

**Re-elect Cllr. Diane Calder**

**Vote Number 1 for Broxburn,  
Uphall and Winchburgh**



**West Lothian Council Elections  
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh Ward**

**4th May**



## SNP Making West Lothian **your** Council



**For far too long West Lothian Council has believed that consultation is a process through which it tells our community what is to be done to us.**

**SNP** totally reject this way of working and are determined to empower our communities to help shape the services *your* council delivers.

**SNP** believe that communities must be at the very heart of our local democracy and that democratic power must be built from communities up - *not imposed from above.*

**SNP** believe that power lies with people and communities who give some of that to local government - *not the other way round*

**SNP** believe that with more local control over decision making we will all have a much brighter future.

An incoming SNP West Lothian Council Administration will therefore radically change the Council's current decision making process to ensure our local communities are directly involved in matters affecting them and to put our communities at the very centre of

decision making - *with a strong voice that will carry weight.* Put simply SNP want communities to have a new experience of local government as active participants and problem solvers.

Our first actions will be to listen to your views and this dialogue will shape the detail of how we will bring control of budgets and services closer to our local communities. Everything we do will be focussed on delivering equality, fairness and social justice. We know that our different communities have varied needs and accept that the one size fits all solutions of the past are no longer fit for purpose.

We believe that the best decisions will be made by those who are to be most affected by them and we are determined to allow **your** ideas to flourish and to change our communities for the better.

Underpinning this election address is this key principle of empowering our communities to shape their future as we work to make West Lothian a fairer, more equal and more prosperous community.

***I commend it to you and look forward to hearing your views and to working with you to change West Lothian for the better.***

*Diane Calder*

**Cllr. Diane Calder**



## **Five Steps... to a better West Lothian**

### **An SNP led West Lothian Council will:**

**1**

Ensure local people have the ability to influence and plan a range of the local services which affect their communities as we work together to make West Lothian a fairer, more equal and prosperous community

**2**

Work with parents and partners to provide affordable and flexible integrated early learning, education and childcare between 8am and 6pm, all year round

**3**

Invest in our children to ensure every child, irrespective of their background, gets the best chance to achieve their full potential

**4**

We will commence a programme to build 2000 council houses with the initial build starting immediately

**5**

Protect the health and well-being of our elderly and vulnerable, by ensuring the integration of Health & Social Care delivers first class, person-centred services and improved technology enhanced care to support them to live well in their own homes - *where they most want to be*

## About your **SNP** Candidate...



### DIANE SAYS...

*"The next five years will be possibly the most challenging for our council. I believe that it is essential for us to work together, council and community, to come through this period. For me this means that the council has to accept that it does not have all the answers. We need to listen to our communities and to take on board their thoughts on the future shape of council services. The days of the current Labour Council simply doing things to our communities must be over. We need to empower our communities to shape our future and this will most certainly be the SNP way! So, I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. **I believe that we can, and must, build a better, fairer and more equal community and country and that with your support we will do exactly that.**"*

Diane was first elected in 2012 to the Ward of Broxburn, Uphall, Winchburgh, Dechmont and Ecclesmachan. Diane has in the past five years earned a reputation for fighting for her Community and the people within it.

Diane says: *"I have been honoured and delighted to serve for the last five years as a Local Councillor in my home Ward. I am fully aware that people can and do organise to resolve any issues or enquiries by themselves, however there are times when people encounter some obstacles that they are unable to negotiate when trying to obtain resolution.*

*This is when people can and do contact me and for those of you who know me will recognise that I will take on these issues passionately and to the best of my ability support people into a satisfactory conclusion "*

## Diane Calder **Working Hard for You**

### In **Winchburgh**



In working with Council Officials Diane has highlighted the issues of **Road Safety** and the difficulties residents are having with parking in Main Street and around the Primary School. I will continue to listen to resident views and am committed to finding resolutions to these issues.

**Diane has supported many people** who have encountered difficulties with Housing issues and conflict and will continue to highlight these issues and fight to deliver the best possible solution for her constituents.

### In **Uphall**



Diane has worked closely with residents, community groups, Council Officials and Housing Associations to find solutions to issues with **parking bays** where Health & Safety concerns have been highlighted.

**Diane has also liaised closely with residents to engage Council services to fulfil their rightful expectations as tenants. To resolve complaints and issues arising from years of neglect regarding external and internal building issues with properties.**



## Winchburgh Core Development



### Winchburgh Retail and Partnership Centre

Diane advises, "The continuation of the Winchburgh Core Development is now at a crucial stage with the construction of the roads/footpaths for the retail area."

