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LOCAL CAMPAIGNER KEITH MALLINSON SELECTED FOR DEWSBURY EAST

Local activist Keith Mallinson has been selected to stand for the Dewsbury East seat in May 2022 by the Conservative Party.

Keith, who came close to winning the seat last May, is keen to fight again to represent Dewsbury East at Kirklees Council. "I have always felt that this area is let down by Labour and the election of a Conservative MP, Mark Eastwood has shown what a difference having a Conservative standing up for the town can make" said Keith.

"I have continued, throughout the year, to speak up for the people of Dewsbury East and step in and help out with the issues that they raise with me on the doorstep. I have been actively pushing Kirklees Council on issues such as planning, planning enforcement, road safety, potholes, blocked gullies and helping with housing or benefit problems."

People on the doorstep tell me that Dewsbury is crying out for change at



Dewsbury East Conservative candidate Keith Mallinson

Kirklees Council, and it is only by changing the Councillors that this will ever happen. Electing another Labour Councillor only means more of the same and voting for the other minor parties just guarantees Labour win. I represent change and will be able to work closely with Mark Eastwood and fellow Conservative Councillors from across Kirklees to tackle the issues which Labour have failed to do for decades.

CHANGE PLANNING LAWS TO TACKLE ROGUE BUILDERS

The state of the roads on the Harron Homes estate off Owl Lane are a disgrace and the failure of the builders to bring the roads up to an acceptable standard is appalling.



Keith & Mark Eastwood MP looking at pavements on Amberwood Chase

Keith has been supporting local residents in seeking a solution to the problem and the issue has also been raised in Parliament by Mark Eastwood MP.

Kirklees Planning are partly at fault, as they discharged the planning condition which required the builders to build the roads to an adoptable standard without ensuring that the necessary road bond was in place first. This has allowed the builders to get away with selling the properties without a plan in place to complete the works.

"This is a problem with the planning regulations which can allow rogue builders to operate in this way, leaving owners having to cope with unfinished roads or pavements. I will continue to work alongside residents to seek a solution to this, whatever it takes," said Keith.

IMPROVING SAFETY IN THE TOWN CENTRE

Keith Mallinson welcomed the proposals for the new Kirklees Police Headquarters to be based on the old Kirklees Council Buildings on Halifax Road and was pleased to see that the Police listened to the concerns from local residents about parking and access concerns.

"I hope that the establishment of the Police Headquarters in the Town will lead to an improved police presence in the Town Centre. People tell me that they do not feel comfortable coming into the Town Centre and the increased visibility of police should help address these

concerns," he said.

Tackling anti-social behaviour here and addressing speeding concerns across Dewsbury East should be the priority for the local Police and are issues that Keith has been working with Mark Eastwood MP in demanding action from the Police.



Keith & Mark at the site of the new Police Headquarters

GREEN LIGHT ON TRAFFIC PETITION

The traffic congestion caused at the junction of Bywell Road and Leeds Road had been a longstanding problem as traffic seek to turn right on at the busy junction. This problem has been exacerbated with the additional houses built off Rumble Road.

Following many doorstep conversations with local residents Keith Mallinson organised a petition which

he recently presented to Kirklees Council with 650 signatures.

This problem is well known and the proposals by the Council to allow 1,500 houses also to be built at Chidswell will only add yet more cars on the already busy Leeds Rd. "This needs action and our petition has made the case forcefully with the Council and finding a solution which works for all road

users will be one of my first priorities if I am elected as one of your local Councillors "said Keith.

The Conservative Group, in its budget proposals included money specifically for tackling congestion blackspots like this. This is something which the Labour administration could have done but have instead refused to listen to local residents concerns. This has to change.



Keith speaking up for local residents at a Kirklees Council meeting

BRINGING OUR TOWN BACK TO LIFE

Prior to being elected in 2019, one of Mark's personal manifesto promises was to bring up to £25m investment to help turn round our town. "As someone who has lived in Dewsbury and the surrounding area all my life, it was a proud moment for me when the Government awarded £24.8m as part of the Town Fund in 2020." Said mark.

This money was awarded on the basis of delivering key projects in the town, including:

- A brand-new market, which will offer a wide variety of new stalls and places to eat, as well as an events arena to attract more people.
- Fibre optic broadband capability to attract businesses to the town and encourage new start up businesses.
- Bringing the arcade back into use,

opening it up to a new improved retail offering as well as creating flexible business space on the first floor.

- A new town park to attract visitors for recreation and to give the town a more visually appealing look.
- Creating more living accommodation in the town centre, with easy access to the bus and train stations.
- A new construction and skills college on the outskirts of the town, giving young people the skills needed to get into employment.

These and other projects will make our town once again an attractive place to work, eat and play. Work starts on these shortly and over the next two years we should see a huge change in our town.

YOUR CONSERVATIVE TEAM FOR DEWSBURY EAST WARD

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Your choice at this election...

A strong Conservative team working for you...

OR

More of the same with Labour-run Kirklees

- ✓ **Freeze 2% Council Tax Hike** – No Increase in council tax, removing the planned 2% tax hike by Labour at a time when homeowners are struggling to pay bills.
- ✓ **Listening to Residents about Local Roads** – increasing funding by over £10m – including improving the Bywell/Leeds Rd junction which more than 650 residents petitioned for.
- ✓ **Investing In Our Children's Education** – £3 Million allocated to help children catch up with their peers after Covid which left some students falling behind.

- ✗ **Failing to listen to concerns** about the pressures on household budgets and instead plans to increase council tax by the maximum, voting down proposals to limit the increases.
- ✗ **Failing to listen** to local residents and spending over £1.5 million resurfacing Cooper Bridge junction, only for it to be dug up again next year when redeveloped by Council.
- ✗ **Failing to listen** to the needs of those children who are failing to progress quickly enough. No extra money for students falling behind, just words but no actions.

Which will you vote for on Thursday 5th May?