

2017 General Election Manifesto for Aylesbury and Buckingham constituencies

Housing

- Oppose all new developments not identified in existing neighbourhood plans
- Ensure that all developments are matched by supporting infrastructure - schools, GP surgeries, dentists and transport
- Ensure that all new builds are of the highest insulation standards making them economical to heat and reducing energy demand
- Encourage developers to use best practice by installing solar panels and water-saving equipment in new builds
- Build a larger proportion of social and affordable housing
- Re-introduce councils ability to build council houses

Employment

- Support a real living wage
- Stop zero hours contracts
- Increase incentives for local businesses, especially those engaged in environmental, building, renewable energy and food products and services
- Ensure that local authorities set the standard for employment rights

Health

- Oppose the privatisation of the NHS
- Bring back bursaries for nurses
- Train more doctors nationally
- Provide additional mental health staff
- Remove all hospital parking fees

Education

- Stop tuition fees
- Oppose free schools – many are not needed and take resources from local authority schools
- Bring all schools back into local authority control saving money on insurance, recruitment, training and maintenance
- Re-instate the Education Maintenance Grant

Energy:

- Put climate change at the top of the agenda with a publicly advertised plan to reduce carbon emissions so that everyone is informed about the risks involved
- Encourage community energy generation schemes for renewables, including solar and wind power
- Support the re-nationalisation of energy companies
- Oppose fracking anywhere, in the County and in the Country

Transport:

- Bring the railways back into public ownership

- Provide better bus services and offer more free passes e.g. for students, which will reduce the numbers of cars on the road.
- Focus on walking and make pavements safe for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchairs to use
- Encourage more cycling through improved provision and upkeep of cycle paths
- Promote 20s Plenty in the Vale's towns and villages

Pollution:

- Press for stronger measures to tackle the widespread pollution from plastic in the oceans
- Support measures to deter the widespread use of non-returnable plastic packaging
- Keep up air quality standards to EU levels and reduce diesel vehicles and emissions

Brexit

- Press the government to have a referendum on the final terms of Brexit
- Campaign to keep existing environmental laws and protections for wildlife and the environment and to continue a ban on neonicotinoids to protect bees

Environment and wildlife

- Propose a motion for Aylesbury Vale and Buckinghamshire County Council to declare a Climate Emergency.
- Hold the local councils to account on the development of Aylesbury as a Garden Town, ensuring the features that need to be provided e.g. open spaces, cycle paths, community involvement, safe roads with 20 mph limits in built up areas.
- Hold HS2 Ltd to account for all mitigation and environmental re-construction work
- Oppose the repeal of the Hunting Act
- Stop badger culling and review animal management practices to build healthy stock
- Oppose land management techniques that reduce biodiversity and contribute to flooding and other environmental problems e.g. grouse land management
- Support the Environment Agency & other bodies taking effective action to minimise flooding and manage groundwater efficiently and sustainably
- Support farmers making improvements to soil quality, creating wildlife habitats and selling produce locally