### **Surrey County Council Election**

### Thursday 6th May 2021



# Nick DARBY

## YOUR RESIDENTS' CANDIDATE FOR SURREY

#### A Message from Nick:

12 Basing Close, Thames Ditton

I am standing for election again for Surrey County Council as the Residents' Association Councillor for the Dittons. It has been an enormous privilege to have been involved over the last four years.

I will continue to provide effective and practical work in the community to get the best solutions in these difficult times. Working closely with officers and colleagues is vital to get results. An example of this is Mental Health, where I chaired a Surrey Task Group which recently put forward numerous recommendations - many acted upon, ensuring help is available when it is most needed.

I keep in touch with you through emails, calls and regular zoom meetings, and updates in our local magazines. Pre-Covid, my preference has always been to meet all who contact me face to face, something I very much wish to resume when conditions allow.

I hope to have your support on 6<sup>th</sup> May. I look forward to continuing Residents' representation in Surrey, meeting and listening to many of you in Long Ditton, Thames Ditton and Weston Green.

Nick has lived in the Dittons for over 25 years. Married with 3 children, he worked as a solicitor, including helping small businesses. He is a keen walker, especially in Long Ditton's green spaces. He supports Thames Ditton Cricket Club, and is often found on Giggs Hill Green on Summer Saturdays.

#### Why vote Residents?

- With Nick as Leader of the Opposition at Surrey, Residents' Councillors vigorously challenge the administration to improve services and financial management.
- We live locally and work solely for our communities' interests, putting residents at the heart of everything we do.
- Residents' Association Councillors work hard and respond to residents' needs.
   We get things done!
- At a time of funding cuts, we will contiue fighting to minimise the damage to services in our divisions.

Residents' Councillors are independent and truly represent those who elect them.

We are not bound by national political party agendas.

Meet Nick and hear more at our Zoom Election Meeting on 20th April, 8.00pm.



See our website for details:

www.residents-association.com/election

#### **Priorities for The Dittons**

- Green Belt: Continued support for retention of Green Belt and Open Spaces, for new development in keeping with local character, and for Long Ditton Village Green application.
- **Infrastructure:** Push for a more strategic and coordinated approach to local infrastructure, eg. roads, doctors surgeries and schools.
- **Utilities:** Ensure better coordination of utility works throughout the Dittons.

- Highways: Continue to work for road and footway resurfacing and repairs.
- Health & Wellbeing: Improve facilities for Mental Health, Adult Care and Children.
- £5.50 Charge for Drive to Surbiton/Kingston: Oppose Mayor of London proposal to expand cross-border charge to cover Greater London.
- **Climate Change:** Use every opportunity to reduce our carbon footprint.

#### What Nick's persistence and hard work has achieved for us

Safety: Installed school crossings in Long Ditton. Improved road junctions at Rectory Lane and Alma Road. Installed defibrillators at Dittons Library & Manny's.



Resurfaced the footpath between Rectory Lane and Ditton Hill Road.





Library:

Successfully fought to protect Dittons Library from closure during Surrey Council cutbacks



**Buses:** 

Worked with parents to obtain a new extended bus service to Three Rivers Academy in Walton.





**Health:** Supported roll-out of enhanced GP service by Mental Health Practitioners. Funded mental health first-aid training for local teachers. Funded new equipment for those with dementia at Mercer Close Centre, and for KT6 Litter Pickers.



**Parking:** Speeded up the frequency of parking reviews to achieve an optimal balance between traffic flow and safety (eg. improved sight lines). Sorted out a major parking issue in the road leading to Albany Reach.

# For a strong Residents' voice working for us in The Dittons, vote **Nick Darby**

