

# Southampton Itchen Focus

For Woolston, Peartree, Sholing, Bitterne, Harefield, Bitterne Park and Bargate



General Election 2005

Lab  
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Lab  
-6.2%

Lib Dem  
+6.2%

Con  
-1%

From Southampton Itchen's Parliamentary Candidate David Goodall and your local focus team A clear choice after 2005 it's David Goodall or Labour

Dear *Resident*

This election is one of the most important for years.

On a promise to deliver great change, Labour were elected 13 years ago. Yet despite more money, public services gains have not matched the extra cash, due to too much central meddling.

Worse still we now have a banking crisis and large debts that Labour did nothing to avoid despite warnings by Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor, Vince Cable, years ago.

The Conservatives now say they are all about change. The truth is they are still conservative by name and nature.

The Liberal Democrats are the only major party with policies for real change to create a fairer and greener Britain.

Yet the power to make a change lies not with me but with you. Changing the government is simple; don't vote Labour. Yet simply changing to the Tories won't change things either.

In the past a simple change from red to blue or the blue to the red team hasn't really changed things, so it won't this time.

Take a good look at our policies and then vote positively, vote Liberal Democrat and vote for real change that works for you.

Then be assured I will never forget that I work for you, and I'll never stop working to deliver the change Southampton needs.

Thanks and best wishes,

*David Goodall*

## Creating a fair economy

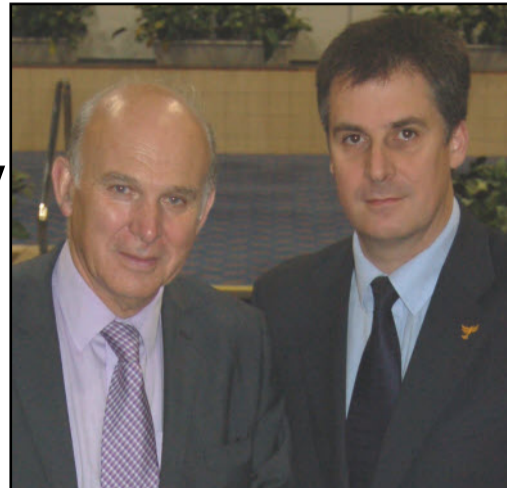
Let's sort out the mess that Labour and the Tories have made in the last 25 years with real change to give a fair chance to all

### Creating a stable economy

- Protect the economy by breaking up the banks
- Reduce the budget deficit and bring stability to the public finances
- £3.3bn economic stimulus package to create new jobs and invest in Britain's infrastructure
- Simplify the tax system
- Reform business rates

### Cut regulation & create a fair playing field for business

- Proper impact assessments of new rules
- Have a 'One in one out system' to stop new regulation adding to the mess
- Make regulators help, not hinder, business



• Vince Cable and David Goodall

### New Enterprise Funds and Stock Exchanges to help businesses grow

- Stop the Labour and Tory focus on London, finance and the City
- New Local Enterprise Funds to invest in local people across the country
- New Regional Stock Exchanges for small business - City funding without City costs
- When possible cut employment taxes

## A fairer NHS

- **Protecting NHS frontline services** – by re-investing back any savings made in administration costs into key frontline services, such as cancer treatment, mental health services, maternity services and dementia care.



Nick Clegg getting first hand advice on care

- **Putting local people in charge** – to get the services local people want and to hold their NHS to account, local people would run their local NHS through elected health boards.
- **Patient contract** – if you can't be treated in time, the NHS should pay for you to go private.
- **Improving GP services** – re-balance the pay system so GPs are encouraged to provide services where and when people want them.
- **Patient safety** – introduce proper tests of competence and language for foreign doctors in the NHS. We'll give hospitals a legal duty to tell patients if something has gone wrong.
- **A review of social care** – with a cross-party commission to sort out this issue once for all. Our preference is for a partnership, where the state and the individual both contribute.
- **Respite Care Guarantee** – a week's break from caring every year to the one million unpaid carers who provide more than 50 hours care each week.

## The Lib Dem difference

The Liberal Democrats will take action to protect frontline NHS services.

We will put more police on patrol, restore the pensions' earnings link and deliver fair pay for the Armed Forces.

We can make this pledge because we have identified real savings to pay for it.

The Lib Dems are the only party with a plan to balance the country's books after the recession.



