

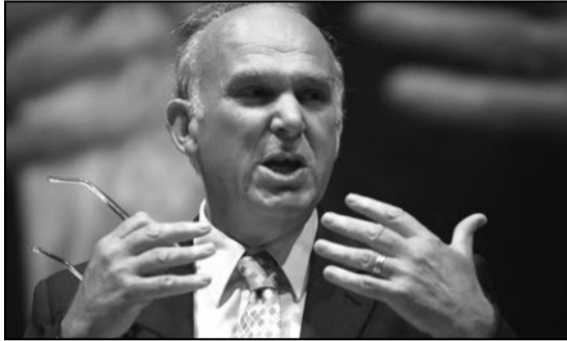
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"People must keep their homes," says Cable



Ann Buckley has backed calls from Vince Cable MP to demand that banks do everything possible to help people stay in their homes.

Too often, banks whose customers miss mortgage payments because they lost their jobs are thrown out on the streets.

"We remember the horrors of re-

possession under the last Conservative government," said Ann. "Now that the economy is going sour under Labour, the last thing we want is a repeat of the terrible Tory years."

Liberal Democrats have put forward a package of policies to help struggling households stay in their home. These include selling part of the equity to council or housing associations and then renting back. Councils could also purchase unsold houses and rent them back to people who can no longer get a mortgage.

"These sensible measures could minimise the heartbreak of being made homeless," said Cable.



Lib Dem councillors Susan Stocker and Ann Buckley have blamed poor management for the delayed start to the Rusty Cutter roundabout work, now due to start next Spring - one year later than originally planned.

Susan told FOCUS, "It's been poorly co-ordinated from the start with numerous problems throughout the entire construction phase."



Ann using the new track

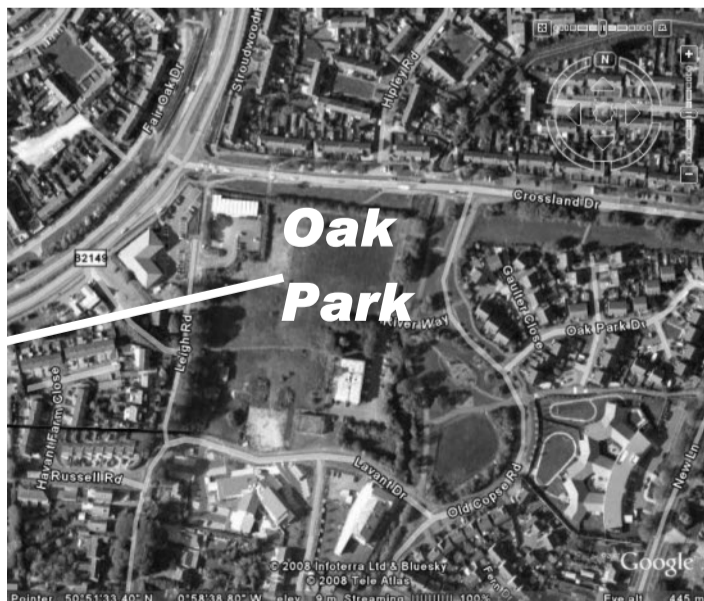
New cycleway links Havant and Portsmouth

The cycle track along Harts Farm Way is now complete and Cllr Ann Buckley has received many favourable comments from residents. Ann said it's great to see the project completed. It links Havant Town Centre with the Farlington track and on to Portsmouth. Four year ago one of Ann's first duties as a county councillor was to open the Farlington section.

What's your view?

If you've used the new cycle track tell Ann what you think of it. Is it safe, do the signs work and what about the surface? Please let Ann know.

New Hospital On Track



West Havant left out of Parking Permit scheme

Residents' surveys suggest that a small majority are in favour of parking permits in central Havant. 14 roads have been targeted leaving others elsewhere in the town open to congestion by cars moving from controlled roads. West Havant is already under siege from parking by employees of local firms and commuters.

Lib Dems believe companies should provide parking for their workers and encourage alternative travel to work schemes like shuttles that take cars off the road.



Plans are going ahead with the new Oak Park Hospital off Petersfield Road. A planning application has been made. Health Committee member, Ann Buckley, questioned the lack of beds for dementia patients and these have been restored to the scheme. Ann, who sits on the West Sussex Joint Committee, backed the decision to refer the downgrading of St. Richards to Ministers, as it was not in the best interests of residents.



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