It’s time for change

It’s time for a change. Time to take back control. To put in place a Council that puts YOU and your neighbours FIRST.

And this is the year you can make it happen with more independents standing across the Borough and 30% fewer Council seats, we have a one off chance for real change and a move away from party politicians who care more about their party winning than you winning.

We asked you and your neighbours about what was important to you and, overleaf we have summarised the issues YOU said YOU wanted action on.

Let me introduce to you our candidate for your ward.

More about Carole DA COSTA

Carole has lived in Windsor for 22 years and her children grew up here. As a local community midwife she has helped hundreds of families over the last 19 years.

Carole has a passion for enabling and empowering people, whether that’s through work or volunteering.

She is a volunteer with the “More Than a Shelter” as she is very aware of the complex housing needs, both for young families trying to set up home in this expensive area, and those who find themselves with no home at all. She supports the award winning Food Academy that helps young people to grow in confidence and avoid problems in school.

Carole is an original member of Plastic Free Windsor, with a passion and skill for finding workable initiatives to protect the environment while connecting communities.

She is married to Wisdom Da Costa, an experienced, local, WWRA sponsored, Independent Councillor for Clewer North, whom she often helps and, between them they have five children and grandson.

Carole is a dog lover with two Battersea dogs and is an beekeeper.

It’s time for change. Change can happen. Consider voting for Carole DA COSTA

Make Clewer & Dedworth Independent

With the Royal Borough dominated by one political party previously holding 53 out of 57 seats, it’s vital that Clewer & Dedworth gains an Independent voice so you can be represented fairly

DA COSTA, Carole
West Windsor Residents Association
Thursday, 2 May 2019, 7am - 10pm
Increasing Safety

Although we live in a time of heightened uncertainty we are aware of the needs of residents and will continue to seek measures to improve your safety including;

- Increasing the number of valuable community wardens from 20 to 36
- Improved use and locations of street lighting and CCTV
- Seeking a review of school and road crossings to safeguard our children, pedestrians and those less mobile.

Protecting the Environment

Our environment and the spaces we enjoy are under increasing pressure from the actions of antisocial people. We recognise the need to protect and even enhance our environment not just for our own well being and enjoyment but also for our children and grand children. With this in mind, here are some of the issues we will champion;

- The Borough Local Plan is a key document that defines where and what sort of development can happen. It should be upgraded to protect the green belt, integrate with local services and serve the needs of residents & local businesses such as protecting our garden centres
- Protecting green spaces and vulnerable sites e.g. HA11, Sutherland Grange Nature Reserve, Whiteleys, The Manor
- Championing the reduction of single use plastics across the Borough and Council supply chains
- Improving education and opportunities for residents and businesses to better their environmental achievements

Restoring Well Being & Dignity

Young or old, people, community and family are at the centre of what we do and how we live. We will continue to seek ways to improve your quality of life including;

- Boosting affordable social housing stock
- Creating an attractive, multi feature, community hub for old and young; a “Wyevales plus”
- Encouraging healthy lifestyle e.g. outdoor gym, cycling, walking, rambling, river activities
- Investing in Youth Programmes

Promoting Local Businesses

With Brexit looming large and high streets under increasing pressure, we will look to improve and regenerate the vibrancy of our beautiful town. We see opportunities to;

- Improve parking facilities, including park and ride, increasing accessibility and footfall for local businesses
- Reduce business rates for environmentally & transport friendly businesses
- Foster relationships between business and our young people to create more opportunities for them and the businesses

Better Governance & Accountability

Democracy and open, honest local government have never been at greater risk than now. We want to make sure that things are done in the interest of all people. We will continue to hold the Council to account to;

- Monitor and help ensure sound, unbiased planning decisions based on planning documents
- Make every effort to work collaboratively with all parties in the interests of all the residents of our town
- Empower the council employees, on whose professional qualifications and experience we should be relying. After all, they are the experts.
- Work for greater transparency and consultation between Council and residents about long term investment decisions and its impact on funding of our Council
- Seek fair funding for all schools
- Continue to hold quarterly surgeries in convenient locations; making ourselves available to residents to help with their queries and concerns with the Council.

Improving Roads & Transport

Joined up thinking is needed more than ever with a multitude of changes and legislation affecting our roads and transport facilities. We will look to;

- Continue liaising with bus companies, residents & businesses to improve services
- Secure cycle parking
- A strategic review of pavements & traffic management plans, fully integrated with transport and community plans
- Improve road repairs processes and parking policy

Building Communities by...