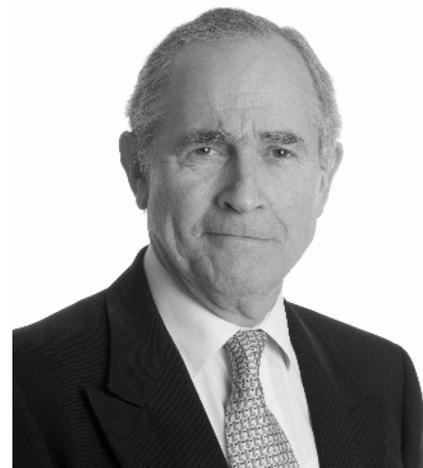


Hampshire County Council

Elections

4th May 2017



PIERS BATEMAN
Your **Conservative** candidate
for Elson, Forton & Hardway

Dear Resident,

You will shortly be making your choice of candidate in the County Council elections, by your Postal vote or at the Polling Station on Thursday 4th May.

I am seeking election as your County Councillor for the Elson - Forton - Hardway division of Gosport. Please may I have your support? I have the experience, the skills, and the commitment, to provide you and our area with the best representation.

I've been a Gosport resident for more than 45 years. Amongst other jobs, I have served in the Army (initially with the Royal Hampshire Regiment) and the Territorials. I have led a successful business in Pompey with 40 to 50 staff, and have a strong legal/negotiating background as a recently retired 'troubleshooting' business and employment solicitor.

I now serve as a councillor in the Conservative led Borough Council which has successfully delivered numerous projects - including the new recreation park at Holbrook, upgrade of the Leisure Centre, a new Premier Inn, upgrade of the Ice Rink, creation of the Alver Valley Country Park, and the highly successful Eclipse bus service from Gosport into Fareham, to mention just a few. Next up are plans for re-developing Gosport Waterfront (and replacing that horrible old Bus Station!), and to seize the golden opportunity to go ahead with the Stubbington by-pass! The by-pass is very important to us as it will help to reduce traffic (and our huge frustration!) on the A32. Gosport goes from strength to strength.

My priorities are:

- **Health Care** and the problems of looking after our older and vulnerable people - who need and deserve our compassion and help. A good quality life for all.
- **Education and Employment** - to attract yet more businesses and employment opportunities (big success so far!), together with excellent training facilities to provide Gosport's skilled workforce for the future - **local jobs for local people**.
- **Armed Forces**. Gosport has a long history of association with all branches of the armed services. It is important to honour our commitment to the welfare of those serving and our veterans, and all their families.

Am I the man for the job? I think I am. I hope you will give me the opportunity to serve.

Yours sincerely,