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Save Our Seafronts

Douglas Carswell MP has written to the Prime Minister to ask for help with sea defences. Sea defences along the Tendring coastline are under tremendous pressure, and earlier in the year the sea wall in Holland-on-Sea collapsed.

Although Essex County Council recently spent £100,000 on remedial works to the sea front, Cllr. Tracey Chapman, who sits on the Regional Flood Defence Committee, confirmed that this was only a short term solution.

Douglas said, "The cost of repairing the sea defences could fall on the council directly. This would affect other services. What we need is not a piece-meal approach each time some of our sea defences collapse, but an entirely new set of defences".



Douglas Carswell inspects sea defences at Holland-on-Sea

MPs say: It's Time For You To Vote On EU



Gordon Brown is being challenged by local Conservative MPs Bernard Jenkin and Douglas Carswell to hold a referendum on Europe.

EU officials openly admit that the obscure text of the so-called 'Reform Treaty' is basically the same as the discredited EU Constitution. Mr Jenkin says, " This is a big change in the way Britain is governed. This is the rejected EU Constitution in all but name. Labour promised a referendum, so lets have it now".

Douglas added, "Gordon Brown has talked endlessly about the need for a new era of openness and accountability. He says he will consult and listen more. Yet his first big decision as Prime Minister is to deny the people a vote on this key change in the way we are governed. We need a referendum now".

More rules and regulations

Politicians from all over Europe say the new EU treaty is at least 90% the same as the rejected EU constitution. Pressure for a popular vote is starting to mount. Politicians at Westminster are giving away the right for the British people to make their own laws. That's a denial of democracy. Britain will face ever more rules and regulations from Brussels, and an EU foreign minister will speak for Britain on the international stage.

It has been three decades since Britain last voted on Europe. The EU is not just the "Common Market" people were promised in the 1975 referendum. It 's time to let the people have their say .

Jenkin and Carswell: Backing Britain



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Bernard Jenkin discusses Tesco's plans for a superstore in Manningtree with local residents



Inset: Outline plans for a store on Station Road

Jenkin Listens To Residents Over Tesco Plan

North Essex MP, Bernard Jenkin, is in discussions with the Highways Authority following concerns that a proposed new Tesco superstore in Manningtree could increase traffic congestion problems in the area.

An exhibition to examine the plans was held in July, following Tesco's decision to buy a large site on Station Road next to the Co-op, and Bernard and the Conservative Team have surveyed local residents views on the matter.

Bernard said, "Opinions are mixed about Tesco. The effect on traffic is a big concern. The Station roundabout is already heavily congested at peak times".

"If there is still a lot of public concern after the consultation period, I will ask the government for a full Public Enquiry when plans are submitted. This is a big change for Manningtree. Everyone should get their say", he added.

Conservatives To Help First Time Buyers

Proposals to promote affordable housing and help first time buyers get a foothold on the housing ladder have been set out by the Conservatives.

Increasingly, under the current Labour Government, many young people cannot afford to buy a home. Soaring costs of living and higher stamp duty make it harder to save for a deposit; and house prices make it impossible to raise a sufficient mortgage for those on modest wages.

"Build homes where people want to live"

In a speech to the British Property Federation, Shadow Chancellor George Osborne said, "We should increase the supply of affordable new homes but we should insist they are well designed and eco-friendly. We should build homes where people want to live and ensure developers meet some of the burden of providing local roads and public services".

Conservative plans include:

- More affordable and eco-friendly homes, with greater power for local communities to decide where those homes are built.
- More accessible and flexible shared ownership schemes.
- Help those in social housing move up the ladder by strengthening the Right to Buy.
- Scrap Labour's unpopular Home Information Packs, which will add up to £1000 to the cost of selling a home, according to the National Association of Estate Agents, without providing satisfactory assurances to buyers.



National Problems, Local Action: Housing Conservative Councillors in Tendring are fighting to get the Council to bring their housing stock up to standard.

The Decent Homes Standard states that all council owned homes should be warm and dry with reasonably modern facilities.

