

Drilling on Barton Moss

You may be aware that IGas, an energy company, is drilling on Barton Moss. This is exploratory test drilling, NOT Shale Gas Fracking.

IGas also has permission for Coal Bed Methane extraction in the future. Coal Bed Methane is not Shale Gas and its extraction does not involve Fracking.

The exploratory drilling should finish in March or April when the site will close down until they have analysed the results. This should take another 6-9 months.

However we are aware that they may find Shale and might apply for permission for Shale Gas Fracking in the future. This would involve a completely new application for permission and licences. If they do so then your Local Councillors will represent the views of residents in any future application.



Thank you for Your patience

Residents have been hugely inconvenienced by the work taking place on the roundabout and as a resident of Brookhouse Councillor Margaret Morris fully understands the considerable disruption this has caused and thanks everyone for their patience and perseverance. She is especially pleased to see the difference the new traffic lights have made despite a difficult start.

The new traffic lights use a learning technology which settle into a working sequence by learning the traffic flows in the area. If you have any queries about the traffic lights on Peel Green Roundabout, please ring 0161 244 1511.



Regeneration in Winton

Councillor Margaret Morris is pleased to see the regeneration taking place in Winton such as the new St Patrick's High School. People are now starting to move into their new homes on the old GUS site and she is especially pleased having supported the £5.5million facelift for the Bridgewater Canal along with her fellow Councillors to learn of the successful bid into the Lottery Heritage Fund.

Councillor Morris says "the Bridgewater canal holds a special place in the industrial history of Winton with many of our relatives and ancestors working in the mills and factories beside it. Our residents today enjoy walking along the canal, fishing, feeding the ducks and watching the boats go by but this facelift with a children's playground close by will benefit everyone."

Introducing your Labour Party candidates in the local council elections on the 22nd May...

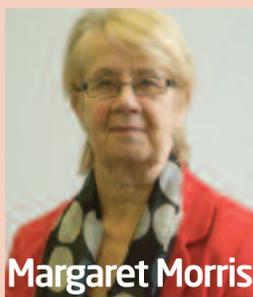


David Jolley

I am proud to have been selected to stand again as your Labour candidate for Barton Ward in this year's local Council elections on May 22. I have been a councillor for the Ward since 2002.

The people of Salford are facing difficult times, after massive Government cuts to local authority funding. The cuts have led to reductions in services for all the people of the City and are having a devastating effect on our most vulnerable citizens. The Government's Bedroom Tax and changes to Council Tax benefits, both forced on the Council by the Government, are causing problems and great hardship for many in our communities.

I pledge to continue to work alongside my fellow Ward Councillors to serve the people of Barton Ward. I will work with Councillors in Eccles and across the City, and with the City Mayor to try to protect the people of the Ward and the City against the Government attacks on their services and standard of life.



Margaret Morris

I have the privilege of serving as a councillor for Winton since 1991 and I welcome the opportunity to continue to serve you for the next four years.

Over the last twenty years my efforts have focused on children and health and well being. I believe we all wish to give our children the best possible start in life, equipping them to stand alongside the best when it comes to competing for jobs.

It is also vitally important that we improve the health of not only our children but ourselves. It cannot be right that people in some areas of Salford are living, on average, 11 years longer than those in Winton.

I believe that the best way to improve the quality and length of life for all is through improved employment opportunities, giving us all a decent standard of living. Regeneration is happening in Salford, despite the cuts imposed by this government. Through new initiatives and partnerships new employment opportunities are opening up.

We have really excellent schools in Winton where teachers and children work really hard to get the qualifications the need. Working with local residents we have influenced planning decisions which have created more homes. Working with GPs in Salford and a range of partners we have helped to improve the health of all in Salford.

I am committed to playing my part in improvements in health and education for people in Winton. I would welcome your comments and ask for your support in the local election on 22nd May.

Why Voting Labour is good for Barton & Winton



Salford Labour in Barton & Winton
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Port Salford Greenway Winton

Local Councillors have been working with planners and officers to bring benefits from Port Salford to Winton. The Port Salford Greenway is an ambitious package of projects which aims to transform a valuable yet neglected corridor of greenspace into a high quality cycle and walking path linking the Bridgewater Canal to Port Salford. This vision will see the creation of exciting leisure facilities, stunning landmarks, diverse habitats and engaging community projects.

Councillor Margaret Morris is especially pleased we have been able to ensure that this Project has key locations in Winton such as Moat Hall woodland, Cleavelys Nursery, Winton Park and Alder Forest and will continue to meet with planners to ensure this fantastic opportunity is of value to our residents.



Port Salford

Port Salford is a £138 million development adjacent to the AJ Bell Stadium and it will have a significant impact on the whole of the North of England.

Containers from around the world will be brought along the Manchester Ship Canal from Liverpool and will be unloaded at Port Salford ready for onward transport by rail/road to all parts of the United Kingdom north of Birmingham including Scotland.

