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Lib Dems Stifle Sporting Clubs

Brian Oldham says, "The Cobblers and the Saints are great assets to Northampton. They bring trade to the town and promote the town across the country, throughout Europe and beyond. Their success is something we can all be proud of".



The facilities of these Clubs at Sixfields and Franklins Gardens need to develop and grow to be fit for purpose in the 21st century. These stadiums need to meet competition standards and have facilities that can generate income to support sporting success. However the Clubs themselves don't have the finance available to develop their facilities and need assistance to do so.

Commercial and retail development in the locality of these stadiums could provide the finance to enhance them, but the Lib Dems running Northampton Borough Council have established a policy against any such development to assist the Clubs develop their facilities.

The Lib Dems may say that they would welcome and support planning applications from the Clubs to develop their facilities. Of course they would, in fact nobody of any political persuasion wouldn't. The problem is that the Lib Dems would not welcome or support any planning application for nearby commercial or retail development that would fund the development of the stadiums, i.e. an ASDA development in St James.

Conservatives, including **Brian Oldham**, oppose this Lib Dem policy and will welcome and support planning applications for commercial and retail development that will fund the enhancement of Sixfields and Franklins Gardens so that The Cobblers and The Saints have facilities that are fit for purpose and can sustain top quality sporting teams in the town.



Road Safety Issues

Brian Oldham is pleased to report that **local Conservatives** have been successful in securing the installation of permanent electronic speed signs on Hunsbury Hill Road. He only hopes that these will have the desired impact and slow vehicles down.

Residents have also raised issues with regard to speeding vehicles on Lady Bridge Drive as well as the need for a crossing. **Brian Oldham** is actively campaigning and working with the County Council to secure electronic speed signs and a Zebra Crossing on Lady Bridge Drive.

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You deserve better representation

So a previous Lib Dem representative is back in West Hunsbury seeking a political position on Northampton Borough Council after failing so dismally in her endeavours to be elected as an MP in Market Harborough & Milton Keynes. Jill Hope, who doesn't even live in Northampton, let alone West Hunsbury, gave up representing you in order to pursue a parliamentary career for herself. This clearly shows that she is more interested in her own career and party politics than representing the interests of West Hunsbury. Ms Hope is now a failed parliamentary candidate and realising that she has exhausted her chances of being an MP simply wants to return as a Northampton Borough Councillor.

A hard working elected colleague who actually lives in West Hunsbury and works on behalf of the community, not their own or party political interest, has been cast aside in her favour.

Ms Hope may say a lot, but where is she at crunch time? Residents may remember how vocal Ms Hope was in supporting local residents by expressing her opposition to development off Lady Bridge Drive, but where was she at decision time? Did she turn up to voice the views of local residents at the Planning Committee that decided the issue? Of course she didn't as local residents views were at odds with her party's stance on it. Party before community - that's Ms Hope.

Conservatives, especially **Brian Oldham**, put residents first and work for you. **Brian** has lived in West Hunsbury for 14 years. All this time **Brian** has been committed to fighting for West Hunsbury and this is his second attempt at being elected as your representative on the Borough Council.

Bus Shelter - Hunsbury Hill Road



Brian Oldham is pleased to report that the County Council is looking to see if it can identify funding to install a much needed bus shelter on Hunsbury Hill Road, near Hawk Ridge. **Brian** hopes to have some positive news on this matter in the near future.

Brian will also be pressing for additional bus shelters on the 28 bus route at Hunslet Lane and Shelfleys.

Wootton Brook

Local Conservatives are pleased that the Environment Agency has been doing some works on the Wootton Brook, clearing culverts etc. The brook is a significant matter of concern to local residents due the possibility of flooding.

There is still a lot of work required to improve the brook and the flood defences surrounding it. **Brian Oldham** will continue to press the Environment Agency and others for these measures to be taken at the earliest opportunity in order to improve flood protection for local residents.



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