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From your local Liberal Democrat councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby
Working for you all year round, not just at election time

NEW LOCAL PLAN

Lib Dems Providing A Fresh Start for Our Community

The draft Wiltshire Council Local Plan, submitted after seven years in production by the Conservatives, has now been formally withdrawn.

The plan was based on outdated information and failed to reflect what residents and parish councils were experiencing. It no longer aligned with national policy, and government planning inspectors raised major concerns.

Some proposed housing sites proved unrealistic once infrastructure and environmental constraints were properly considered, and starting again was the responsible choice.

The Lib Dem-led administration is committed to doing this properly, with fresh evidence, realistic site options and clear communication.



Kym-Marie speaking in the chamber.

Lib Dem councillor for Marlborough East, Kym-Marie Cleasby, says:

"As the Portfolio Holder for the new Local Plan I've been working to ensure your concerns were heard from the outset. I've highlighted issues in the old plan, pushed for greater transparency and supported a more open, evidence-led process. This is very much a shared effort between councillors, parishes and residents."

RESURFACING SUCCESS

Lib Dem Kym-Marie acts on Herd Street and Barn Street

Residents in Marlborough have welcomed the recent resurfacing works on Herd Street and Barn Street, completed as a part of Wiltshire Council's ongoing commitment to improving local infrastructure.

The project was completed overnight to minimise disruption and peak daytime traffic delays, and the crew delivered the work exactly on schedule.

The result is a smoother, quieter road surface that has already made a noticeable difference to those living nearby.

Councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby praised the team for their efficiency and care:

"What a great job! Done at night



Lib Dems working hard to deliver safer roads.

and on schedule. Now the residents can sleep better without the noise!"

This resurfacing initiative shows what can be achieved with good planning, clear communication and a focus on community impact. It sets a positive precedent for future works across the town.



Cllr Kym-Marie's Column

People often ask why I love being a Wiltshire Councillor and representing Marlborough East.

The answer is simple: because it gives me the opportunity to make a real difference to the place I call home.

One moment I might be helping a local resident navigate a problem, the next I'm working on decisions that will shape Wiltshire for years to come. I enjoy meeting people from every walk of life, listening to different views and finding practical solutions that benefit our communities.

I also run a business and value spending time with my husband, so balance is important. But representing the people of Wiltshire is a privilege, and one I never take for granted.

There is no greater reward than knowing you've helped someone, however small that contribution may be. That's why I love being a Wiltshire Councillor.

Would you ever think about being a councillor?

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www.eastwiltslibdem.org.uk

SATURDAY DROP-INS AT MARLBOROUGH WAITROSE: LISTENING TO RESIDENTS

Every Saturday at Marlborough Waitrose, residents know they can speak directly with me as their local councillor.

My weekly drop-ins give people a simple, approachable way to raise concerns, share ideas or get clarity on local issues without needing an appointment or navigating formal council channels.

People often tell me how much this matters to them: "It's rare these days to have such easy access to someone who represents us. Knowing there's a set time each week makes it so much easier to talk about what's going on."

The conversations range from quick questions about local services to in-depth discussions about planning, transport, education and community

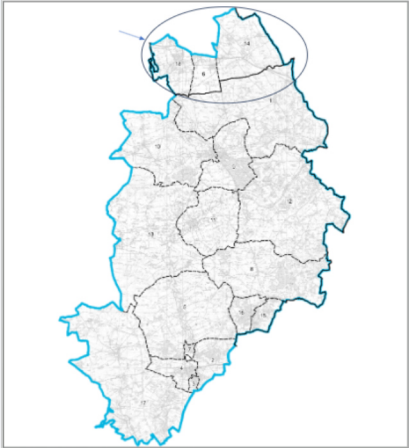


wellbeing. Some residents stop by with updates; others come seeking guidance.

At a time when many people feel distant from decision-making, I make it a priority to be available and to listen to the community I serve.

In Brief... News

East Wiltshire Constituency Explained



The constituency of East Wiltshire was created in 2024 after a national boundary review. East Wiltshire has about 73,000 residents.

East Wiltshire stretches from Wroughton down through Marlborough, Pewsey Vale and Amesbury – an area of approximately 400 square miles. The average English constituency has an area of around 70-100 square miles - which means East Wiltshire is one of the largest in the country.

Two of the electoral wards in the constituency fall under Swindon Borough Council (Wroughton & Wichelstowe, and Chiseldon & Ridgeway) and the remainder (sixteen) fall under Wiltshire Council. In 2025 the Lib Dems took over the leadership of Wiltshire Council. Swindon Borough Council elections took place in May of this year, and we returned the Council's sole Liberal Democrat representative.

The current MP for East Wiltshire is Danny Kruger, elected as a Conservative in 2024 and later joining Reform UK in 2025.

TACKLING TRAFFIC ON THE A346

Looking ahead Kym-Marie is now turning her attention to the A346 - the main road running from Swindon to Burbage right through Marlborough.

De-priming this route (taking it out of the national primary route network) remains a key priority to help ease heavy traffic through Marlborough (specifically HGVs) and improve safety and quality of life for residents.

The national primary route network is jointly defined by central and local government which means that Wiltshire Council needs to work with National Highways to find solutions.



Got an issue you want Cllr Kym-Marie Cleasby to look into?

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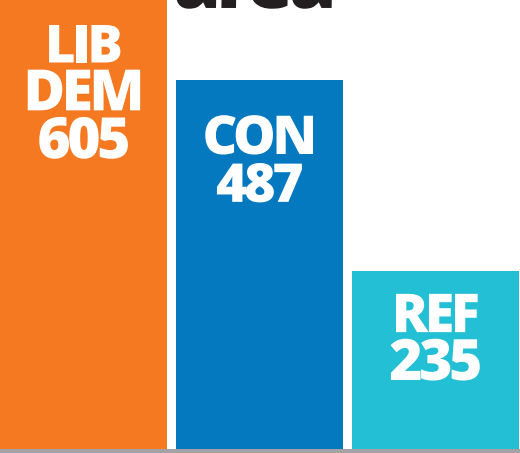
I can help the team...

- ☐ I can help deliver leaflets for the Lib Dems
- ☐ I can make a donation to help the Lib Dems
- ☐ I will be voting for the Lib Dems
- ☐ I will join the Lib Dems

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☐ Yes ☐ No

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Lib Dems are winning in our area



Wiltshire Local Election result in Marlborough East division, May 2025

Local residents here are backing Kym-Marie.

Voting for anyone other than the Lib Dems here only helps Reform UK and the Conservatives.