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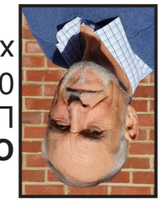

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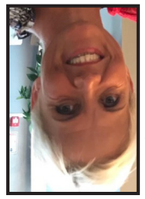

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Over the last ten years we've achieved so much. Here's a reminder of some of our projects...

"Gosport Conservatives have made great improvements to our local area!"
Chris Best

1 LEISURE CENTRE

Ten years ago Holbrook Recreation Centre had water running down the walls, towels stopping the draughts from fire doors and out dated changing facilities.

Over the last ten years we've seen the opening of the brand new Gosport Leisure Centre, which has since been extended, with modern facilities enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of visitors annually.

2 FERRY PONTOON

The Gosport Ferry Pontoon was run down and a pitiful sight as a gateway to Gosport.

Recognising some three million plus travellers use the pontoon annually, we provided a more modern, up to date and welcoming facility, which also provides ferry users shelter from inclement weather during the winter months.

3 ALVER VALLEY

We have transformed an unused piece of land in the Alver Valley with a fabulous play area, a café, toilet facilities including changing places and extended the Western car park.

Now planning permission has been approved for a garden centre in the Alver Valley, enhancing the facilities in the Country Park even further!

4 SPLASH PARKS

Our beaches had no water play facilities for young people to enjoy.

Over the past decade we have provided two new Splash Parks and play areas at both Stokes Bay and Lee on the Solent Beach for all local residents to enjoy for free.

These facilities are well used and loved by all, especially the younger generation.

5 BETTER TRANSPORT

Gosport has benefited from over £110m for local highway & transport improvement projects since 2010.

Works include Newgate Lane North, Newgate Lane South, Peel Common Roundabout, the Bus Rapid Transit Scheme and the new relief road, the Stubbington Bypass, which is currently underway.

6 BROCKHURST GATE

Brockhurst Gate Retail Outlet opened in 2019 bringing new shops and over 200 local jobs for Gosport people.

It shows the huge confidence that big national businesses have to invest in Gosport with everything from Marks & Spencer Foodhall to Jollyes now on our doorstep providing employment and enjoyment.

Gosport Conservatives' vision for the future

COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

We plan to:

- employ a dedicated climate change officer
- install electric vehicle charging points in council car parks
- boost the council's tree-planting scheme, – aiming for "The Year of A Thousand Trees"
- invest to encourage residents to recycle in the most efficient and beneficial way
- fit Council Buildings with solar panels for renewable energy where appropriate
- investigate the re-wilding of unused areas, turning them into wildflower meadows

IMPROVING OUR HIGH STREET

Having secured a £1.7million grant from Government we aim to breathe new life into Gosport town centre. New businesses, cultural activities and apartments could revitalise the area. We look to:

- encourage more restaurants and night-time entairtainment venues
- revamp the town centre market
- explore the potential for a permanent indoor market
- hold more arts and performance events in Lawrence Square and Walpole Park
- use grants to encourage landlords to improve shop frontages and bring upper floors into use

PROMOTING OUR HERITAGE

Gosport has an impressive collection of historic buildings. To secure their future requires significant investment and a commitment to find proposals that are practical, viable and work in the best of the community. We will:

- raise the profile of the Gosport Lines earthworks
- consider a conservation area for Stokes Bay
- masterplan military sites earmarked for disposal
- develop apprenticeships in building conservation skills ensuring a legacy for the future
- create an attractive environment using our heritage sites to draw in investment and visitors

BUILDING NEW HOUSING

We're planning the biggest council-house building programme for a generation. Over the next three years, we intend to build around 100 new homes for people on the waiting list. The homes will be:

- a mix of flats and houses
- for people already living in the borough
- built on land owned by the council in Gosport
- designed to be lifetime homes – adaptable as people get older or become less mobile.
- built near other council housing, helping families stay together
- meet current energy standards

Creating a better Gosport for everyone

ENHANCING OPEN SPACES

Ensuring access to better parks and improved open spaces is essential to everyone's health and wellbeing. Some initiatives include:

- planning to build a new sports pavilion at Nobes Avenue
- making Stokes Bay even better for keeping active, including refurbishing the splash park
- installing individual pieces of outdoor gym equipment next to the prom's 'golden mile'
- adding new play and exercise equipment at Tukes Avenue
- providing more play equipment at Walpole Park

WATERFRONT REGENERATION

Plans to redevelop Gosport bus station and create an exciting waterfront area continue. We will soon start offering the development opportunity to suitable companies. The plan includes:

- waterfront bars and cafes or restaurants with outside seating
- shop units with apartments above
- a new bus interchange
- provide an attractive leisure and retail destination for residents and visitors.
- retain Falklands Gardens as a memorial garden
- enhance our much loved waterfront area

CREATING EMPLOYMENT

Creating jobs in the Borough is key to reducing the out-commuting congestion on our roads. To encourage employment in our area we will:

- set up a small business incubator providing support and work space for small businesses
- create a high street hub to train residents looking for a career in customer services or hospitality
- promote the use of local businesses
- push for the Daedalus Waterfront site regeneration to remain employment based
- run events during Global Entrepreneurship Week and host the Gosport Employment & Skills Fair

LEADING ON LIBRARIES

Gosport Conservatives are fully supporting the aims of both Lee and Elson residents to maintain their libraries after funding cuts.

- Both groups have worked hard to achieve charity status and have volunteers who will run the day to day operations and a team of Trustees in overall control.
- Conservative led Gosport Borough Council have awarded grants from CIL which will enable vital equipment to be purchased to allow books to be issued and returned.
- The libraries will also be able to replenish books from Hampshire County Council on a regular basis.