**Diane explains,** "The construction at this stage has planning permission for seven retail/commercial units and it is understood that five of the units are to be the first phase development in which the building should take place later this year, with the final two later on in the phase."

What is on site now is the construction of the roads/footpaths for the affordable and much needed council housing and retail area, rather than the actual retail units. The roads/footpaths are due to be finished by March 2017.

The development of a Partnership Centre is something that is also being discussed currently. For me this must be a top priority and should be delivered as soon as possible."

### Winchburgh Train Station

Diane says: "There is some ambiguity regarding the delivery of Winchburgh Rail Station regarding the exact timings of that delivery."

I have confirmed the position with West Lothian Council and the Scottish Government and they are both agreed that the ScotRail franchise contains a priced option for train services to call at Winchburgh, subject to the delivery of the station by the promoters.

Winchburgh Rail Station is to be delivered after the electrification project has finished and I am absolutely committed to ensuring that the developers deliver on their promises and that **this vital facility is provided for Winchburgh on time!**"



### Cash Boost for Local Schools

More than 2,300 schools across Scotland will receive additional support worth thousands of pounds, to be spent at the discretion of teachers and school leaders to close the poverty related attainment gap in their schools.

Schools in our Ward area have a share of the **£120 million fund** from the Pupil Equity Funding announcement by the Scottish Government. Diane Calder stressed, **"I am delighted to advise that in our Ward area schools will receive a total of £358,100.00 which is fantastic news."**

## Edinburgh Airport 'Airspace Change Programme' Consultation 2

Following on from Edinburgh Airport's Consultation 1 which resulted in the disastrous TUTOR Trial imposed on our residents in Broxburn, Uphall & Winchburgh in the summer of 2015. We now have the latest communication from Edinburgh Airport in the form of Consultation 2 which is open until April 30th this year.

**Cllr. Calder says, "This second consultation has been proposed by Edinburgh Airport and I am clear that they need to now listen to the views of our community."**

I would encourage everyone to respond to this latest communication by Edinburgh Airport with their concerns. As a local resident I am concerned about proposed initial routes. For example the Airports preferred options Route B2, B5 and C5, *see this link*. <http://www.letsstofurther.com/flight-paths>

**Route B5 is the existing GOSAM route and route B2 is a route that Edinburgh Airport are proposing in addition to the GOSAM route to alleviate aircraft from their busiest route. However I am extremely concerned that this proposal would have a seriously detrimental effect and subject our residents to some of the worst noise pollution since the TUTOR trial.**

The consultation also places great emphasis that the proposed changes will reduce those overflown by 25,000. The flight path proposals indicate that this can be achieved by flying over less-densely populated areas. It fails however to recognise that noise impact is the

differential between background noise levels and noise levels in the presence of aircraft. Densely populated areas will have a higher background therefore the impact of aircraft noise will be less noticeable. It also fails to recognise that overflight, at lower altitude, of communities closer to the airport will expose those communities to higher noise levels."

Cllr. Calder emphasises "The initial northbound flightpath also appears to go very close to the development area of Winchburgh, and southbound over Calderwood which are both areas of planned growth.

The consultation also makes no reference to changes in night flights which is a major concern with the airport clearly in my view seeking to be open for flights on a 24hr basis. With 80% of flights taking off over West Lothian this is a serious concern.

Mr Gordon Dewar, Edinburgh Airports Chief Executive has said: "We know that not everyone will agree with our proposals; therefore we are committed – where people are adversely impacted by changes – to mitigation and compensation measures"

**I will be personally asking Mr Dewar what exactly this would mean for people unable to sit in their gardens and for some people who have already sold their houses and moved home because of this stressful and invasive impact."**



## Vote SNP 1, 2, 3

This local council election will take place using the STV voting system. You vote by listing the candidates in order of preference- giving 1 to your first choice, 2 to your second choice and so on. Your vote can help elect four councillors. In this area the SNP are fighting to win three of the four seats and so we ask that you :

## Vote SNP 1, 2, 3

**" This election is a clear choice between an SNP run council or a Tory/Labour coalition "**



Pippa Plevin



Diane Calder



Janet Campbell

## Cllr. Diane Calder explains:

Across West Lothian the **SNP** are the only party fielding enough council candidates to *actually* form a council administration.

After the election Labour and the Tories will look to cobble together a Labour/Tory run council.

## So I ask you to **Vote SNP 1, 2, 3**, to:

- Elect three SNP councillors here, and help to deliver an SNP run West Lothian Council
- Remove the Labour/Tory coalition in power in West Lothian
- Deliver a fairer, more equal, more prosperous county

To help elect three **SNP** councillors for **Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh** please vote



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**1**



**Pippa Plevin**

**2**



**Janet Campbell**

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