

HARLOW ALLIANCE NEWS

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BUSTING CONSERVATIVE CLAIMS

THE
DISAPPEARING
COUNCILLOR

FIXING COUNCIL HOUSING.



Will Winners become Losers ???

CLAIM: Reducing the 6000 backlog of housing repairs

FACT Hundreds of jobs were cancelled either because they were duplicates or the work had already been done. Just 200 houses are externally repaired and painted each year most have not had such work done for decades.

CLAIM: Reducing the turn-round time on empty homes from 60 to 20 days.

FACT During the previous 10 years the average time was 17 days.

CLAIM: Local homes for local people

FACT Proposed changes will make very little difference to those waiting for a council home.

RESTORING PRIDE IN HARLOW

CLAIM: Replanting estates with new flower beds, fixing potholes, railings, streetlights and tidying up the roadside

FACT There is very little evidence of any of this anywhere in the town, as fast as things are done, other problems appear.



The refurbished Prentice Place

REBUILDING OUR TOWN

CLAIM: Rebuilding the Town Centre and building hundreds of council houses.



FACT The Conservatives plan for the Town Centre and house building are very similar to Labours. They will still leave the town with the smallest theatre in the region, a live music venue smaller than the long demolished The Square and less council owned homes than in 2012.

SECURING INVESTMENT INTO HARLOW



CLAIM: Creating thousands of new high skilled jobs, welcoming the UK Health Security Agency to Harlow as well as a new hospital.

FACT Very few highly skilled jobs have been created, the UK Health Security Agency move to Harlow has clearly been put on hold and the site effectively mothballed and the new hospital is now not expected to open until 2034 and is not in Harlow anyway.

IMPROVING COUNCIL SERVICES



CLAIM: To improve council services whilst freezing Council Tax

FACT By not filling dozens of vacant posts and deleting many from the council's establishment was one way they could freeze Council Tax. This has led to a poorer service, evidenced if you try to speak to a council officer on the telephone or meet them in person. The closing of the cash office was also another consequence.

PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES



CLAIM: Tackling anti-social behaviour rolling out CCTV better lighting, putting more police officers on the street and toughening penalties for offenders of anti-social behaviour.

FACT For a decade the number of police officers and back-room staff were drastically cut. Many councils such as Harlow tried to fill the void by creating Community Safety Teams, placing a burden on Council Taxpayers. What has not been tackled is the causes of crime and anti-social behaviour.

