



FOCUS *On* Broadstone

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Post Office campaign goes to Parliament

Annette Brooke was very pleased with the massive support from Broadstone residents for the Lib Dem campaign to save our Post Offices.

Annette presented the petition to Parliament and will continue to work with other Lib Dem MP's to protect the Post Offices from future cuts.

Over 3500 post offices were cut by the previous Conservative Government and over 4000 have been cut by Tony Blairs Labour Government



Local activist Dan Martin giving Annette Brooke MP the Broadstone Post Office petitions

Phone Masts loophole causes concern



Phone mast protests at Pinesprings Drive and The Clump,



The siting of phone masts can be highly controversial as Broadstone residents have demonstrated. However Poole Council looks likely to make it even more so.

Cllr Mike Brooke has found a loophole in the planning system that allows 'prior-approval applications' to by-pass the planning committee. As a result residents lose the right to argue their case in public.

Cllr Mike Brooke said, "This is totally unacceptable. Planning decisions should be open and transparent and the Council should not stop residents presenting their case to committee."

Mike plans to debate the issue at next Full Council in April. In the meantime let Mike, Graham or Dan know your views by completing and returning the comment slip to our Free Post address.

Return to:
FREEPOST, 14 York Road, Broadstone, BH18 8BR

HAVE YOUR SAY - YOUR VIEWS ON PHONE MASTS -

Additional comments:

Name _____ Phone _____

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Residents **should/should not*** have the right to an open and transparent decision making process.

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4 Years on... the Verdict

Conservative
controlled
Poole Borough
Council

**AUDIT
COMMISSION
REPORT**

After four years of Conservative control, Poole Council is still only a 3 star Council.

32 % of councils are 4 Star so why isn't Poole up there with the best? Cllr. Mike Brooke, commenting on the report, acknowledged that "some improvements have taken place but significant weaknesses now exist. There have been unacceptable declines in the quality of some services and these trends must be reversed."

What has happened to Striving for Excellence?

- ⊙ 'Support for carers is too low and needs to be increased.'
- ⊙ 'Satisfaction with bus services has fallen, putting Poole in the bottom quarter.'
- ⊙ 'Affordable housing fails to meet standards and is not value for money
- ⊙ 'Planning services - a below average performance'

What has happened to Clean Green and Safe?

- ⊙ Recycling is below Govt. targets. Poole has slipped from 63rd to 145th.
- ⊙ Poole remains in the worst quarter for weight of household waste collected per head
- ⊙ Poole remains in the bottom quarter for unacceptable levels of litter. Poole was ranked 225th in one litter survey.
- ⊙ Crime overall rose by 8% and antisocial behaviour increased by 22% during the year.

PLUS STEALTH TAXES - Hitting your pocket

- ⊙ £2.6m in hidden charges in this year's budget.
- ⊙ Day care transport charges up 160%
- ⊙ Conservative Cabinet members' allowances up 40%
- ⊙ Sunday car parking charges increased
- ⊙ Winter car parking charges introduced for beach car parks



Under Lib Dem control, Poole was described as 'Local Government at its best' *District Auditor*

Conservation Areas: an update

It could be all change for Broadstone's Tudor Road conservation area if current proposals are approved. The area is set to include Broadstone First School, Broadstone Hotel and the Dunyeats Road shops. Cllr Graham Mason welcomed the proposals. "This is a very significant and historical part of Broadstone and to give it conservation area status will enable greater controls over any future developments. It can only be good for Broadstone."



Cllrs Graham Mason and Mike Brooke discuss the conservation proposal.

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