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Conservative Manifesto To Challenge Euro-Federalism



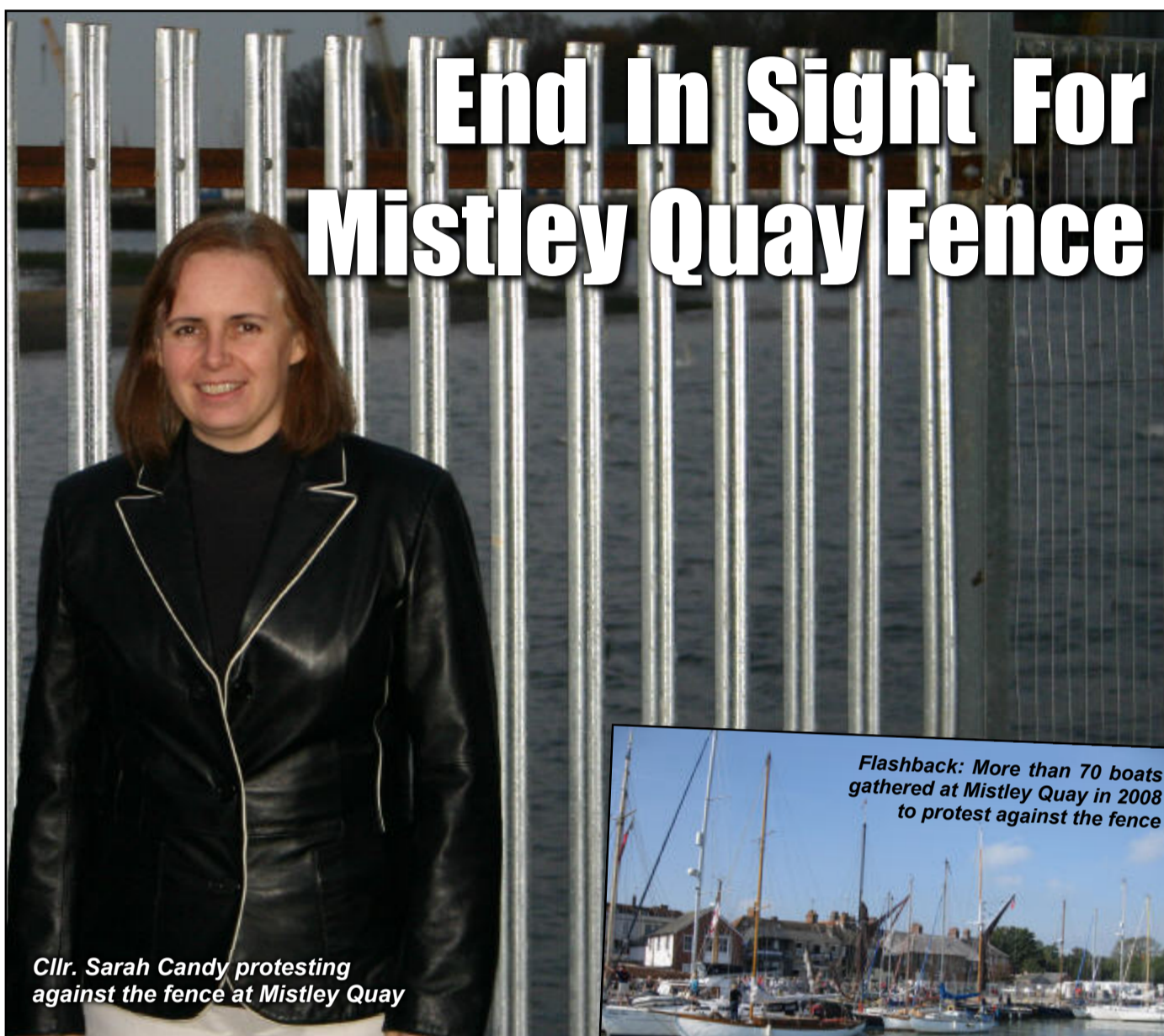
This year's Conservative election manifesto will challenge Euro-federalism more radically than at any previous election.

David Cameron has proposed a new law, which makes it illegal to ratify any future EU treaty without a referendum. He has set out plans for a Sovereignty Act, which would reassert the primacy of Parliament over the law of the UK. The next Conservative Government would also plan to claw back key powers from the EU over social and employment regulation. We would reverse moves for EU laws to take over the criminal justice system. We would stop the EU implementing their so-called, "Fundamental Charter" of human rights. This is on top of plans to take back control of UK Human Rights Law by means of a British Bill of Rights.

David Cameron has not ruled out a referendum on the EU at some later date, if his government does not make progress on this. So either we start to get things back under UK control, or we will still have that referendum.

"The UK must have the right to make our own laws"

Bernard Jenkin said, "I know many people are angry (including me!) that there now cannot be a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty. But the blame for that rests with Blair and Brown and the Liberal Democrats. Like us, they all promised a referendum, but then they voted against having one. The next government must first concentrate on getting the debt under control, and sorting out the most urgent problems in education, defence and the NHS. Nevertheless, we are determined to start reversing the ratchet of Euro-laws. The UK pays too much tax to the EU. The EU makes controlling immigration impossible. EU regulations destroy jobs and competitiveness. Ultimately, we in the UK must have the right to make our own laws – that's what democracy is all about."



End In Sight For Mistley Quay Fence

Cllr. Sarah Candy protesting against the fence at Mistley Quay

At last residents in Mistley have seen the first action towards bringing down their now infamous fence!