Cllr. Neil Stock said, "The Conservatives are fighting to ensure that the Decent Homes Standard applies across the whole of Tendring and that 100% of homes reach this standard by 2009. Unfortunately, when we put this proposal to Full Council, the ruling ABC coalition rejected it. ABC's decision could see families, including pensioners and children, living in sub-standard conditions for years to come".



Cllr. Sarah Candy campaigns against proposals for a new town near Frating

Frating Planning Inquiry Result Awaited

Bernard Jenkin continues to fight against plans to build a 27 hectare Industrial Development on prime farmland east of Frating. In evidence to the Public Inquiry considering Tendring District's draft Local Plan, he explained why this Greenfield development was unnecessary and warned that it was part of a much larger plan to locate 3500 homes with shops and offices on the site.

"This plan is creating the wrong jobs in the wrong place", said Bernard. "Tendring needs new jobs in Harwich and Clacton and the land should be released there, not in quiet rural areas".

The results of the Public Inquiry are not due to be published until October.

Freeing Britain to Compete



An ambitious programme to revitalise the economy by cutting taxes and regulation has been drawn up by the Conservative Economic Competitiveness Policy Group.

Shadow Chancellor, George Osborne, said, "The Policy Group Report is the most impressive and comprehensive analysis of the state of the British Economy produced by any political party in recent times".

"The Report offers us a set of imaginative policy proposals directed at improving the competitiveness of our economy, rescuing our pension system and ensuring that more Britons and more parts of Britain share in the global prosperity of our times", he added.

The UK has fallen from 4th to 10th in the competitiveness league tables in recent years. As a result, 5.4 million people of working age are without jobs and 1 million manufacturing jobs have been lost since 1997. We have had higher interest rates, more public borrowing and less growth than the leading economies of the world.

Former Cabinet Minister, John Redwood MP, who chaired the Group, said, "We propose better transport, less costly more effective regulation and lower business taxes. Ireland shows that if you cut capital taxes and business taxes you create more jobs, you generate more revenue and you have better public services".

The Shadow Cabinet will now decide which of the recommendations form part of the Conservative manifesto.

To have your say on the proposals, log on to: www.conservatives.com/standupspeakup

Did you know... Gordon Brown's £5bn a year pensions tax has wiped £100m off the value of pensions, sentencing many people to poverty in old age.

Policy recommendations include:

- Cut the cost of regulation and bureaucracy by £14,000 million. This would encourage businesses to invest more in new jobs and new products.
- Scrap Inheritance Tax, raise the threshold for 40% Income Tax and reduce Corporation Tax to a single main rate of 20%.
- Use money raised from foreign lorries using our roads to remove bottlenecks and improve traffic flows on main roads.
- Strengthen the UK science and technology base by offering tax incentives for people and companies to give to Universities.

Not afraid to stand up for local people

Local MP Douglas Carswell has a record of taking direct action on behalf of our community. When the council failed to keep the sea front in Clacton clean, he rolled up his sleeves and got a team of volunteers to do the job himself.

In Jaywick, he has helped remove dumped fridges that were causing a nuisance. Just recently, Douglas volunteered as a helper with local group "Open Road". This local charity works with people whose lives have been affected by drugs and alcohol.

Douglas says, "I spent time over the summer with Open Road to learn what they do first hand. We all know how drugs and alcohol can wreck lives, yet here is a charity in our midst doing something about it".

"I believe in action and in doing things. Not just talk", added Douglas.



Who will be your next MP? Parliamentary Constituency Boundary Changes...

Population changes mean that Parliamentary Constituency Boundaries are reviewed every ten years. A recent review recommended significant changes to the boundaries of both the Harwich and North Essex Constituencies. The new boundaries will come into force at the next General Election, and mean that Douglas Carswell, currently MP for Harwich, will stand for the new Clacton seat next time. Bernard Jenkin's North Essex Constituency, will take in Harwich, Dovercourt, Parkeston, Ramsey and the Oakleys, and be renamed "Harwich & North Essex".

Douglas Carswell: Standing Up for Local Services



Douglas Carswell MP:
Fighting for better services in Harwich and Clacton

Our local services are under threat. Tendring's local Primary Care Trust was scrapped. There have been delays in the opening of the new Harwich hospital, and millions of pounds of equipment are not being used. Clacton hospital's Peter Bruff ward is threatened with closure.

