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reasons to back Karan Persand on 19th November

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KARAN PERSAND FOR EPSOM

Local resident and campaigner will stand up for our town on the County Council



Karan Persand - the local Conservative Candidate for Epsom West

“Let’s keep Epsom special” says Karan

- Giving parents improved school choice. County Conservatives have provided more school places locally and given personal support to those applying.
- Supporting Epsom’s Stroke unit. Local Conservatives have amassed over 4,200 signatures to oppose a threat to stroke services at Epsom.
- Our Save Epsom Campaign seeks to bring Oyster to our station and oppose inappropriate planning applications

KARAN PERSAND is standing to be Epsom West’s County Councillor. As a local resident of over 40 years he cares deeply about our town and does not want to see it lose its character.

Karan raised his two children in the Borough attending local schools. His wife works at Epsom Hospital and after a career with British Airways Karan now devotes more of his time to charities and good causes.

Karan is an active Rotary Club member and supports the Surrey-based Meath Epilepsy Trust where he both raises funds and assists clients at the centre. He has fund-raised to support an orphanage and events for the elderly and disabled in Mauritius. Karan’s hobbies include horse riding, swimming and golf.

Karan will stand up for EPSOM on the County Council



Chris Grayling MP endorses Karan

“Karan is a hard-working local campaigner. He cares about our town having lived here with his family for over 40 years. He will defend our local hospital and be a champion for our town on Surrey County Council. I urge you to vote for him on 19th November.”

Chris Grayling, Epsom’s Member of Parliament.

Why are we having a by-election?

At the last County election in 2013 you elected a Liberal Democrat, Stella Lallement. She has resigned with the Epsom Guardian reporting that she had slammed local Lib Dems as ‘discriminatory and unsupportive’. In 2015 the Liberal Democrats lost all their Borough Councillors in Epsom. Karan Persand and your local Conservatives are fighting this by-election to win to give Epsom a strong voice on the county council.

If you’d like to get in touch with Karan call 01372 277066 or email office@epsomconservatives.org.uk

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 **Conservatives**

20 reasons to back Karan Persand

“A strong voice for Epsom”

- 1** Surrey County Council is run by a Conservative majority. Residents' Association and Lib Dem councillors are a weak minority and Epsom loses out. **A strong, local, Conservative voice for Epsom will do better for our town.**
- 2** We've held council tax at less than inflation, whilst saving hundreds of millions in **value for money** reviews. In the same time we've invested extra funds for schools, roads and adult social care.



Vote for Karan and improve services in Epsom

- 3** Surrey is investing more and more in **improving our roads**. Road resurfacing is at record levels. Karan believes that permanent, comprehensive repair is better than temporary patching up. He will ensure repairs are targeted properly and residents kept informed.

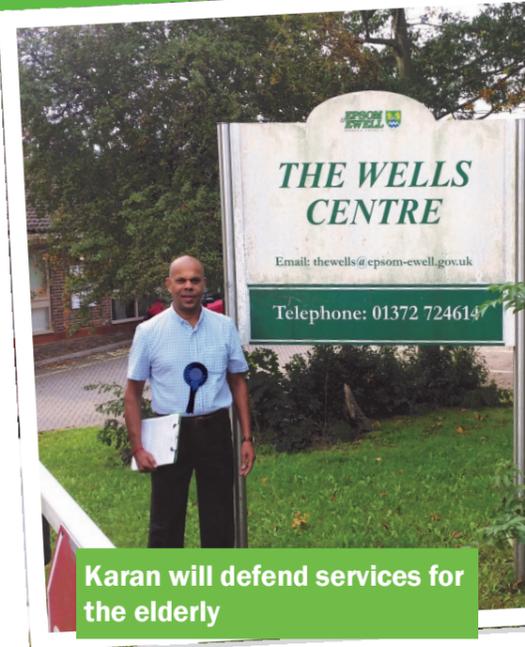
“Keeping Epsom Special”

- 4** Karan is supportive of the Save Epsom campaign putting pressure on the Borough council over planning strategy for the town after the controversial redevelopment of the area around Epsom station. Karan wants to preserve the market town character of Epsom and avoid us becoming a built-up suburban area like Sutton.



Local Conservatives launching the Save Epsom campaign

- 5** Our local social centres for the elderly at The Wells and Longmead are under threat from the Residents' Associations. We will oppose these moves just as we did the threat to route call, charging for blue badges and the closure of all public toilets - all impacting on the elderly.



Karan will defend services for the elderly

“Local resident of 40 years”

- 6** Plans are in place to significantly alter traffic flow around Epsom Town Centre. Local Conservatives have pushed for further consultations of residents as the impact on different sides of the town could be significant and lasting.
- 7** Conservative Surrey recently won council of the year at the National Improvement and Efficiency Awards (IESE). The council's Adult Social Care team who look after older people was also highly praised.

Standing up for our troops

- 8** The Freedom of the Borough of Epsom and Ewell was won for our local Army regiment after a **Conservative campaign which was opposed by Residents' Associations and Lib Dems.**



Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment march in Epsom

- 9** Conservative Surrey recently funded the resurfacing of footways in Willows Path and Lower Hill Road.
- 10** Local Conservatives secured a commitment to introduce Oyster cards at Epsom Station. Their introduction has been delayed due to complications elsewhere on the network but, with Chris Grayling, we continue to push for this change.



