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Stone snake at Chapel Green - from Crowborough's brilliant youngsters.

From your Liberal Democrat campaigners:
Alison Arthur, Gareth Owen-Williams and James Partridge

UNDER ATTACK

Fighting for Crowborough's future, its environment and unique landscape!

The Liberal Democrat campaigning team in Crowborough work for you all year round. They have a proven record of standing up for the town and its residents - and getting results.

Recent campaigns include:

- Fighting poor planning policy that doesn't think about access to surgeries, schools and open space
- Looking out for sustainability and helping set a Climate Change agenda.

The team has been joined recently by James, who brings his experience of a full life in the Law and the Territorial Army, to help us offer an alternative in local politics.



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FIGHTING POOR PLANNING POLICY

Recently (and overturning a democratic vote, the reasons for which have not been made public), Wealden District Council held a new planning meeting with different councillors and approved the building of 119 houses in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

This picture shows the fields under threat, taken from the listed farmhouse, whose setting should have been protected.



This decision is already being used to justify similar decisions across the district. Councillor Gareth Owen-Williams said "Planning policy is in chaos with the high targets for new houses overriding all other factors. We'll fight these decisions and challenge dubious procedures wherever we find them. What Wealden needs are small affordable houses with the schools, surgeries and infrastructure that are needed by the people that live in them."

Working for you, all year round

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FIGHTING FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

On Crowborough Town Council, Lib Dem Councillor Alison Arthur is chairing the working group to create a Climate Change Policy.

She says: "Throughout school and university, I've been involved in Eco-initiatives. My businesses have always been green and now I'm involved in FairTrade, Crowborough Plastic-Free and sustainable projects at the Schools where I'm a governor."

On Wealden District Council, Councillor Gareth Owen-Williams is working with others to hold the administration to account and try to achieve progress in vehicle use, design, working practices and so on.

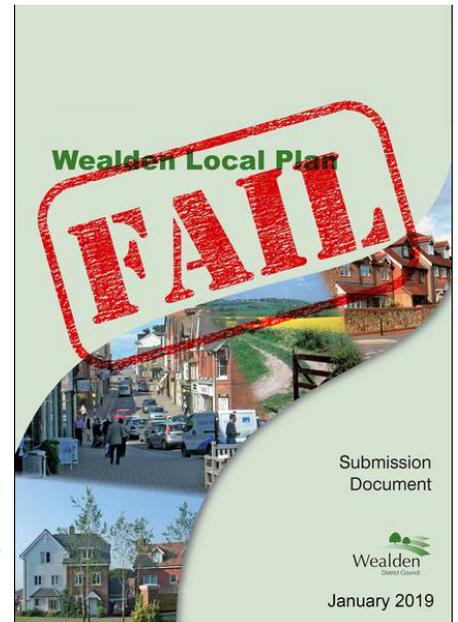
He commented "We've forced the Council's cabinet to adopt a target date for achieving carbon neutral. It's not as ambitious as we would like, but we'll be fighting to get real change across Wealden. Our rural environment is vital for our children's future"

LOCAL PLAN FAILURE

Earlier this year, Wealden District Council's Local Plan was rejected by a government inspector, who was very critical of it. This failure has cost Wealden council tax payers many hundreds of thousands of pounds.

James Partridge said "Having the plan rejected was an expensive mess, the consequence of which is that Wealden is now unable to defend itself against unsuitable housing development!"

Despite this mistake and Lib Dem Councillors objecting to the Council's budget by asking for a freeze in council tax rises for this year and no rise in Councillors' pay, the Conservative majority voted both for the increase in council tax and also for the increase in Councillors' pay.



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