Local people have a right to feel alarmed and angry. The government says it has spent millions on our public services. Yet why then has there not been enough money to treat pensioners losing their sight through wet-AMD? Where is the £2 per day that it would take to provide the new hope-giving medicine for those with Alzheimer's? Why is there not enough money to give special needs children the few hours of speech therapy each week that could transform their lives?

Taking a stand

Local MP, Douglas Carswell, is appalled by what is happening - and he is taking a stand. He says, "The gap between what the government says it is doing to improve local services, and what you and I can see with our own eyes can no longer be ignored."

"I have taken a stand in Parliament on your behalf. I am putting unrelenting pressure on Ministers, and challenging their non-replies. As your representative, I am holding the remote officials to account."

Douglas cares passionately about our local services. "Harwich hospital and Peter Bruff ward belong to us", he says. "They should be expanding and growing - not closed and cut".

Health care for Tendring residents has been consistently short-changed by the Government.

FACT: Tendring was one of the worst funded PCTs under the government funding formula.

FACT: When the PCTs merged, almost £8m of Tendring's money was handed over to the Strategic Health Authority to cover financial crisis elsewhere.

Local Conservatives pledge their support for tackling rural crime

Conservatives in Tendring are fighting to get the Council to recognise rural crime. At present, the Council forms its opinions and establishes priorities on the basis of returns to surveys that appear in its "Tendring Matters" newspaper. This newspaper, however, is NOT delivered in rural areas, but only in places that receive a free newspaper.

Cllr. Neil Stock said, "The Conservatives are fighting to ensure the Council sets a crime and disorder strategy and targets that benefit all residents. By failing to consult the whole District, the Council is ignoring many residents concerns and missing possible opportunities for solutions".

It's Time To Fight Back

With violent crime yet again in the news, the Conservative Party have launched their plans for tackling Britain's crime crisis.

A three-stage solution has been proposed: in the short term, getting more police back on the street; in the medium, reforming schools and the criminal justice system; and in the long run, strengthening families and communities.

Announcing the policies, David Cameron said, "I am calling on the country to fight back. We must fight back against the gangs, the guns and the graffiti. We must fight back against the drugs, the danger and the disorder. Above all, we must fight back against the attitude that treats rising crime as inevitable, that treats social breakdown as an irreversible fact of modern life, that despairs of ever making our streets safe and civilised places to be".

Conservative Blueprint for a Safer Society:

Police

- Abolish the 40-question "stop form", which police have to fill in every time they halt someone in the street.
- Increase the time police spend on the beat by slashing bureaucracy.
- Introduce a national border police force with responsibility for stopping illegal immigration and smuggling.

Criminal Justice

- Scrap Labour's early release scheme under which 3000 prisoners (more than 300 of them guilty of violent crimes) have already been freed.
- Introduce minimum sentences, with no chance of parole until the minimum has been served.

- Build more prisons as they become necessary.
- Repeal the Human Rights Act.

School Discipline

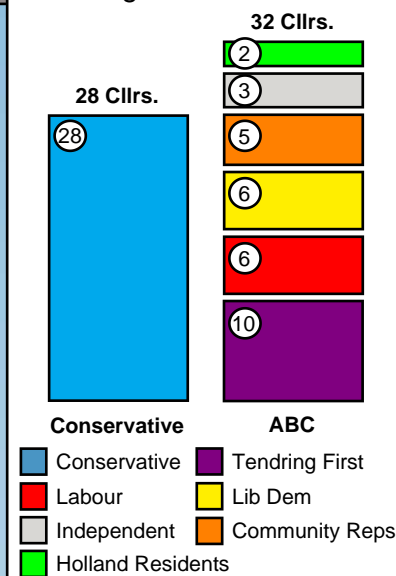
- Return the last say over "exclusions" to schools by scrapping appeals panels.
- Halt the closure of Special Schools.



Bernard talks to local Police Officers about crime prevention



Tendring District Councillors



Tendring Conservatives

Who runs the Council?

