

The Norwich Green



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KEEP THE FIRE SERVICE LOCAL!

Norwich City Councillors have backed calls from the Green Party to oppose Government plans to merge Norfolk's fire control service with those of five other counties. The proposals would see a joint control centre in Cambridgeshire covering the whole of the Eastern Region. The Green Party agrees with the Fire Brigades Union that the merger would result in a poorer service that could not make use of local knowledge. Green Councillor **Adrian Holmes** put forward a motion opposing the plans at a recent City Council meeting. Councillor Holmes said: "Norfolk has one of the top ranked fire control services in the country. We must not allow this high level of service to be put at risk by this merger."



Photo: The Fire Station in
Norwich city centre.

Councillor **Adrian Ramsay**, Green Party General Election Candidate for Norwich South, said: "I hope the Government listens to the strong local calls to scrap this merger. Local knowledge is crucial in the provision of public services. Fire service control should not be regionalised. If the Government wants the experience of Norfolk's high performing service to be shared with other areas this can be done through mentoring. It should not be done through a merger that could undermine that high level of service and result in less advanced technology being used."

Zebra Crossing Saved!

The Norwich Highways Agency Committee has decided to keep the zebra crossing over Heigham Road, by Earlham Road. City Council transport officers had proposed removing the crossing but the vast majority of residents responding to the consultation wanted it retained. Nelson Ward Green Councillors worked with local residents to put forward the case for keeping the crossing but also to support measures to improve safety: pavement widening and increasing the visibility of the crossing. These measures have been agreed and are set to be installed in June.



Photo: Nelson Green Councillors **Bob Gledhill**, **Claire Stephenson** and **Adrian Ramsay** with a local resident on the **Heigham Road** zebra crossing that has been saved.



Can you display a Green Party poster in your window or poster board in your garden ahead of the 4th June County Council and European elections? Please call (01603) 611909 or e-mail poster@norwichgreenparty.org

Andrew Boswell Chosen

Andrew Boswell has been selected to re-stand in the County Council election on 4th June. Andrew, who lives in Nelson Ward on Havelock Road, has been your County Councillor for the last four years and has recently taken over as Leader of the Green Party Councillors at County Hall.



The County Council is responsible for important local services such as transport, education and waste disposal. The Green Party hopes to increase its representation at County Hall in the local elections.

Also on 4th June is the European election, in which Norwich Green Councillor **Rupert Read** is standing to become one of our Euro-MPs. Around 10% of the vote across Eastern England would see Rupert elected.



Photo:
Nelson Green
Councillors
**Claire
Stephenson
and Adrian
Ramsay** at the
junction of
**Colman Road
and Unthank
Road.**

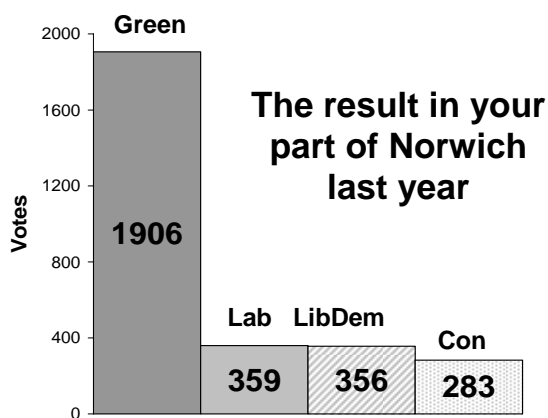
Colman Road Junction Improvements

The City Council will soon consult residents on plans to introduce pedestrian crossings at the junction of Colman Road and Unthank Road. Green Councillors have been pressing for measures to make it easier for people to cross the road at this point. To submit your views on how to improve this crossing please contact transport officer Phil Slater: (01603) 213426 or philslater@norwich.gov.uk.

Earlham House Update

Following lobbying from Green Councillors, the City Council has now agreed to take action against the landlord of Earlham House shops over the state of the front car park. The owner will soon be served with a notice to address the problems of potholes and flooding. Green Councillors will continue to fight for improvements to the shopping centre.

Nelson Ward Local Election Result 2008



Car Crimes in Christchurch Area

There has been a series of car crimes in the Christchurch Road area in recent weeks. Police Officers in the local Safer Neighbourhood Team are taking action to address this. To report car crimes or find out about Police action and advice on this issue please call Norfolk Police on 0845 456 4567.

The Green Grocers Organic food and drink

Farmers' Market:
second Sunday of every month

Earlham House Shops, Earlham Road, Norwich
01603 250000 www.thegreengrocers.co.uk
Monday-Saturday 9-7; Sunday 10-4

Advice Surgeries: Your Green Councillors hold regular advice surgeries. **Please come along to meet us and discuss local issues or problems;** no appointment needed. *Second Monday of each month, 6-7pm, Belvedere Community Centre, Belvoir Street:*
11th May, 8th June, 13th July.

Contacting Nelson Greens

Please get in touch if:

- you would like your Green Councillors to take up any issues on your behalf;
- you can deliver Green Party newsletters, would like to join or want more information.

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