This is to introduce myself as your Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group candidate for the Oxted South Ward in the Tandridge District Council elections being held in May. I am standing for election because I want residents to be properly represented and actually listened to by Tandridge District Council which I do not believe is happening now.

• NEVER HAS IT BEEN MORE IMPORTANT to elect someone who will represent you as a local resident, who will listen, and who will act only in your best interests. This is your chance to do that in Oxted South.

• OUR AREA IS UNDER THREAT because the current Councillors have approved the Council’s poor quality Local Plan documents that propose a massive amount of building in the District, 90% of which is for people moving in to the area and has nothing to do with meeting local housing need.

• AS WELL AS BUILDING ON OUR OPEN SPACES such as Boulthurst Way, Chestnut Copse and Barnfield Way, the Council also wants to build on the Green Belt around all the main settlements which include Hurst Green and the Oxted South Ward.

• OUR INFRASTRUCTURE CANNOT COPE No account has been taken by the Council in its Local Plan work of our already overstretched Health Centre, schools, roads and parking or of how it will cope with such a large increase in population. The Council has no track record of providing infrastructure and the recent announcement that developers St William will be building around 117 flats on the Oxted gasholder/Johnsdale car park site means even more pressure on our services.

• THERE HAS BEEN AN EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH amount of building in Tandridge District for years but, sadly, this has not brought the affordable homes for local people that I would like to see – instead, those moving in to the area with higher salaries have pushed up house prices.

• WHAT I WILL DO: Legal and planning experts have made clear the Council’s work is seriously flawed and does not comply with national planning policy. Backed by these experts, I will fight to make sure the Local Plan work is corrected to implement national policy for protection of the Green Belt, for proper infrastructure, and to reflect the needs and priorities of the community.

• PUTTING THE COMMUNITY FIRST: I believe there is a lack of consideration for residents’ views and a failure to put the community first. I will fight to change this culture. I will fight for your interests on all matters that are important to us as Oxted South residents. This is your home and my home, and I am determined to look after it.
Representing residents . . . Putting the community first

● MORE TRANSPARENCY: OLRG is working to bring more transparency and accountability to Council decisions. Recently, we made sure that decisions about how to spend money levied from developers to deliver infrastructure are no longer taken by an unofficial group whose meetings are not minuted. In future, they will be taken in public by a properly constituted committee. OLRG is also calling for changes to the Council’s Constitution to ensure better scrutiny of how Tandridge District Council is making commercial property investment decisions with large sums of borrowed money underwritten by Council taxpayers.

● IN 2016, TWO OLRG COUNCILLORS WERE ELECTED: Jackie Wren was elected in Oxted North & Tandridge with a large majority and large turnout, unseating the Council Leader who had represented the ward for 28 years. Then Phil Davies was elected in Limpsfield, again on a high turnout. Now I want to make sure that Oxted South residents also have a voice to represent them. The more residents’ Councillors there are, the stronger our voice.

● I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT WORKING FOR OUR AREA: My family and I have lived in Hurst Green for 16 years moving here from Limpsfield in 2001. My three children attended our local schools and we all work in the Oxted area. I am involved with several community based events, such as participating in The Oxted Pram Race on six occasions, and a supporter of the Holland Sports and Social Association, a not for profit organisation whose objective is to further develop sport and outdoor activities for the local community. I strongly believe that independent residents’ association Councillors - who are not told what to do by a political party machine - are the only way to make sure the community is put first.

If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns, please do get in touch by emailing me at lynn.mills@hotmail.co.uk or phoning 07947 158160 or send me a message at the Oxted & Limpsfield Residents Group Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/oxtedresidents/

If you would like to join OLRG, just email: oxted.residents@btinternet.com

Best Wishes

Lynn Mills

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Your voice in Oxted South. Working ONLY for you

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