Tendring Conservatives would like to thank all those who supported our campaign during May's District Council Elections. With 28 of the 60 seats up for election, the Conservatives are the largest Party in Tendring, and only just fell short of a majority and Full Control of the District Council.

Control of Tendring Council is currently held by a coalition of five smaller Parties and Independents, branded the "ABC" Group - as they are "Anything But Conservative".

Cllr. Neil Stock, Leader of Tendring Conservatives, said, "A coalition of so many diverse political interests, united only by being 'Anything But Conservative', could prove disastrous for the District. Debate is being stifled and Councillors are having to tow the coalition line, often at the cost of their Wards and residents".

"At a recent Full Council Meeting, ABC Coalition Councillors unanimously voted down measures to target crime in rural areas, bring 100% of public housing up to an acceptable standard, and contribute financially to Parish and Town Councils who provide 45% of the district's play facilities for children and young people".

"The Conservative Group will continue to propose positive, innovative ideas to address the needs of our residents and vote for others irrespective of which Group has proposed them."

CONSERVATIVES DEMAND FAIR PLAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN TENDRING

A campaign to encourage better facilities, training and support for young people in Tendring is being backed by local Conservatives.

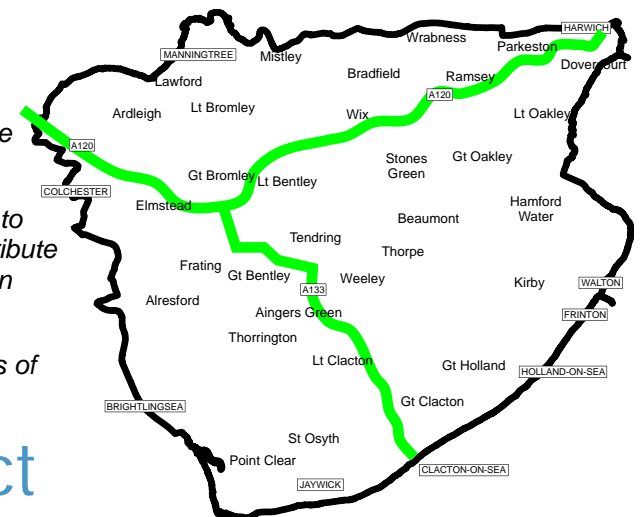
Tendring is consistently one of England's worst performing districts when it comes to its 27,000 young people:

- Twice as many are not in education, employment or training compared to the rest of Essex.
- Teenage pregnancy rates are 13% higher than in the rest of Essex.
- One in ten have mental-health well-being below

their age

The FAIR PLAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE campaign aims to force the District Council to address these persistent problems and was launched in response to the ruling ABC Coalition's decision to vote down every proposal to do with children and young people since coming into power.

Cllr. Neil Stock said, "We have a statutory and moral duty to play fair for every resident in Tendring, irrespective of their age, circumstances and where they live".




What Do You Think?

To help us help you, please take a few moments to complete this survey and return it **FREE** to:



Douglas Carswell and Bernard Jenkin,
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 Unit C2 East Gores Farm, Colchester, CO6 1RZ.

Dear resident,
 I hope you will find the time to complete this survey. This is your chance to tell us what you think - do you have something to say about your street, your area, or your country? All replies will be read and we will make every effort to deal with your concerns.



Douglas Carswell
 MP for Harwich & Clacton

Bernard Jenkin
 MP for North Essex

1. What are the 3 most important national issues affecting you or your family at the moment?

Transport/congestion Pensions Rising Taxation Crime Asylum/Immigration Climate Change Jobs/Work Red Tape
 Europe/Single Currency Education Health Service Terrorism Community Cohesion Civil Liberties Debt Economy
 Iraq/Afghanistan War Other _____

Do you believe the Labour Government is tackling your concerns adequately? Yes No

2. What are the 3 most important local issues affecting you or your family at the moment (please give details below)?

Anti-social behaviour Council Tax Refuse collection Condition of roads & footpaths School Standards Street Cleaning/Litter Post Office Closures
 Vandalism/Graffiti 24 Hour drinking Leisure facilities Facilities for young people Housing Public Transport Other _____

