PORTSWOOD GREEN NEWS April 2016



Why Choose Kieren Brown for Portswood?

Kieren will:-

- Work with local residents to help make our roads safer
- Call for measures to bring down air pollution that is causing misery and despair to so many people all across Portswood
- Protect vital services for children, elderly, and vulnerable people
- Protect and enhance our green spaces as vital habitats for nationally rare species and for people to enjoy
- Fight for small businesses, which provide the backbone of the economy and are vital in promoting both local and national sustainability



Kieren examines the empty lifebuoy housing near the children's play area at Janaway Gardens.

Transport in and around Portswood

In Portswood we repeatedly face issues related both directly and indirectly to our city's unsustainable transport system.

It's time that the council started listening more acutely. For example, all too often our Council implements cycle facilities in areas cyclists do not feel they are needed but does

not put them in areas cyclists want and need them.



Daily stream of traffic though St Denys

Reckless drivers are putting pedestrians at risk. This is unacceptable and green representation would help us fight for changes that people really want.

The public meeting on Priory Road transport issues has been a huge success with over 40 residents attending, enabling us to put together a plan of action to bring forward over the coming weeks and months.

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Promotion and Protection of Small Businesses

Small local businesses are the cornerstone of a vibrant local sustainable economy. We back small businesses and would support them as a priority for renting council commercial property, and fight for council rents to be kept affordable. We oppose new international and national chain developments owing to the impact they can have on surrounding small businesses. We also encourage small businesses to sign up to the Solent Credit Union, which provides low risk financial services.

Opposition to Government Academies

Greens in Southampton and across the country are fighting against plans to turn all schools into academies, regardless of the wishes of local parents and teachers.

We encourage schools to work towards eco-school silver status and help schools teach children to be more sustainable and to encourage more collaboration between schools.



Kieren with Green Party Deputy leader, Shahrah Ali at Southampton & District Green Party's 2016 AGM

Protection of Green Spaces

We will work to protect and enhance the green spaces throughout Portswood and wherever possible look to creating new green spaces, for example during new building developments.

We want people, especially children, to access these green spaces so that they become more aware of the natural world. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to enjoy these spaces, which can help improve mental wellbeing.

Party

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