Tributes are being paid to Conservative-led Tendring District Council for finding a way of protecting the rest of the quay from development and unwanted fences. The "Article 4 Directive" that Tendring Council have issued, means that the current fence cannot be replaced or mended without planning permission. As the fence is clearly at best a temporary structure local residents can at last see that when the time comes to replace it, planning controls will be in place to ensure that what replaces it will be more in keeping with the environment of the quay.

Bernard Jenkin paid tribute to Sarah Candy, the new Cabinet Member for Planning, saying, "Sarah has ensured that planners from Tendring have worked hard with local residents and Essex County Council to find this innovative way out of the stalemate".



Flashback: More than 70 boats gathered at Mistley Quay in 2008 to protest against the fence

Whilst work continues to bring the fence down, the only disappointment is the time wasted by the previous Labour / Lib Dem / Tendring First Administration at Tendring Council, including the local Lib Dem Councillor for Mistley, who refused to take action.

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Bernard Jenkin: A Strong Voice For Britain



MP Wants Your Views On Revised Tesco Plan

Bernard Jenkin, MP for North Essex, has called on local residents to send him their views on revised plans for a Tesco store in Manningtree.

Tesco's original plans for a new store in Station Road sparked vociferous opposition from some quarters, but there were also those who supported the proposal.

Under pressure from the Essex County Council Built Environment Team, new plans have been put forward that swap around the store and the car park, so that the car park will serve the whole town much better.

Bernard said, "The objective is to make sure that a Tesco store will enhance the townscape and be a real boost to other shops in the High Street. The present plans still lack imagination and sympathy with the historic town centre. Positioning the car park close to the town centre and pedestrian-friendly surroundings would encourage people who shop at Tesco to head towards the High Street and increase footfall for local traders".

"The design of the store is also vital. This scheme effectively extends the town centre. Would the new building become an eyesore, or can it be of architectural merit, using traditional shapes and materials to compliment the existing townscape. Tesco argues that anything would be an improvement on the existing buildings on the site, but Tesco should be persuaded to build something people will enjoy for generations to come."

"The question is: should I withdraw the threat of a public inquiry before the traffic and other issues have been addressed? I may still call for a public inquiry if people are still not satisfied with the new plans. Developments like this shape town centres for years to come. You only get one chance to get this right, so it is important that everyone is involved in the consultations."

Please send your views to Bernard at bernard@bernardjenkin.com

Conservatives Secure Lowest Council Tax Rise Ever



The Conservatives in Essex have been able to hold the Council Tax increase down to only 1.9% despite many additional pressures on services. The low Council Tax has been achieved by delivering in excess of £80M savings in the current year with further efficiencies of over £60M budgeted for.

At Tendring, the Conservative led Administration supported by the Harwich Community Reps, were able to bring forward budget proposals for a 0% increase in Council Tax. This followed a thorough budget review delivered budget savings without any cuts to services.

Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty

A campaign, spearheaded by Carlo Guglielmi, for the South side of the river Stour to be granted "Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty" status, looks like becoming a reality. Carlo said, "AONB status will bring real benefits for the area in terms of reputation, funding and planning regulations, and I am hopeful that our bid will be granted".



Car Park for Tendring School

Cllrs. Carlo Guglielmi and Sarah Candy have secured funding for a car park at Tendring School. The scheme will ease the terrible traffic congestion that regularly occurred morning and afternoon outside the school on the main Clacton Road, and was welcomed by parents and road users. Carlo gave £1000 from his small scheme budget and obtained a further £3000 from Essex County Council to complete the project.

Little Bentley Garden Show

Carlo is supporting Little Bentley Garden Show this year by giving £750 from his small scheme budget for a crossover improvement scheme to help the flow of traffic. The last time the show was held it raised £1500 for local charities!

"Ghost of Frating"

Application Blocked

Controversial proposals to change the use of "Clip Hedge Barn" from "agricultural barn" to "warehousing" have been blocked following a campaign by Cllr. Carlo Guglielmi.

Carlo said, "If the change of use had been granted, it could have paved the way for the Frating project to come back to haunt local residents. This was probably the hardest task I have completed, as the planners were hell bent on going ahead with the plan".

Re-training Project Funding

A re-training project in Manningtree and Mistley, helping those out of work obtain new skills, has benefited from Carlo's small scheme budget to the tune of £200. £300 has also been contributed to an improvement scheme for the Market Square.

Pot Hole Hotline

Essex County Council is stepping up its efforts to repair highway defects after the prolonged icy weather conditions took their toll on road surfaces.

Sarah Candy, County Councillor for Tendring Rural West, said, "Essex County Council have allocated additional resources to deal with the after effects of the winter weather, and are carrying out repairs as quickly as possible".

If you spot a pot hole or other road defect, please report it via the Essex County Council website (www.essex.gov.uk) or by calling 0845 603 7631.

Lawford Football Club

Conservative-led Tendring District Council have agreed to help Lawford FC with Officer support and a contribution of £50,000.

Get In Touch with Tendring Rural West Conservatives

Please return to: Bernard Jenkin, Freepost RRGK-EKGY-KSCJ, Unit C2 East Gores Farm, Salmons Ln, Colchester, CO6 1RZ

I/we would like to discuss a matter with Bernard Jenkin
 I/we would like to discuss a local matter with a Councillor

A General Election is likely to take place on Thursday 6th May or Thursday 3rd June. If you need a postal vote or can help with the campaign, please complete the section below. Thank you.

I/we require postal vote application forms
 I/we will display a Conservative poster
 I/we will deliver Conservative Party leaflets

Additional comments:

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