for the economy of our Borough. Only the Conservatives have a plan to bring real change.

## SHOWING OUR BOROUGH IS OPEN FOR BUSINESS

We will:

- **Invest** up to £30 million to regenerate the upper end of Abbey Street. Working with partners to deliver an ambitious regeneration project which will deliver a mixture of retail, leisure and restaurant facilities fit for the 21st century.
- **Identify** other future joint ventures in Bedworth by demonstrating our Borough is open for business.
- **Expand** Bedworth Market back to All Saints Square—the heart of our town centre—listening to the wishes of local residents.
- 3 hours for £1 in our car parks during the week, to encourage shoppers and businesses back into our towns.
- **Reduce** market stall rates by 10%, ending Labour's scandal where our rates are more expensive than some London Boroughs.
- **Create** Business Improvement Districts for each town in our Borough to put our businesses and market traders in charge of our towns, not Town Hall bureaucrats.

**Only the Conservatives can deliver a radical plan to revive our town centres; if Labour can't build a depot on time and on budget, then they can't be trusted with the regeneration of our towns.**

# A BOROUGH PLAN FIT FOR THE FUTURE

**Our communities are at threat from massive and inappropriate development under Labour's broken Borough Plan.**

## PUTTING OUR COMMUNITIES FIRST

Conservatives have always voted against unsustainable developments, including those in St Nicolas, Weddington, Galley Common and The Woodlands.

We will:

- **Immediately review** Labour's broken Borough Plan.
- **Protect** existing communities and deliver the roads, health and school services we need.
- **Reduce** the housing numbers based on new government guideline figures.
- **Withdraw** from Labour's secret agreement to take Coventry's overspill.
- Have a **fair, open and transparent** process for the Borough Plan so your views are clearly heard.
- **Distribute** housing more fairly around the Borough to enhance not destroy existing communities.
- **Ensure** our communities finally receive the much needed road improvements, schools, GPs, shops and essential facilities they deserve, especially in areas where Labour's houses have already been built.
- **Prioritise** Brownfield sites first, protecting our existing communities by removing unsuitable and unsustainable sites from Labour's broken Borough plan

**Only the Conservatives are in a position to take control and deliver change on Labour's Broken Borough Plan.**

# HOMES FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

Conservatives want to ensure that whether it be social housing, rental or a mortgage everyone has a home to call their own in Nuneaton and Bedworth.

## HOMES FOR OUR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN

We will:

- **Deliver** 333 council houses, with 100 being lived in within 3 years, to help house some of the most vulnerable in our society.
- **Introduce** a Local Authority Mortgage Scheme for the first-time buyers of our Borough - complementing the Government's Help to Buy scheme, and abolition of Stamp Duty for first-time buyers. This will be for local residents so we can help our children and grandchildren own their first home in our community.
- **Invest** £5 million upfront in Nuneaton and Bedworth Community Enterprises Limited (NABCEL). Enabling our council to provide more homes for ethical rent to local residents.

**Only the Conservatives have a comprehensive plan to ensure that our children and grandchildren have a home to call their own.**

# INVESTING YOUR MONEY WISELY

Play Rangers used to operate across many parks across Nuneaton and Bedworth, such as the one above—and under Conservative proposals they will do so again.

## PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES

We will:

- **Reverse** Labour's savage and unnecessary cuts to Warwickshire Employment Advice Rights. The Advice Rights service support those most vulnerable and in need by representing residents with employment issues; which brings £8.50 back to our local economy for every £1 of funding.
- **Bring back** the much loved and missed PlayRangers scheme, which at its height was used 32,000 times each year.
- **Scrap** Labour's expensive, inaccessible and under-used climbing wall which costs taxpayers £45 per climb.
- **End Labour's Death Tax**—which imposes a 30% increase to bury our loved ones.
- **Reverse** Labour's closure of our town centres' toilets.
- **Protect** our front-line services by removing unnecessary layers of management at our Town Hall.

**Only the Conservatives will protect our essential services and reverse Labour's savage and unnecessary cuts and waste.**

# CLEANING OUR BOROUGH

Many people are deeply unhappy at the level of litter and grime that is appearing across Nuneaton and Bedworth. Conservatives will take action to clean up the streets and open spaces in our Borough.

## TACKLING GRIME AND RESTORING PRIDE IN OUR BOROUGH

We will:

- **Better** enforce of our grounds maintenance standards by holding Glendale to account; making sure our parks and open spaces are more welcoming for residents and visitors.
- **Tidy** our Town Centres and empty the bins more often.
- **Clean** more regularly our main roads into the Borough; ensuring that rubbish is cleared up and our community more inviting to businesses and investors.
- **Target** irresponsible dog owners who refuse to clean up after their dogs.
- **Remove** unsightly graffiti which blights our communities.

**Only the Conservatives will deliver a cleaner and tidier Borough, which is more welcoming for residents, businesses and visitors.**

# THE CHOICE AT THIS ELECTION

## WHO DO YOU WANT TO RUN OUR TOWN HALL?

| WITH THE CONSERVATIVES | UNDER LABOUR |
|---|---|
| Immediate review of the Labour's broken Borough Plan to protect communities; deliver new roads and essential services. | Massive building on inappropriate sites across our Borough, with no new schools, GPs, shop or community services. |
| 333 additional council houses, with 100 being lived in within 3 years. | Failure to invest in our housing stock. |
| Reducing car parking in Nuneaton and Bedworth to £1 for three hours during the week. | Previously increasing the price of car parking in Nuneaton and Bedworth by 20% leading to a reduction in footfall. |
| Developing Business Improvement Districts for each of our town centres, putting businesses in the driving seat of our towns. | Overseeing decades of decline in Nuneaton and Bedworth Town Centres. |
| Cutting market rates by 10% to encourage stall holders into our Town Centres. | Decimation of our formerly award-winning markets with rates more expensive than some London Boroughs. |
| Reinstate the popular and much loved PlayRangers scheme. | Closed the PlayRangers to waste money on an expensive and under-used climbing tower. |
| No increase in fees to bury our loved ones. | Imposing a Death Tax by increasing costs by 30% to bury our loved ones. |
| Local Authority Mortgage Scheme to help local first-time buyers. | Failure to support our young people to get a foot onto the housing ladder. |
| An open and transparent council. | Borough Plan behind closed doors, and removal of scrutiny committees. |