



To develop or not to develop?

Leith Hill sits within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Each year hundreds of thousands of people visit the area for recreation. However there is always pressure from development. If you have concerns about a development, here are seven top tips as to how to make the most of your views:-

- Get together with others who share your views
- Appoint a spokesperson
- Talk to the relevant planning officer dealing with the application
- Get permission to speak at the planning meeting
- Limit your thoughts to planning law. Mole Valley's website (www.molevalley.gov.uk) has a planning section and it is a mine of information
- Lobby your planning committee members
- Attend the hearing

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Thank You!

I would like to offer my thanks to the people of Leith Hill for electing me as their Conservative District Councillor. Secondly, thanks are due from all of us to Neil Maltby who represented this ward so superbly for so many years. Neil continues to be an active Conservative, working tirelessly on your behalf. I am glad to have his advice and support.

For more information, please visit www.leithhill.org.uk or visit Mole Valley Conservative Association at www.mvca.co.uk



Let us know:

Please use this space to let us know of any problems you would like us to help with

Please return this form to: Malcolm Johnson, Top Flat, Old Dene, Chapel Lane, Westhumble, Surrey, RH5 6BA



Name: _____

Address: _____

Post Code: _____

Telephone: _____

If you wish to be kept informed by email of future campaigns and local information, please let us have your email address: _____

- I can help deliver leaflets in my area
- Please send me details of Conservative events
- Please send me details about possibly joining the Conservatives

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Conservative action in Leith Hill

Byways open to All Traffic

As the people of Cold Harbour know, complaints have been made about the use of **Byways Open to All Traffic** ("BOATS") by four wheel drivers or "off roaders", in particular of the byways that run down Cockshot Hollow and Wolvens Lane. The problem is not confined to Coldharbour. There are also complaints about the public right of way known as the Drove Road, which runs from Ranmore Common Road westerly to Sheepwalk Lane and the A25 at Abinger.



Surrey County Council recently invited responses to their "Rights of Way Improvement Plan." If you want to see my response, and a discussion of the legal position in relation to BOATS, log on to my website, www.leithhill.org.uk.

So what are we doing about this? I attended a meeting on the 17th September 2007 of the Leith Hill Access Forum together with representatives from Surrey County Council, the Forestry Commission, the National Trust, the Wotton Estate and the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. A further meeting is set for December 2007.

A number of action points were suggested, including:-

- Engaging with the police to help arrest those who are damaging the byways
- Lobbying Surrey County Council to review their criteria in relation to byways
- Placing stumps by the byways to stop drivers going off the byway
- Engaging with those users of the byway who drive their vehicles responsibly

This will be a very difficult issue to tackle. A further meeting of the Leith Hill Access forum is to be held in very shortly. In the meantime, if residents want to speak to me about this issue, please contact me at malcolm@mjsol.co.uk or visit my website at www.leithhill.org.uk where updates on this issue will be published.

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What's happening at MVDC?

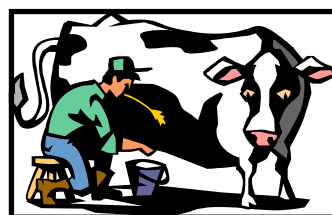
A new constitution for the Council — Mole Valley District Council is founded on a “committee style constitution. However very few councils run themselves in this way and the Conservative controlled council has decided to go for an “Executive” council constitution, in order to get things done faster. Over the last few months, the Council has been consulting with the people of Mole Valley on the new model constitution and the Council hopes to go Executive at some point in 2008.



Transfer of the council's housing stock—In October 2007, the Conservative controlled Council transferred its housing stock to a “not for profit” public sector organization. The total financial benefit to the Council will be in excess of £70 million over the next ten years, of which some £35 million will now go to the Council. The transfer was driven by hard economic facts as well as the need to maximize value for money for Council Tax payers.

Foot & Mouth

Surrey's Conservative MPs were quick to act together and co-ordinate with the farmers and DEFRA from the very beginning of the outbreak. Those MP's who had farmers within the restricted areas had personal contact with them. Others met with or were in contact with farmers' representatives throughout this Surrey emergency. This enabled close contact between government ministers and senior staff at DEFRA during the emergency.



One problem that was highlighted by this outbreak was the fact that Surrey County Council was unable to close rights of way without prior permission of the Secretary of State. This delayed things somewhat and could potentially have contributed to the spread of the disease. Conservatives at Surrey County Council will be trying to get a change in the law to enable County Councils to close rights of way without recourse to Government. In these situations, speed is paramount and we hope that the Government will recognise this.

Brown needs to change!

Gordon Brown has spent the last ten years throwing away our money, now he's Prime Minister we must all hope he can change his ways. He sold off a big chunk of our national gold reserves – after depressing the price by telling everyone that he was about to oversupply the world market. That £1 billion of **OUR** money he threw away.

Then, he ruined our pensions system with his tax grab of 1997, costing us £5 billion that year and a greater sum every year since. The total to date stands at around £100 billion of pension-savers' hard earned cash and by the time today's 28 year olds retire, it will be more than £1 trillion of **OUR** money stolen from us.

Finally, he's increased the workload on local government whilst continually reducing grant funding. So central government is awash with tax income to fritter away, but the poor Council Tax payer gets an ever-growing bill. It's fortunate that in many places – like Mole Valley – there are teams of Conservative Councillors committed to shielding their neighbours from the worst of your depredations.

Yes, Mr Brown, let change begin! Let's start by bringing in a Conservative Government!

Is this what you want?

- A European Head of State
- An EU Diplomatic Corps and Foreign Minister
- A common system of criminal justice and a European Public Prosecutor
- The abolition of 40 national vetoes
- Bestowing on the EU the “legal personality” and treaty-making powers of a sovereign state.
- Reducing Britain's voting strength in the Council of Ministers meetings by 30 per cent.



These are just a few examples of numerous changes to the UK way of life as we know it, if the EU Treaty (replacement Constitution) is allowed to happen.

At the last General Election in 2005 all three main political parties promised a referendum on these changes in their manifestos. The government are refusing a referendum as they say that the Treaty doesn't go as far as the defeated constitution, but now even Labour's own MPs are calling it “substantially equivalent”. The Conservatives believe that they should stick to their promises and that the Reform Treaty should not come into effect without being approved in a national referendum.

This is a most important issue, one that politicians of all the main parties support. Our Conservative MEP Daniel Hannan is campaigning nationally to have a referendum and you can write to him at 58 Keswick Road, Great Bookham, Surrey KT23 4BH to show your support for British democracy before this government gives it away.

Mole Valley NHS Survey

Our MP Paul Beresford recently conducted a survey to find out what Mole Valley constituents had to say on local health services.

The results were as follows:-

- Over 50% are either “very” or “quite” satisfied with local doctors, in-patient and out-patient service, NHS Direct, A & E services and walk in centres
- 86% don't think that they get adequate information about the range of NHS services available
- Over 90% think access to the NHS is deteriorating
- 85 don't think we are getting value for money from the NHS.



Like so many of you, Paul is very concerned about the Labour government's target culture and changes in the NHS that are threatening our local services. This year alone he's spoken or asked questions on the NHS in the House of Commons thirteen times, but we'll have to see if the government is listening.