None of the works to develop the Port can be started until the road infrastructure is in place and this is not expected to be finished until 2015.



The City West refurbishment work at Cawdor Street continues. Cawdor House is nearly finished. The whole development should be completed, with improvements to Wade House, within the next year.

This will create over 200 improved and modernised flats, which includes forty residential properties brought back into use. The refurbished flats have up to date energy efficient heating systems.



The work to refurbish Lewis Street School and increase pupil numbers will start soon and will continue into the next school year. There will be new playing fields which will be shared with Christ Church School.

Roadworks Complete!

The roadworks in Peel Green continue and work on the motorway roundabout is now finished.

United Utilities works on either side of the roundabout are due to start. Following consultation with residents there will be a traffic scheme and one way streets in the area behind the Unicorn pub.

The United Utilities work on Peel Green Road to improve drainage and reduce flooding is due to start soon.

Councillors David Jolley, John Mullen and Michelle Mullen continue to meet regularly with contractors, United Utilities, and Council officers to monitor the impact of the works on local residents.

If you have any issues please contact your local councillors.

Barton Athletic

David, John and Michelle along with Council officers are continuing to help Barton Athletic (Shacklady's) with their bid for funding to build a new purpose built clubhouse.

We also worked with them to find the club temporary premises which they have now moved in to.



Improving Health in Winton

As a qualified nurse Councillor Margaret Morris is keen to see Winton residents improve their health. She is pleased to see so many people making use of Winton park and its outdoor gym.

Margaret has worked with the Health Improvement Team to develop a range of activities such as Stroll and Exercise, Wellbeing Support, Keeping Well, Stop Smoking sessions, Buggy Walk to mention a few.

Please contact our Health Improvement service on 0800 952 1000 or visit healthimprovement@salford.gov.uk for more information.

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The Tory Lib Dem Coalition are Damaging our Communities in Salford



Since coming to power the Tory government has:

- SLASHED** £103m from policing in Greater Manchester
- FORCED** Greater Manchester Police to lose 1,300 police officers
- STOLEN** £6.4m from GMP to give to their pet projects

It's no wonder crime is going up in Salford and across Greater Manchester because as a result of this government's decisions the thin blue line is being stretched, and stretched, and stretched again.

Police officers and PCSOs tell me on a regular basis how the service is being pushed to breaking point. This could mean that in a couple of years' time GMP will not have enough officers to provide an effective policing service.

But the government in London carries on regardless. There's £114m MORE cuts to come and we're going to lose HUNDREDS more police officers. We're even having money taken off us to help pay for the City of London Police – the Bankers' Bobbies.

Tony Lloyd, your Police and Crime Commissioner, is sticking up for Salford people. Tony says:

"I have challenged government ministers, face to face, on these cuts at the highest level on your behalf."

"I'm also working with Labour councillors in Salford to protect policing in your area. We've seen a transformation in policing in recent years. Police officers and PCSOs are now part of your community, rather than hidden away or riding around in panda cars and then only coming out when called."

"Neighbourhood policing lies at the heart of safer communities which is why I've protected local policing teams."

"I'll continue to stand up for Salford and fight against these reckless cuts."



Protecting the Vulnerable and Needy

"The Government are ripping the heart out of Salford's services. At the same time they are hammering local people with their welfare changes, increasing dependency and the strain on health and social care, and stifling our chances to grow Salford's economy."

Despite severe cuts, the city council has protected some of the "most important services to Salford residents", said Ian Stewart, City Mayor.

"In social care, we are protecting the most vulnerable and needy people.

"We are giving our youngest the best start in life with 25 hours of free nursery care for three and four-year-olds. We are increasing the Living Wage from £7.45 per hour to £7.65 for 1,200 of our lowest paid staff and apprentices.

Budget cuts per department for 2014-2015



The City Mayor added: "The face of local government in Salford is being changed forever because of this Government's austerity policies.

"We are doing everything we can to limit the damage done and to stimulate growth, build a healthy economy and create jobs for local people. But we need a fair deal from this Government."



Unite with Labour

Unite the union are pleased to have worked with Salford City Council in being the first Local Authority in Greater Manchester to have introduced the Living Wage benefiting over 1,200 council workers. With seven other major employers following the lead.

We will continue this work until all employees in Salford are paid the living wage.

To find out more information contact Debbie Brannan at debbie.brannan@unitetheunion.org or join unite: www.unitetheunion.org/join-unite/

If you are already a member, why not recruit a friend and get £25 worth of Love 2 Shop Vouchers?

FOOD BANKS: UK turns down £203 million in EU funding

The Government have turned down £203m of EU funding for food banks, Labour MP Frank Field said today.

Mr Field said new figures obtained from the House of Commons Library show that Britain would have been entitled to at least 246m Euros (£203m) from the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived between now and 2020, with more funding available if needed.

The Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger and Food Poverty has written to the Prime Minister asking him to reconsider the Government's decision to reject this funding.

He said, "People are going hungry, yet the Government has turned down a small fortune in food aid funding. Despite recent improvements in the labour market, the cost of household essentials is continuing to rise, with household incomes for those at the bottom often failing to cover the costs of putting food on the table.

"An additional £200 million plus of funding could have enabled food banks and other food aid providers to work wonders with the most vulnerable people in society. The Government must reconsider its bizarre decision to reject this funding."

What the Tories say:

"They've only got themselves to blame for making bad decisions"

Michael Gove

"Some people need to get a grip, foodbanks are not the answer."

Edwina Currie



More transparency for MEPs voting records

For many people in the UK, what goes on the European Parliament can be a bit of a mystery, so it is vital that we continue to look at ways in which we can make the EU decision - making process clearer for voters.

This week the Parliament backed new rules to introduce automatic 'roll call' voting on all final votes in the European Parliament, which will make it easier for people to check how their MEPs have voted on different issues.

KIP MEPs were amongst a small majority who voted against the transparency measures - I don't think they are looking forward to their voting record being public, even though they rarely turn up to vote in the first place, especially for Committee meetings!

photo: Theresa Griffin, Afzal Khan and Julie Ward Labour's candidates in the upcoming European elections

Labour urges Cameron to put Salford's young unemployed back to work

Our Labour team in Europe is calling on David Cameron to stop wasting time and apply now for European Union funding to tackle the youth unemployment crisis.

While other EU countries have started to bid for the money, the UK's Tory-led government has not yet submitted a plan to access EU funding under the Youth Employment Initiative and European Youth Guarantee. The scheme, which Labour MEPs campaigned hard to introduce, aims to help jobless people under 25 find employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or traineeship within four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education.

There are currently 941,000 16-24 year-old out of work in Britain.

Theresa Griffin, Labours number one candidate on the European list said: "What kind of message does it send to those out of work and looking for help when the government is failing to get its act together, come up with a plan and apply for these funds?"

"It is unacceptable the Tories have delayed and dithered in applying for funds and implementing these European schemes that will help our young people find work."

Young people not in employment, education or training are estimated to cost the EU €153 billion (£129bn) a year, in benefits and foregone earnings and taxes.



£5.5million facelift for Bridgewater Canal

Salford's historic Bridgewater Canal is set for another revolution.

Salford Council has received grants to regenerate nearly five miles of the canal between Boothstown and Barton.

The planned regeneration is expected to boost visitor numbers, adding an extra £2million each year to the city's economy when finished. For the first time sightseers will be able to view Barton Aqueduct in its full splendour and the historic structure will be lit for the first time in its life.

Engineer James Brindley built the aqueduct to carry the canal over the River Irwell. And in a dramatic transformation Worsley Delph, where coal carrying barges emerged from the Duke of Bridgewater's mines, will be re-opened to boats and visitors for the first time in years. At the moment it is overgrown, the water is very shallow and is in need of tender loving care.

photo: Barton-on-Irwell showing (left) the swing-aqueduct carrying the Bridgewater Canal over the Manchester Ship Canal and (right) the Barton road bridge. photo by RuthAS

I don't vote because...

I don't know what it's all about?

It's about you having a say in the people who run your town. Salford City Council has a big say in our local schools, housing and police and is responsible for emptying the bins and keeping the streets clean.

If you don't vote you shouldn't complain.

They're all the same!

We don't think so. Your local Labour Councillors work hard for local people like yourself. We all live locally and speak up for local people.

If you have a problem just contact one of your councillors and we will do our best to help you. Labour is committed to high quality local services, fighting the Tories cuts and making sure local people get a fair deal.

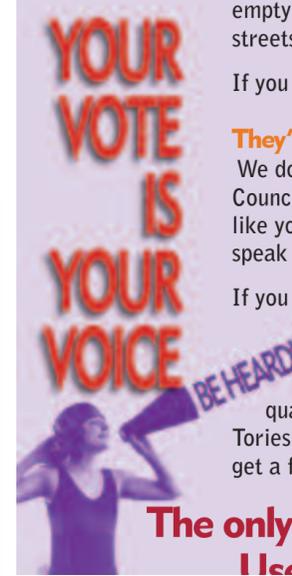
I don't know what to do...

It really is very simple. You go down to the local polling station (usually a school or community building), give the staff there your name and address and they will give you a voting paper. You put an X next to the name of the person you want to vote for ... and that's it, you've voted!

I'm very busy - I haven't got the time

It really doesn't take long to vote. The Polling Stations are open from 7am-10pm and if you need a lift we will send a car round for you.

You can also vote by post, contact one of your labour councillors and they will get the application form to you. Contact details are on the back page.



The only way to get the Tories out is to vote them out
Use your vote and vote Labour at the next Election