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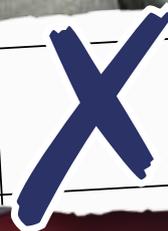
I am delighted to be standing as your candidate for the Belgrave ward in the upcoming Tamworth Borough Council elections. It has been an absolute honour to serve you since 2016 and hope to get the opportunity to do so for the next three years.

Over the last five years, some of the main things I have come to appreciate are the genuine warmth of the residents living here and their genuine passion for the areas in which they live. Along with my colleagues Cllr Thomas Jay and Cllr Simon Goodall, I have been involved with several community projects, including clean-up days and litter picks. These events have had a wide take-up from members of the community and we have more planned post pandemic.

I believe that individuals, families and communities know what's best for them. I have worked to support and facilitate the aspirations of residents living within the ward, encouraging access and debate on the decisions that impact their future – and hope to get the opportunity to continue to do so.

*Richard*

**Richard FORD**



# Thursday 6th May

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## Investing in infrastructure

Under the stewardship of local Conservatives, Tamworth Borough Council has recently secured £21.65m worth of funding through the Future High Streets Fund. Plans are already afoot to use this money to rebuild a town centre that is fit for the 21st Century.

In addition to this, a consultation into the future use of the old Gungate precinct was launched in early 2021, seeking the views of all residents on Tamworth. How these two projects complement each other will be vital to the survival of the town centre in future years. A Conservative led Council will ensure that the redevelopment of our town centre is in good hands.



## Supporting local businesses

One of the fundamental beliefs of Tamworth Conservatives is that the local, independent businesses are the lifeblood of our town. We will support these businesses as they recover from the impact of the coronavirus, supporting and rewarding the entrepreneurs that make our town the fantastic place it is.

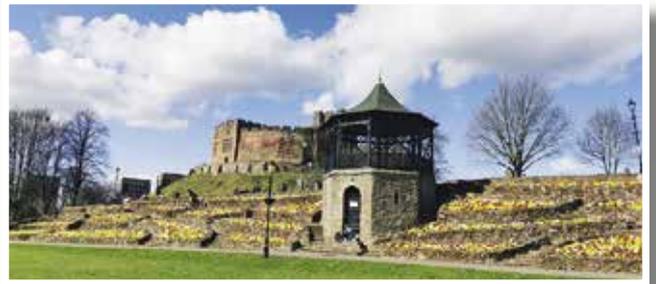
Working with and assisting businesses to ensure that they have the ability to operate successfully, whilst improving the tendering process allowing fair access to council contracts, helping to boost our local economy.



## Heritage and Pride

Tamworth is a town that has a rich and in-depth history. From the Saxons and Æthelflæd through to Robert Peel, protecting our local heritage is always a top priority for local Conservatives when making the big decisions that affect our town. We want to ensure that any future projects complement and enhance this heritage, so that the poor, irrational and mismanaged decisions of previous non-Conservative administrations are not repeated.

We are committed to highlighting the excellent tourism offer Tamworth has to offer. A brand new Saxon exhibit, situated in Tamworth Castle, has already been approved and support for the excellent schedule of outdoor events in the Castle Grounds, such as St George's Day and the Fireworks, will continue under a Conservative led Council.



## Open spaces and parks

The past 18 months have shown just how vital parks and open spaces are to the health and wellbeing of our communities. These fundamental necessities will continue to be looked after and invested in.

£375k has been allocated for major works in the Castle Grounds which will see a new, modern play park with additional benches and amenities situated within the grounds.

Local Conservatives will ensure the council regularly reviews our open spaces and parks to see how these can be improved and have more of an impact for the betterment of our communities.



## Protecting our environment

Tamworth Conservatives are working hard to tackle fly-tippers. This illegal dumping blights our communities, destroys our environment, and we want to stop them. Using all the tools available, a Conservative run Council will keep the spotlight firmly on these waste criminals, investigating every occurrence and prosecuting offenders, fully.

The cleanliness of the A5 is also a concern, with increased amounts of rubbish and waste being found on the side of the road. We are committed to finding a long term, practical and cost effective solution to this environmental eyesore, utilising the works of Tamworth Borough Council staff and wider partner agencies.

## Building on our borders

A Conservative led council is not against house building. In fact, under the right circumstances it is welcomed.

What we cannot abide by, is neighbouring authorities allocating housing developments right on the borders of our town, without offering any

improvements in terms of infrastructure. Local Conservatives have fought hard, and will continue to do so, to make our neighbours aware that we will not sit quietly whilst they reap the benefits, whilst residents of Tamworth suffer the consequences.