

# Delivering for residents in CENTRAL IPSWICH

**We can only get things done by having a joined-up plan.**

**That means politicians working together. No arguments or point scoring. Just taking action on local issues.**

You are voting in three elections on 6th May. For Ipswich Borough Council, Suffolk County Council and for your Police & Crime Commissioner (for some of these you may have more than one candidate).

**Use them all to vote Conservative.**

So we can work together to deliver the joined-up plan that our community needs. A vote for anyone else risks politicians arguing, more delay and no action on local issues.



Your local Conservative candidates are working with Tom Hunt MP to build a better Ipswich



Your Ipswich Borough Council candidates ■  
Your Suffolk County Council candidates ■

## ALEXANDRA IBC

### Sachin Karale

Dr Sachin Karale has a research and business background and has been living and working in Ipswich for the last 16 years. He has close connections with local businesses and residents in the area.



He believes in taking a practical, energetic and positive approach to problem solving and is up for the challenge of working on and fixing the persistent problems that residents and local businesses face.

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## YOUR LOCAL COUNCIL CANDIDATES IN MAY'S ELECTIONS

### ST HELEN'S SCC

#### Sachin Karale

Dr Sachin Karale has a research and business background and has been living and working in Ipswich for the last 16 years. He has close connections with local businesses and residents in the area.



From his conversations with residents over the years, he knows the issues they want tackled: traffic, frequent floods, drugs and crime around town centre.

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### ST MARGARET'S/WESTGATE SCC

#### Debbie Richards

Debbie has five children and has lived in Ipswich for the past 15 years. She works part-time supporting homeless teenagers. Having spoken to many residents over the phone here are some priorities that will be the focus of her attention if she is elected:



- Drugs and drug gangs
- More Police on Residential Streets
- Improving the local Environment

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### ST MARGARET'S IBC

#### Debbie Richards

Debbie has lived in Ipswich for the past 15 years and works part-time with homeless teenagers. She is passionate about planting 1,000 trees within the town boundaries and ensuring a 'Healing Wood' is planted close to Ipswich. Debbie also wants to hold the council to account on the expenditure of our very high council tax. If elected she aims to get community support for a new regeneration plan for the town centre.



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### BRIDGE SCC

#### Mike Scanes

Mike, a widower has lived in Ipswich for 35 years. He is a retired NHS Project Manager having worked with Cancer Patients and the Hospice movement. His priorities are: Transport infrastructure in and around Ipswich following the announcement of the Freeport at Felixstowe, children's services and road repairs.



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### ST JOHN'S SCC

#### Ollie Rackham

Ollie was born in Ipswich and lived here for 21 years. He wants to ensure that peoples' wishes are heard at the County council. He is passionate about education and wants to support Copleston and Britannia Schools as well as ensuring that local businesses are helped in a post-covid world.



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### WESTGATE IBC

#### Katherine West

Katherine is Ipswich born and bred and is hardworking and enthusiastic. Her main priorities if elected will be:



- Tackling the drug problems, gang problems and anti-social behaviour in the area.
- Ensuring Westgate Ward is not overlooked by the Council.
- Finding solutions to the issues of traffic congestion and pollution which can affect peoples health.

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## 3 GOOD REASONS

### WHY CONSERVATIVES ARE DELIVERING FOR IPSWICH...

#### REASON 1

#### £25 MILLION TOWNS FUND BOOST

The last budget saw Ipswich awarded the maximum grant of £25 million from the Government's Stronger Towns fund.

Ipswich's local MPs, Tom Hunt and Dan Poulter, proposed improvements to local shopping parades & there is an exciting green trail forming a link from the waterfront to the town centre.

A vibrant & re-vitalised Ipswich is vital for the future growth of Suffolk & the entire eastern region. The vision is to make our town a better place to live for us all and to encourage visitors for business & pleasure to spend more time within our town centre. Ipswich needs this boost and we must make the most of this unique opportunity.

#### REASON 2

#### BACKING COUNCILS WITH FUNDING

As a result of decisions taken by Conservatives over £69 million has been given to Ipswich Borough Council for business grants, rough sleepers including Next Steps Accommodation programme, Re-opening High street funds, Covid test and trace and discretionary funds for our vulnerable people. And there is more to come.

#### REASON 3

#### ORWELL BRIDGE

At the last General Election Ipswich MP Tom Hunt committed to reducing Orwell Bridge closures in strong winds; something his Labour predecessor had failed to achieve. Now thanks to Tom's perseverance **this has been DELIVERED** and the bridge will remain open in high winds..

## DON'T JUST HOPE FOR A BETTER IPSWICH. VOTE FOR ONE.

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Your Central area candidates for May's elections to Ipswich Borough & Suffolk County Councils...

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**More Police for Suffolk**

Since the Conservatives were re-elected there are now 54 more police in Suffolk...

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# SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL

*Our record of progress*

## STRONG FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

**Conservative controlled Suffolk Council has a strong track record of sound financial management.** Although the last year has been tough the County Council has been able to draw on some of its reserves built up in previous years to help it through the crisis. These are reserves that Labour wanted to burn through when the sun was shining. Had that policy been followed the County Council would now be bankrupt.

