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**Election Information from Rushcliffe Liberal Democrats
Rushcliffe Borough Council By-Election
Thursday 20 March 2014**

**Please elect Davinder Virdi as your representative.
A strong Gamston voice for Gamston Ward Residents**

Rushcliffe needs more independent minded Councillors who have the interests of local residents as their number one priority. Rod Jones, a West Bridgford Councillor, says "We need more people like Davinder who is a solid local family man prepared to serve. We can recommend him to you."

Davinder Virdi has lived in Gamston for almost 20 years.

He is married and has three children all attending local schools.

Davinder studied at Nottingham University. He is Chief Executive of a UK professional services firm. He is a Fellow of the Institute of Business Consulting (FIBC), Vice Chair of a local Arts Charity as well as a member of local charity groups serving our local community. He is also a guest lecturer and has extensive experience of advising public sector service organisations including the NHS and Local Authorities.

Davinder's services to the local community have been acknowledged by the Lions Clubs International Foundation in which he holds the award of the Melvyn Jones Fellowship. He is a voluntary director in other groups where he helps to transform local businesses, services and community groups.

"I am very concerned about the traffic which will follow all the new housing estates which are planned. Schools, health services and community facilities need special attention. If elected, I will speak up for the area as plans come forward."

As a parent, Davinder is passionate about the facilities for children in our community and about environmental issues. He believes in the importance of fairness, supporting business and the vulnerable. "Being rooted in Gamston is important to me in standing up for the area."

"I would like to serve the people and interests of Gamston, West Bridgford."

"I WILL WORK FOR YOU ALL YEAR ROUND"

Davinder Virdi

Liberal Democrat



Rushcliffe and West Bridgford Liberal Democrats

Our Views on Housing, the Environment and Local Democracy

We believe that new house-building in Rushcliffe should be driven by what people want and not what is most profitable for developers and landowners. They should be built to the best available eco-friendly standards for new homes. We try to balance the need to house the next generation against the need to preserve the rural character of Rushcliffe. We believe that no housing should be built on flood zones and adequate sewers should be provided.

We believe that greater priority must be given to the providing of low-cost housing. We want new developments to include a larger proportion of affordable and starter homes.

We believe that safe pedestrian and cycling routes are vital. **We** press the County Council to ensure that roads, footpaths and verges are maintained and cleaned and also gritted in winter. **We** work closely with the police to monitor their effectiveness, to improve their response to residents' needs and to combat crime.

We believe that all Council decisions should be made openly and transparently with the interests of residents being paramount, we would like to abolish secretive one-party rule, and want to involve all parties at all levels of the Council's decision-making. We want to have public participation in Council meetings.

This election is about what matters locally

Liberal Democrats have pushed for improvements on plans for Sharphill, in West Bridgford, improvements to recycling, to Leisure Centres, to highways and for pedestrian- and cycle-friendly changes. Our Liberal Democrat Councillors in West Bridgford are active. They work with the Sure Start children's centre; support the Friends of Sharphill Woods, other Conservation groups, sports, swimming and other voluntary groups including youth groups and the Friary.

If elected, we will keep you informed with Focus newsletters about issues which concern us locally and in Rushcliffe.

Liberal Democrats are about local action. We:

- proposed and got the kerbside Household Battery Collection Scheme implemented so rare metals are re-used and not burnt in the Incinerator
- surveyed Residents' opinions about the Mega GP Surgery, reported back and represented those views.
- fight against excessive building clogging West Bridgford. We objected in person to the 2009 Sharphill Public Inquiry and to replacing the planned Melton Rd underpass with traffic lights. We vigorously opposed the Council's 2013 local plan which increased the number of properties to be built. Labour backed building more!! We wanted a higher percentage of affordable homes BUT Labour backed the lower proportions in the plan.

Work to keep Leisure Services. We have:

- represented residents' concerns about the Council's plan to close Rushcliffe Leisure Centre (which is the most popular of the Centres) and add new facilities at the Arena
- successfully argued for Parkwood to re-instate holiday play-schemes
- supported table tennis and squash clubs and other voluntary sports clubs.

Fight the Conservative monopoly of Rushcliffe and promote local democracy

- Liberal Democrats are the largest opposition group with 6 Councillors. We need an increase in numbers to effectively scrutinise the Conservatives who dominate the Council with 35!!!.
- We proposed cuts to allowances and grants for Rushcliffe Councillors BUT Conservatives said No to these cuts.
- We called for Councillors to be required to disclose membership of other organisations from National Trust to Freemasons BUT Conservatives voted against this openness.

DON'T WASTE YOUR VOTE ON ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE

For local representation Vote for Davinder Viridi