Oyster will be coming to Epsom

Conservatives

16 Karan is always keen to hear your views. If elected he will be available in person, by phone or on email if you have any problems. He will organise public meetings on issues of concern.

“Communicating & listening”



Karan and team listening to residents on Noble Park

17 Karan is already deeply involved with local charities. As our County Councillor he would use his position to support the crucial work of the voluntary sector locally.

18 Karan will work with the County Council to explore how Crossrail 2 might bring economic benefits to Epsom and ease pressure at commuting times.

19 Karan wants our relationship with Europe to be based on trade, not politics. Re-negotiating, or ending, our relationship would free up billions of pounds to fund services and reduce the debt. Eliminating EU bureaucracy would free our council to serve us not the EU.



We should be in charge of our own destiny.

20 This is a very important election. Surrey is a Conservative-run Council, with the Lib Dems in opposition. Until very recently we had no Conservative County Councillors in Epsom and Ewell, and our area had no voice in the team running the County. This has made it more difficult to do the work to **keep Epsom special**. Karan will be a **strong voice for Epsom** as part of the team making the decisions that affect our town.

A Residents' Association folly



11 Are you happy with the train station and other large scale developments in Epsom? 75 years of an RA council is changing our town for the worse. Karan forcefully opposes unsympathetic development. We can save Epsom's character, but must act now.

“Protecting our Hospital”

12 Surrey Conservatives made Epsom a trailblazing area for disabled people by funding 'The Hub' on the High Street, allowing disabled people to independently access services. Local Conservatives opposed the RA decision to charge Blue Badge holders for parking.

13 Conservative Surrey has reduced fatal road collisions by two thirds. Investment in road safety has saved lives. It should be safe to cycle around our town and extra investment has gone into achieving this.

Fighting to Save Epsom Hospital

14 Karan supports Chris Grayling's Epsom Hospital campaign. Local Conservatives have collected over 4,200 signatures to oppose a threat to our local stroke unit. We all need to come together to protect services at Epsom.



Stroke services are under threat

15 The birth rate in Epsom has increased by 27.1% in the last decade. This has put pressure on school places, particularly infant ones. Conservative Surrey has expanded local schools to ensure a choice of good local schools.

You are invited to attend a

Public Meeting on local healthcare

Organised by [Epsom Conservatives](#)

Tuesday 24th November at 7pm

at Epsom Hospital in the Lecture Theatre, Post- Graduate Medical Centre,
second floor of the Wells Wing.

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Daniel Elkeles, Chief Executive of Epsom and St Helier Hospital
and Dr Claire Fuller, Chair of Surrey Downs Clinical Commissioning Group
will talk to the public about future plans
for the healthcare of Epsom and Ewell residents

All are welcome!

GET IN TOUCH

We are always keen to hear about your concerns and can be contacted in the following ways:

Epsom and Ewell Conservative Association (EECA)
212 Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead, Surrey, KT21 2DB
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Protecting Epsom Hospital's Stroke Unit

Every second counts when someone is a victim of a stroke. Here in Epsom we are fortunate to have one of the country's top-performing stroke units at Epsom Hospital. It provides a 24-hour ability to breakdown blood clots. The local NHS is reviewing stroke services in our area and consideration is being given to reducing the number of hyper-acute and acute stroke units in Surrey. If our closest services were to be in East Surrey then journey times might be as long as 45 minutes.

You can find more information at: <http://www.surreydownsccg.nhs.uk/get-involved/surrey-stroke-services-review/>

Local Conservatives have already collected over 4,200 signatures arguing to keep services at Epsom. Google "Epsom stroke petition" to find the change.org page and to add your signature.

LOCAL HOSPITALS

- a message from Chris Grayling MP

As you are probably aware, thanks to the hapless management consultant who explained publicly on a train what he was working on, that **Epsom and St Helier trust** has started once again to look at the possibility of building a new hospital in Sutton to take most, but not all of the services currently carried out at Epsom and St Helier. Coming only weeks after the new Chief Executive announced that there would be no changes for at least five years this was, to say the least, very surprising.

I am not opposed in principle to a smart new hospital to serve our area, but I have seen all of this many times before, and am wholly unconvinced that this project is viable.

When the news first emerged, the Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt made it clear that it was extremely unlikely that there would be money to build a large new hospital, and although the management believes it can raise the money elsewhere, I will take some persuading that a project on this scale can be funded in the coming years.

KEEPING IN TOUCH Have your say, help us campaign, become a member

Please let us know your feedback, issues or concerns.

Please give us your contact details so we can keep in touch with you :

Name

Address

Home/Mobile No

Email

Please return to: **EECA, 212 Barnett Wood Lane, Ashtead, Surrey KT21 2DB**

HOW CAN YOU HELP US?

- Display a poster
- Deliver leaflets
- Attend social events
- Join the local Party
- Vote by post
- Stand for Council
- Help us campaign

How we use your information

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Chris Grayling MP Advice Surgeries

Chris holds surgeries regularly on Fridays at one of four venues across the constituency, including the Conservative Club in Epsom. These surgeries give constituents the opportunity for a one-to-one meeting to discuss matters which are important to them. If you would like to arrange an appointment please contact the constituency office on 01372 271036