David Goodall getting first hand advice on policing

## A fair & just society

- **Catch criminals with 3,000 more police on the beat**
- **Police Authority with directly elected members** – so local people would get a say in local policing priorities and set budgets
- **Working Smarter** – with a National Crime Reduction Agency to share best practice between forces on what really works
- **Crack down on gun and knife crime** – make hospitals share data on where crime is happening, so the "hot spots" are targeted
- **Make prisoners work to pay compensation to victims**
- **Make prison work** – only use it where necessary, improve rehabilitation through education and hard work. And move drug addicts and the mentally ill to more apt secure accommodation
- **Neighbourhood Justice Panels** – give people a say in how those who engage in petty crime and anti-social behaviour are punished



## Playing fair with your money

- **Cutting taxes for low and middle incomes** – by increasing the starting point for income tax to £10,000 – 3.6 million working people and low income pensioners will then pay no income tax, while millions more will have a £700 tax cut.
- **Restore the earnings link** – so that the state pension will be increased in line with earnings, prices or by 2.5% whichever is the higher.
- **Re-balance tax system** – by introducing a mansion tax, closing loopholes that benefit the wealthy and making sure airlines pay for the pollution they cause.
- **No to unfair bills** – we will put a stop to unfair bank charges and make sure energy companies charge you fairly so people who use the least pay the least.

**For change that works for - building a fairer Britain**

# Liberal Democrats for a fairer and greener Britain

## A fair start in life

- **Ensure children get more individual attention (Pupil Premium)** – extra £2.5bn on schools, that's £13 million for Southampton, targeted at schools taking on children who need more help. To use as they wish but it could cut typical primary school classes to 20, or secondary school classes to 16 or give a large number of pupils one to one tuition to catch-up.
- **Scrap unfair University Tuition Fees** – to remove a great burden of debt from the young studying both full and part-time courses. We have a financially responsible plan to phase fees out over six years, so that the change is affordable in these difficult economic times.
- **Stop meddling politicians** – To stop Whitehall interfering, we will slim down the national curriculum and pass an Education Freedom Act, banning politicians from getting involved in the day to day running of schools.
- **Adult apprenticeships** - fully fund the off-the-job training costs & increase places

Lib Dem leader, Nick Clegg, goes back to school



- Extra cash
- No Fees
- No meddling
- Bursaries for key skills
- Extra foundation degree places

Ken Darke says:-

"The extra targeted funding would be just the boost our schools need"



Ken Darke in Bargate

Despite the economic problems at present the greatest challenge ahead is tackling climate change

## A fairer greener future

- **Build green infrastructure to create jobs that last** – by investing in green technologies like renewable energy, home insulation, and public transport to create hundreds of thousands of new jobs that will last, and make the economy sustainable for the long term.
- **Fair fuel bills** – energy companies charge you less per unit for your energy the more you use. That's unfair and environmentally crazy. We would reverse this so a pensioner heating one room not longer pays more per unit than a millionaire heating a mansion.
- **Social tariffs** – we would make the energy firms create lower tariffs for those in most need.
- **Major insulation programme** – we'll have a major programme to give every home, school and hospital the opportunity to be properly insulated, to stop us having some of the worst insulated homes in Europe.
- **Yes to renewables to generate your own power** – To cut carbon emissions and give people a fair chance to go green, with an "eco-cashback" scheme to help in installing micro-generation technology combined with a "feed-in tariff" to sell energy at a profit to the National Grid.
- **No to nuclear and dirty coal power stations** – we will replace our old power stations with diverse renewable energy systems like wind, solar, tidal, hydro-electric, wave and geothermal.
- **Stop subsidies and start renewable investment** - no to wasted subsidies on nuclear power.
- **A zero-carbon Britain** – our plan is to have a carbon neutral Britain by 2050, so we don't contribute at all to global warming. As a start we must reduce UK carbon emissions by over 40% by 2020.



Nick Clegg visits an offshore wind farm



## Fairer Parliament

### Change parliament

- Give you the right to recall and sack corrupt MPs
- Introduce a fair voting system & fixed 4 year parliaments
- Elect the House of Lords and lower the voting age to 16
- Cut MP numbers by 150 and reduce the number of ministers

### Make ideas succeed over cash

- **Clean up funding & spending**
- Caps on individual donations and party spending at all times
- Union members to choose where their donation goes

### Move power from the central state to locally elected bodies

- Reduce the bureaucracy and move it out of London

## Fairer Immigration

- **Immediately reintroduce exit checks** – count people out as well as in, so we have an idea who is here and who isn't.
- **Focus deportation efforts on criminals** – whilst letting law-abiding families earn citizenship.
- **Regional points-based system** – to stop overcrowding in places like the south-east, whilst allowing migrants to go where they are needed, in places like Scotland.
- **UK Border Force** – we need a strong, unified, coordinated National Border Force with police powers to protect our borders.



## Campaigning for you



### Our 6 points to create a fairer, better Southampton

- **Improved Roads & Pavements** – with step change in funding & better standards of repair
- **Improved Housing** – with community housing plans plus better student and family housing
- **More Recycling** – with new kerbside collection schemes
- **Low Council Tax** – with a commitment to keep tax rises below inflation
- **Better Community Justice** – with community justice panels and more PSCO's
- **Greater Local Control** – with eight new local area committees across the city



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Vote Ken Darke



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