



# CHELLS FOCUS



From Tim Neale and the Lib Dem team

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## MORE MARRIOTTS MISERY FOR CHELLS

### Demolition spoil through Telford and Newton from September 2012 to March 2013

The 'Go Ahead' for the Marriotts and Lonsdale Schools redevelopment has started.

Many local residents were surprised to find out that the plan includes 645 8-wheel lorries driving through Telford and Newton. They thought this had been ruled out.

The Lib Dem team has worked with residents through out the planning

procedure to try to get them the best deal possible.

This has resulted in restrictions on the hours of use and acoustic fencing to reduce the impact on people living close to the site.

Unfortunately residents will still be subjected to the misery of spoil removal 09/2012 to 03/2013.

Many remember the mess the roads were left in when the Marriotts Gym was built.



The Lib Dem team have been working to minimise the impact on the lives of Chells residents

**Marriotts Watch web site set up  
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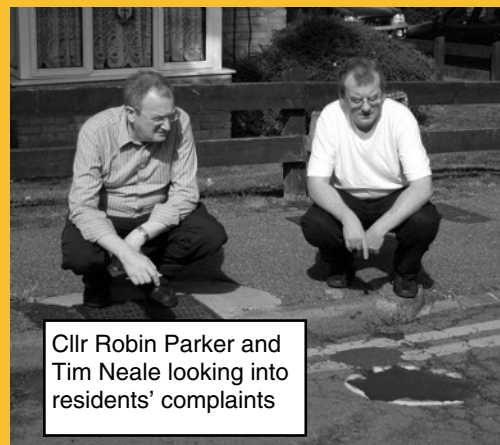
### Watching the Developers, Getting Residents a Better Deal

## Introducing Tim Neale

Tim Neale's parents were among the first to move out to Stevenage New Town. He was born here in 1961 and was brought up in Collenswood Road, where his parents still live. He says he, "Grew up with town."

He attended Ashtree and Nobel Schools and apart from time away at London and Cranfield Universities he has lived in Stevenage all his life.

He worked for ABB and Fujitsu before going freelance four years ago. He currently works from home.



Cllr Robin Parker and Tim Neale looking into residents' complaints

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# Introducing Tim Neale

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Tim first became a "community activist" to try and get a better service for Stevenage Homes leaseholders like him self.

He says that the web site he maintains Stevenage Leaseholders Online, "Provides a place for dissatisfied leaseholders to connect and organize."

"Staff at Stevenage Homes read the site, even if no one else does."

More recently he has become involved with residents concerned with the Marriotts School redevelopment.

**"Too often people feel ignored"**

- Tim Neale

Asked why he wants to be a councillor, he explains, "My involvement with leaseholders' and the Marriotts redevelopment

*brought home to me how impotent and frustrated ordinary people feel when faced with a large bureaucracy. I want to try and even things up a bit."*

Tim is a passionate follower of the England football team. He travelled to South Africa last year for the FIFA world cup. He has yet to miss an England game at the rebuilt Wembley stadium.

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## Action in Chells IN BRIEF

Liberal Democrat County Councillor Robin Parker has been using his County Council locality grant to support social, economic and environmental causes around Chells. Below are a few examples of the differences he has made

### Home-Start gets Helping Hand

£1,000 for a voluntary organisation that supports families to help it extend its services to parents who have health difficulties.

### Improvements for Chells Pavilion



The Lib Dem Team are working for Chells

£2,500 to the Chells Pavilion to create safe and secure outdoor areas for children and toddlers who use the facilities.

### New Play Area for Timbridge Pre-School

£1000 to the Rainbow's End Pre-School group to help pay for a large artificial grass play space to be created for children.

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# Making a difference: Five key Liberal Democrat achievements in Government

## 1 Scrapped Labour's intrusive ID cards plan

Lib Dems in Government have followed through on the pledge to scrap Labour's ID cards scheme.

Described by Lib Dems as "expensive, intrusive, and ineffective", Labour's ID cards plan became increasingly unpopular as it

emerged it could cost up to £300 per person.

Now thanks to Lib Dems in Government, British citizens will no longer need

to have their details added to a massive Government ID database just to get a passport or a driving licence. ✓

## 2 £2.5bn "pupil premium" to benefit schools

Liberal Democrats recognise that education in the first few years of life is the most important.

We've increased free early years education for 3 and 4 year olds. And we're extending it to 2 year olds from poorer families.

What's more, now disadvantaged pupils will get a "pupil premium" that follows them from school to school.

The funding - worth £2.5bn - could help headteachers to reduce class sizes, or to provide more one-to-one tuition. ✓

## 3 Tough new rules to curb "garden grabbing"

Tough new planning rules brought in by Lib Dems in Government will aim to protect communities

against so-called "garden grabbing". The phenomenon - where developers build homes on existing gardens because

they are classified as "brown field" sites - is a concern of many people who wish to protect the character of their area.

Now gardens are to be reclassified as "Greenfield" sites, making it much more difficult to built on them. ✓

## 4 More low earners to be taken out of income tax

After 13 years of the gap between the richest and poorest increasing under Labour, Lib Dems

are making a real difference for hard working people on low incomes. By increasing the personal tax allowance up to an

eventual £10,000, Lib Dems will cut the income tax bill for millions of people. And millions more will be taken out of tax altogether.

The plans will make it much more worthwhile for people to get out of unemployment and back into work. ✓

## 5 No more Post Office closures

After years of Post Office closures under both Labour and Conservative Governments, the Coalition

Government has announced that it will not close any further branches for the duration of this Parliament.

Instead, Lib Dem minister Ed Davey will help to invest £1.3 billion in modernising and improving Post Offices.

Post Office branches will be helped to offer more banking and local Council services to make them more viable. ✓

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# Tim Neale



## www.marriottswatch.org.uk

Tim Neale created the *Marriotts Watch* web site to

- Let everyone around the school know what was going on.
- Create a focal point for lobbying.
- Let the builders and Herts CC know that there was a public site where complaints will be aired, making them harder to ignore.

Says Tim:

“ We are not against the development of the school and our concern now is to ensure that commitments made on working hours and repairs to roads and verges after the construction are kept.

We have already had good response on the site with different views aired on the route of the spoil trucks. ”

“ Publicly aired complaints are harder to ignore ”

- Tim Neale

Marriotts Watch gives anyone in the area a chance to have their say on what is going on with the redevelopments and help create a public record of the development process as seen from ground zero.

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