

# Housing

There are a number of proposals from developers/landowners who want to build on green belt land:

Astley Road: 350 houses – local farmer  
 Springfield Lane: 720 houses – Persimmon Homes  
 Boysnope Golf Course: 1400 houses – Peel Holdings.

Recently the City Council's Planning Panel has refused the planning application for the houses on Astley Road. This decision is likely to go to appeal where the Government in London will make the final decision.

The local Labour Party have been actively involved in organising opposition to these proposals and will continue to oppose any housing development on Irlam & Cadishead Moss which is all green belt land.



# Ten-point plan for Barton Moss

The six local Councillors have put together a ten-point plan for the site at Barton Moss:

Your Councillors are consulting on these ten conditions before any planning application for shale gas extraction by hydraulic fracturing is made or considered.

We do not expect the results of the current exploration drilling to be announced until Oct/Nov this year.

- 1 Baseline conditions must be assessed with micro-seismic monitoring.
- 2 An early warning system for seismic activity must be implemented.
- 3 The chemicals used must be non-hazardous with disclosure of the chemicals used.
- 4 The integrity of the 'well' must be assured to prevent water contamination.
- 5 The level of methane must be assessed prior to drilling.
- 6 The site at Barton Moss must have a full environmental assessment.
- 7 All monitoring activity must commence before extraction commences.
- 8 Salford City Council should be allowed to determine any future planning application.
- 9 Any Government inquiry on shale gas extraction should be held in Salford.

- 10 If the Government approve shale gas extraction on Barton Moss there must be a clear benefit to the local community including:
  - a A long term investment into Cadishead & Irlam
  - b Lower energy prices for local residents and business's.

If you have any queries on these matters please contact a local Councillor or Chris Williams on 0161 775 6835.

## Why Voting Labour is good for Irlam & Cadishead



Salford Labour in Irlam & Cadishead  
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# Postal Voting

Do you have mobility problems or do not leave your home very often?

Do you work away from home or work shifts?

The Local and Euro Elections take place on Thursday 22nd May this year, will you be away on holiday?

There are many reasons why you may not be able to go to the Polling Station on 22nd May, don't lose your vote, you can apply for a postal vote.

If you would like to apply please contact your councillors or Chris Williams on 0161 775 6835 and we'll get an application form to you.

Are you on the Electoral Register? if your not you wont be able to vote on 22nd May. Phone the Elections Office 793 3195 to find out if you are registered to vote and if your not ask for a "ElectorRegistration Form"



## 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.

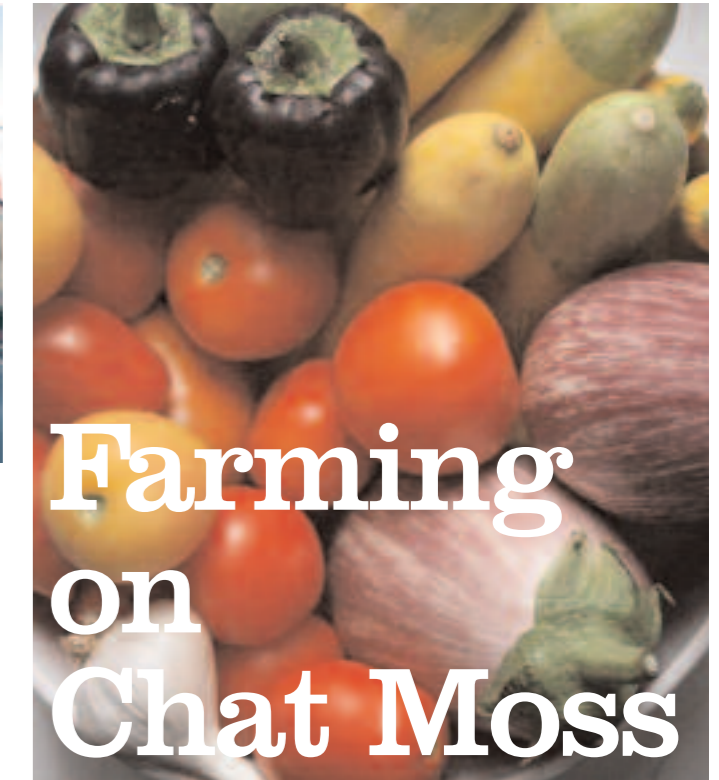
None of the works to develop the Port can be started until the road infrastructure is in place and this is not expected to be finished until 2015.



## Regeneration

The regeneration of the first part of the Liverpool Road corridor is now complete. We are delighted that most local residents are pleased with the result. councillor Christine Hudson commented: 'At first there was some opposition to the plans but after a sensitive consultation process we won people round and I think the end result is brilliant'.

The second phase of this scheme, which is a collaboration between Salford City Council and Hamilton Davis Trust, costing £1.2 million and starting in March, will transform the section of road between Irlam Station and the Tesco lights. Work is also continuing on improving the station building along with a free 60 place car park with CCTV



# Farming on Chat Moss

The Community Committee are giving consideration to setting up a farm produce group with a view to encouraging local farmers to cultivating more vegetables on their land.

councillor Roger Jones, who is very keen to get this scheme going, said: 'I remember rhubarb and carrots being grown on the Moss years ago. It would be great if we could get large scale cultivation going again'.

The local Labour Party has arranged a meeting with Tesco's to try and develop this proposal. Watch this space!

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## Green Light for New traffic signals



The new traffic lights at peel Green roundabout initially caused traffic chaos but local councillors, with the city mayor, managed to get the situation resolved. Changes have now been made to improve the timings.

The new signals are part of the road improvements for the Port Salford project.

The work has ensured they are as effective as possible. Traffic flow through the junction is now much smoother, with congestion significantly reduced. Engineers will continue to visit the site as part of the ongoing monitoring of the new signal timings.

# 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.

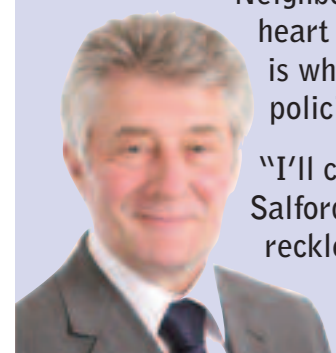
Tony Lloyd, your Police and Crime Commissioner, is sticking up for Salford people. Tony says:

"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](mailto:debbie.brannan@unitetheunion.org) or join unite: [www.unitetheunion.org/join-unite/](http://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, Labour's 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.