

# NORMANTON WARD FOCUS



FROM COUNCILLOR GALE WALLER AND YOUR LOCAL LIB DEM TEAM

## STANDING UP FOR OUR LOCAL AREA

Having successfully rejected the Rutland local plan, we now have an opportunity to produce a new plan that puts residents first.

Many people in Normanton Ward, and in Edith Weston, North Luffenham and Empingham villages in particular were pleased to see Rutland County Council's (RCC) decision in September to abort the Local Plan process.

You know I worked hard to achieve this because the proposals for St George's Barracks, the heart of the Local Plan, were ill thought through and posed great risks for Rutland.

However, I couldn't have done what I did without support from very, very many residents across Normanton Ward. Thank you.

So where do we go from here? A new Local Plan is being produced and as I write I do not know what proposals the MoD will put forward for St George's. They have, however, committed to working with the villages of North Luffenham and Edith Weston (in which the barracks lie) to develop a plan which is satisfactory to all and I intend to make sure they stick to their word!

Both Edith Weston and North Luffenham parishes are progressing with their Neighbourhood Plans which, once "made", will be planning documents and will have to be considered when any application is submitted.

During this Local Plan process, I will push RCC to adopt policies that protect our environment; policies that ensure new homes are suitably insulated; homes that don't use fossil fuels to heat them and homes near to necessary facilities.

I will use my voice to make these things happen.

*Please do get in touch if you have any questions or comments on the Local Plan.*



## JOIN OUR TEAM



As Liberal Democrats, we believe that a better future is possible for our villages, our towns, our communities, and for everyone who lives in our county.

We are committed to delivering the positive change that Rutland needs.

However, we can only deliver this change with your help. There are lots of ways to get involved, so please get in touch if you'd be interested in helping us locally. If you'd like to join online, you can use the URL below.

[www.libdems.org.uk/join-local](http://www.libdems.org.uk/join-local)



# LOCAL ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

Many of us in Normanton ward use Empingham Medical Practice and as many of you know the practice has physically increased in size to cope with increased demand. Rutland County Council has helped the health authorities fund the additional building, which is of course good news.

What is less good news is that a large number of Rutland residents have transferred from Lakeside in Stamford to Empingham thus increasing demand. Through my roles on RCC's Adults and Health Scrutiny Committee and the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Joint Health Scrutiny Committee I am both monitoring the situation and pressing the health service to remember Rutland's needs -too often, I feel, we are treated as the poor cousins of Leicester City and Leicestershire.

I will continue to lobby on your behalf. Over the next couple of years the organisation of health in our area is changing. This gives Rutland Council an opportunity to influence the health authorities to improve things for us, particularly access to specialist clinics. I will be pushing for better services for Rutland residents.

## RUTLAND CLIMATE ACTION

As Liberal Democrats, we believe that our environment should be at the heart of everything our council does, and that any development should benefit our local communities, not just developers.

That's why we're committed to promoting policies that reduce our dependence on fossil fuels, minimise our impact on the environment, and protect our fragile ecosystems.


Councillor Joanna Burrows, Lib Dem, is a leading light on Rutland County Council's Climate Action Group. She successfully secured National Lottery funding to develop a website to support climate action in Rutland. Please do visit the website to see how you can get involved  
[www.rutlandclimateaction.org](http://www.rutlandclimateaction.org)





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