



Wendy Rider



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New Bus Station

Mayor Dave Hodgson is delivering the long needed new bus station

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Launching the plans for the brand new bus station in Bedford, **Dave Hodgson** said "For decades now it has been widely recognised that Bedford bus station lets the town down. It is a topic that comes up time and time again as I speak to people across the Borough whether they are bus users or not, and I could not agree more with all those who tell me that it is a deeply unattractive gateway to our town. That's why I am delighted to reveal our plans for a brand new bus station and other improvements to revitalise this area. The funding is all in place and the planning application has been approved. It will present a far more inviting sight and offer modern, improved facilities for bus users."

Cllr Wendy Rider added "This is great news for Bedford. We have been waiting far too many years to get this area up to modern standards. It's great that the Mayor has cut through the obstacles and is delivering this."

Bus Station Area Redevelopment includes:

- ☒ Demolishing existing bus station and building a brand new modern building.
- ☒ Essential refurbishment of the old and run down multi-storey car park.
- ☒ A new surface car park on the site of the former blocks of flats across the road on Greyfriars.
- ☒ Brand new public toilets, with the old ones replaced with clean, high quality new facilities.
- ☒ New paving, landscaping and seating in front of the multi-storey car park, with new shop fronts too.

Tories propose Gypsy and Traveller Site in Brickhill

Mayor Dave Hodgson has rejected Conservative proposals for unnecessary Gypsy and Traveller sites throughout Bedford in urban and rural areas. The Tory proposals would see green spaces and crucial employment sites developed as gypsy and traveller accommodation in entirely unsuitable locations. This is despite the fact that all sites required in the Borough through to 2021 have either already been developed or have full planning permission in place. The Tories proposals include Little Park Farm, accessed from Hawk Drive in Brickhill, which they described as an 'ideal' location for a gypsy site. Little Park Farm contains buildings and pasture land and has been let for agricultural purposes for many years.

Hawk Drive is a heavily congested road, in particular because of traffic associated with Beauchamp Middle and Scott Lower Schools; adding the extra traffic associated with a travellers site may significantly add to the traffic problems and risks.

Mayor Dave Hodgson said: "We reject these unnecessary and indiscriminate proposals for new gypsy and traveller sites all over the Borough. We have a clear plan for dealing with this issue and have already made considerable progress for the first time in years. Already, an additional six pitches have been delivered at the existing Kempston Hardwick site and full planning permission is in place at Meadow Lane for the rest of the pitches required in the Borough. These proposals from the Conservatives would locate gypsy and traveller pitches at sites which are utterly unsuitable".

Liberal Democrat Councillor for Brickhill Ward Cllr Charles Royden added: "Brickhill residents will be shocked by the Conservatives' plans to build a site off Hawk Drive. These are simply not responsible, sensible proposals. We reject them and will continue with delivery of our clear plan in place on gypsy and traveller sites".

For more information on this and other local stories see www.PuttingBrickhillFirst.com.



Cllrs Charles Royden and Wendy Rider at the entrance to the Little Park Farm site, off Hawk Drive

Brickhill Action



Following action taken by Brickhill Lib Dem councillors, proper footpaths have been built to link **Thurne Way** and **Browney Path** with the new footpath/cyclepath along the edge of the North Brickhill Country Park.

Cllr Wendy Rider by the path from **Thurne Way**

Cllr Mark Fitzpatrick by the path from **Browney Path**

ACTION

After paving stones were left in an unsightly mess at **Brickhill Drive shops** for many weeks (see left), action was taken by your Lib Dem councillors to get this work finished and repaired properly

If you know of any local problems in Brickhill, please contact your local Lib Dem councillors. We will do our best to tackle it. See details below.

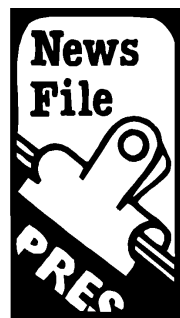
☀ Summer Playschemes & Activities

The Borough is running playschemes Mondays-Fridays, from 2nd-23rd August at a cost of £2 per session. Locally, there will be a playscheme running at Brickhill Lower School, Dove Road for 5-8 & 9-13 yr olds from 10am to 12noon. It isn't possible to pre-book. For details of this and other schemes, see www.tinyurl.com/BBCplays or call 718829.



There may still be some places available on the Youth Activity Sessions run by Sport Support on behalf of Brickhill Parish Council on 7th and 14th August. See www.brickhillparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone 271708 for details.

Local Tories try to hold Bedford Back



Local Tory councillors repeatedly throw cold water on and even try to hold up projects that come forward to regenerate Bedford Borough and bring jobs to our area.

Cllr Charles Royden said "It is no wonder that when the Conservatives made the decisions locally, improvements were few and far between, even in the economic boom times. We are now seeing a whole range of new projects that will bring jobs and life to parts of Bedford, but each time we see the Tories rushing to the newspapers to have a moan or even trying to put obstacles in the way at Council meetings. Even in reaction to the new bus station plan, they went straight to the press to raise concerns rather than welcome it!"

They have a track record of trying to hold Bedford back. Other recent examples include opposition to the new Morrisons Store; obstructing the decision that agreed the deal with the new town centre hotel because they want the council to remove MORE public car park spaces to give to the hotel; opposing the plans for the new town centre cinema and riverside restaurants; obstructing the decision to allow the developer time to put in a new doctors surgery in Goldington.

FOCUS Team Advice Surgeries

Liberal Democrat Councillors Surgeries

Local Brickhill surgeries

Brickhill Drive shops: 10am, Saturday 3rd & 31st August
Avon Drive shops: 10am, Saturday 17th August



LIBERAL DEMOCRATS

Bedford Central Library

Every Saturday, 2pm-3pm.

Mayor Dave Hodgson's Surgeries

Second Tuesday every month 4pm-6pm at Borough Hall
For an appointment ring 718620

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Dave Hodgson is getting the bypass delivered. Here Dave views the route.

A6-A428 Western Bypass another step forward

Mayor Dave Hodgson has been successful in securing £4.5m of government funds towards the cost of this missing link bypass. This by-pass has already been for planning approval and with this funding moves another vital step closer to completion.

Can we help you? If so, please get in touch.

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