

# BATHNES FOCUS

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**It's between the Lib Dems and the Conservatives on BathNES Council**

Councillors on B&NES. There are two Independents and no Greens

**Lab 5**

<b>LD</b>	<b>Con</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>31</b>

## Lib Dems fight to save schools Stubborn Conservatives press ahead with closure plan

Liberal Democrats want to keep every secondary school in B&NES open.

The Lib Dems would make Oldfield and Culverhay schools accept boys and girls so that all local children could attend. St. Mark's and all other secondary schools would stay as they are.

Bath MP Don Foster and your Liberal Democrat councillors are doing everything they can, but the only way to stop the Conservative closure plan is for the Lib Dems to win in the council elections in May.

### Lib Dem alternative:

- ✓ All secondary schools in B&NES to stay open
- ✓ Culverhay and Oldfield schools to accept both boys and girls
- ✓ Pupil premium from Lib Dems in government worth £1million to schools in B&NES



Liberal Democrat councillors and Bath MP Don Foster are fighting alongside local people to save Culverhay School

**Conservatives set to spend £40 million on new B&NES council offices**

When everyone else is cutting back, the Conservatives running B&NES Council plan to spend £40 million of our money on new offices for themselves.

They have appointment architects for the scheme, but don't know how much space they will need because they are still making staff redundant.

B&NES Conservatives are wasting our money and are completely out of touch with local people.

## Conservatives botch bus plan £18 million bill for B&NES council taxpayers

**Yes!** to fairer votes  
Fairer Votes Referendum 5th May 2011

### Kept

B&NES Conservatives are determined to keep the bus road through Newbridge back gardens that experts agree will not cut congestion or pollution.

The coalition government rejected their plans because of local opposition, so B&NES Conservatives are trying again with our money



Local Liberal Democrats want to scrap the expensive bus road and keep the useful parts of the transport plan

### Scraped

Secret Conservative plans will cut the useful parts of the Transport Package:

- × Improvements to bus stops have been cut
- × Bus lanes on London Road and Lower Bristol road won't be built
- × Driver information signs are to be cut

Britain's unfair and outdated voting system is at the heart of what's wrong in our country.

It has allowed Governments and MPs to ignore us and take us for granted. But all that can change with the Fairer Votes Referendum on 5th May 2011.

Under the fairer *Alternative Vote* system all votes will count, making sure your voice can't be ignored any more.

A Yes vote on 5th May will put power back in your hands - where it belongs.

## How the Liberal Democrats are delivering in government:

### Income tax cut

The Lib Dems are fulfilling their election promise of raising the tax threshold. One million low earners now pay no income tax and everyone else pays less.

### Pupil premium

Schools will receive £2.5 billion targeted at children from poorer backgrounds. This was a key Lib Dem election pledge to reduce educational disadvantage.

### Green new deal

Liberal Democrat ministers have set up a Green Investment Bank to fund environmentally friendly projects. This will create jobs and act against climate change.

### Political reform

There will be a referendum in May about a new fairer voting system which makes every vote count. The Lib Dems are also working to reform the House of Lords.

**Liberal Democrats**

**Working with you for a better Bath & North East Somerset**