3. In your view, which one of the following would make the biggest difference to:

a) Crime Cut Police paperwork Build more prisons Scrap Labour's Early Release Scheme
b) Education Cut teachers' paperwork Better school-community links Offer vocational options to pupils under the age of 14
c) Hospitals More new hospitals Cleaner hospitals More nurses
d) Immigration An annual limit ID cards Create a dedicated Border Force
e) Tax Scrap Inheritance Tax Raise higher rate threshold Support Married Couples in the tax system
f) Transport Expand rail capacity by 50% More privately funded toll roads Tax foreign lorries to fund removal of road bottlenecks

Local Facilities

4. What facilities would you like to see in the area? _____

Crime & Policing

5. Which, if any, of the following, do you think are serious law and order problems in your area?

Burglary Graffiti
 Car theft Vandalism
 Anti-social behaviour
 Other _____

6. Have you been a victim of crime in the last 5 years?
 Yes No

7. Do you think the area has enough Police Officers?
 Yes No



Public Transport

13. Which form of transport do you use most?
 Car Bus
 Motorcycle Train
 Bicycle Walking

14. Are you satisfied with public transport in this area?
 Yes No

15. How do you think transport links in the area could be improved? _____

16. Do you think the A120 should be upgraded?
 Yes No

17. Do you think the A133 should be upgraded?
 Yes No

Europe

23. Do you support Douglas and Bernard's call for a referendum over the European Reform Treaty?
 Yes No

24. The Human Rights Act prevents the Government from dealing with crime, immigration and terrorism. Do you think it should be scrapped?
 Yes No

About You

32. Age range:
 Under 20 20 to 29 30 to 39
 40 to 49 50 to 59 Over 60

33. Which Party do you usually vote for at elections?
 Conservative Labour Lib Dem
 UKIP Other Don't vote

34. If your chosen Party did not have a candidate standing at an election, for which Party would you vote?
 Conservative Labour Lib Dem
 UKIP Other Don't vote

35. Would you, or anyone in your household, like to vote by post or proxy at future elections?
 Postal Proxy (Permanent)
 No Proxy (One Election)

36. Would you be willing to deliver leaflets on behalf of the Conservative Party?
 Yes No

37. Would you like to meet your local Member of Parliament?
 Yes No

Rubbish & Recycling

8. Do you know of any local roads/areas which have a litter or fly-tipping problem?
 Yes No
 If yes, where? _____

9. How do you feel local recycling facilities could be improved? _____

Tendring Council

18. Do you receive *Tendring Matters* - Tendring Council's colour newspaper?
 Yes No

Education

25. Are you a parent or guardian of school age children?
 Yes No

26. If yes, are you satisfied with the standard of education provided?
 Yes No

Health

27. Are you satisfied with the healthcare provision in the area?
 Yes No

28. Have you, or any member of your family, had to wait longer than 48 hours to see your GP in the last 3 years?
 Yes No

29. If you, or any member of your family, has been referred for hospital treatment in the last 3 years, how long have you/they had to wait?
 Less than a month 1-3 months
 4-6 months 6+ months

30. Have you, or any member of your family, found it difficult to register as an NHS patient for a local dentist?
 Yes No

What have we forgotten?

Please use this space to let us know about any other issues that are concerning you (feel free to use an additional piece of paper if required).

Roads & Traffic

10. Is traffic congestion a problem in your area?
 Yes No
 If yes, where? _____

11. Please tell us about any unsafe or poorly maintained roads and footpaths in your area:

12. Please tell us about any faulty street lamps in your area: _____

Planning

19. Do you think there should be a new town built adjacent to the A120 at Frating?
 Yes No

20. What sort of jobs do you think the Council should be encouraging to the area? _____

21. What are your views on Tendring Council's Planning Department and how do you think it can be improved? _____

22. What are your views on the redevelopment of Clacton Town Centre? _____

Fair Play Campaign

31. Do you support the Conservative *Fair Play Campaign*, which aims to pressure the District Council into providing better facilities, training and support for local young people?
 Yes No

Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr/Other _____
 Address _____

 Post Code _____
 Home Tel. No. _____
 Mobile Tel. No. _____
 E-mail _____

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