## IMPROVING SUFFOLK'S ROADS

**£21 million pounds has been invested in the last four years** resurfacing over 25% of the road network throughout the County.



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## PROTECTING OUR LIBRARIES

**Conservatives are committed to our libraries and Suffolk is one of the few local authorities not to close any.** The service has gone from strength to strength and they are seen as very much at the heart of the community providing innovative services, training and outreach that has been particularly valuable during COVID.



FIND OUT MORE AT [suffolkconservatives.org.uk](http://suffolkconservatives.org.uk)



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## OUR TOP THREE PLANS FOR A BETTER IPSWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL

### LABOUR'S FINANCIAL FAILURES

Across the country it is Conservative councils that provide better services & value for money – something we believe Ipswich residents deserve.

Irresponsible financial management by the Labour administration has resulted in two emergency budgets in the past six months that have announced cuts, closures & job losses with the Council shutting all its customer-facing services within the Town Centre.

Sadly, Ipswich charges the highest Council tax of all 188 similar districts in England – a whopping 88% higher than Colchester and 37% higher than Norwich.

- £22.5 million spent on a business park in Peterborough when all staff were working at home
- £9+ million spent on the vacant & vandalised Toys'R'us store which still lies empty
- £158k LOST on the Ed Sheeran concerts IBC hosted

■ £5 million LOST in New Homes Bonus

This Council has struggled to adapt to the modern way it should conduct business and persisted in operating loss-making services that have changed little in decades. Ipswich Conservatives would inject a business-like approach to everything the Council does & work towards making Ipswich a place we can be proud of with services fit for the changes we will all face in the coming years.

Conservatives would build more houses and give priority to Ipswich people with a local residency requirement



### LOCAL HOMES – FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

Your Labour Council has missed its house-building targets for 8 out of last 9 years. This awful record is costing us all in more ways than one.

Thousands of families are on the housing waiting list, some with little hope of being provided a decent & secure home. Your Labour council should have provided a further 1,779 homes which could have cut this list in half.

The current system is not working & Conservatives believe Ipswich residents with 6+ years of a connection to the town should have 1st priority over all social housing. We would do this by introducing a local residency requirement as championed by Tom Hunt MP.

The Conservative government encourages Councils to develop housing by paying a New Homes Bonus. Shockingly Ipswich is receiving the 7th lowest Bonus out of all 333 councils in England.

Recently a senior Labour Councillor admitted their failure to hit building targets had cost the tax-payer £5 million in missed bonus.

Conservatives will reverse this trend & work closer with developers to meet the housing needs of Ipswich people. This must include aspirational private housing alongside affordable homes for those most in need of somewhere safe & secure to live.



Labour has failed to grasp the changing retail world and has no vision for the future of our Town Centre

### REVITALISING OUR TOWN CENTRE

Thanks to the hard work of our two MPs, Tom Hunt and Dan Poulter, we have secured a £25 million grant from the Towns Fund, the maximum available from the government, to be used on several projects, many for the town centre which has been hit hard by the pandemic and modern shopping habits.

Your Labour council has invested over £50 million of taxpayers money in out-of-town retail, like Peterborough – money that should have been spent in our town, to benefit you. Ipswich Labour wasted huge sums of money on costs for the overrun of the 'Cornhenge' project and the corrective safety measures needed after construction. Many buildings have been left derelict under Labour's watch.

The Town fund will change this and bring buildings such as Paul's Silo back into use. Working alongside partners we would ensure that Ipswich is seen as 'open for business' with new innovative ideas, to not just the town centre but many of the shopping parades that are situated across all areas of Ipswich. Conservatives believe nothing is impossible for our County town and will work with partners to make the most of any funding opportunities and maximise our historic past, as well as deliver modern ambitious projects.

## TIM PASSMORE

Your local Police & Crime Commissioner candidate

Police & Crime Commissioners have big powers:

- ✓ Managing a multi-million pound police budget
- ✓ Setting local policing priorities
- ✓ Holding the police to account

So it matters who's in charge

Tim is working to cut crime by:

- ✓ Putting more police officers on the streets of Ipswich – with strong neighbourhood teams to tackle theft, burglaries and vehicle crime.
- ✓ Working hard with you to keep children safe – with increased resources to safeguard children and families.
- ✓ Targeting drug gangs and organised crime groups – To protect our children, homes and communities from gangs and substance misuse.

With the extra police that we're working with Government to recruit.

More Police. Cutting Crime. Making Communities Safer.

## our plan for an even better Suffolk



### Improving our Environment

The Conservatives plan to promote bio-diversity by planting 200,000 trees including healing woods, wildflower verges and roadside nature reserves. We will also turbo charge plans to create over 100 additional EV charging points throughout the County.



### Improving Infrastructure

Conservatives welcome the news that the government is to prepare a business case for a £150 million upgrade to the Copdock Interchange. This is much needed to relieve some of the pressure on one of the major routes in the area.



### Improvements Under Foot

Conservatives plan for £10 million to be invested in upgrading and improving 500 miles of footpaths and pavements over the next four years. We will also invest another £10 million tackling flooding on our roads.



### Extra funding for SEND

The Conservative controlled council is investing £45 million building over 800 new school places for local children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) reducing the chances of children having to travel out of the county for their education.