

With Great Bentley



Great Bentley Residents Reveal "What They Think"

Residents of Great Bentley think the area does not have enough Police Officers, Inheritance Tax should be scrapped and oppose plans for a new town next to the A120. That is the message from respondents to the *In Touch* Survey, which was delivered to over 1000 homes in the village recently.

In Touch editor and Conservative Candidate for the Local Council Elections on 3rd May, Lynda McWilliams, said, "I would like to say 'Thank you' to everyone who completed and returned our recent survey. The results make for interesting reading and I will be doing what I can to make sure the concerns raised are addressed".

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A133 ACCESS CONCERN

As most of you are aware, access to the A133 from either Heckford Road or Shair Lane can often be impossible. This is another ongoing problem that is becoming worse as each year goes by.

Lynda McWilliams said, "This issue needs resolving and soon before someone is killed".



**Pictured above:
Lynda McWilliams**

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Fed up with Tendring Council putting itself First?

Thursday 3rd May 2007 (Polls open 7am-10pm)

For a lift to the Polling Station, please call (01376) 562862

Lynda McWilliams
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Conservatives



Speeding Pledge

Many residents expressed concern about vehicle speed through the village, especially on Plough Road.

Lynda (right) said, "*The Neighbourhood Action Plan Team (NAP) meets on a regular basis with the Police and Tendring's Crime and Disorder Partnership. As a member of NAP, I shall make sure that Great Bentley is not forgotten and work toward making these roads safer*".



Opposition To Simmons Yard Development

The majority of respondents were against the proposed Simmons Yard development. Those who were in favour were specific as to their reasons (affordable housing being the main consideration). All, however, believed that the traffic congestion in the area of Tesco needed to be addressed before this development could be considered.

Traffic Problems Around Tesco



Many local people expressed concern about poor parking outside Tescos. This ongoing problem appears to be getting worse, despite the recent presence of a Traffic Warden who handed-out a number of parking tickets. The photograph (above) shows drivers are now parking opposite the road junction of New Cut outside China Palace, and there is also a 4x4 parked on the double yellows. When other vehicles need to manoeuvre through the village, this inconsiderate parking makes it very difficult for drivers to see clearly in both directions.

Lynda said, "*Is there anything that can be done? I would like to think so and if elected to the District Council I will persist until something is done*".

Alarm at Lib-Lab plans to hit homes with new House Price Tax

Moves by Labour and the Liberal Democrats to hit homes with a new house price tax have been attacked by Lynda McWilliams.

The Lib-Lab proposals, which would hit the country with a "national 1% property tax", would come on top of Lib Dem plans for a new local income tax of up to 5 per cent on both basic and higher rates of income tax.

Lynda said, "*I am concerned that both Labour and the Liberal Democrats are actively planning to introduce a house price tax – and cynically tap into the rise in property values in recent years*".

"Families and pensioners are already struggling to meet the rising cost of mortgages, utility bills and government taxes. I doubt that these Lib-Lab plans for weighty tax bills will be welcome on Great Bentley's doorsteps."

Lib-Lab tax plans would hit homeowners hard:

Under a 1% house price tax, a family in a three bedroom house valued at £300,000 will pay £3000 a year.