Never has it been more important to elect to Tandridge District Council someone who will represent you and act in your best interests, and who is independent and non-political.

Our area is under threat due to Tandridge Council’s poor quality Local Plan documents which propose a massive 9,400 more houses in the District for inward migration from London. This would mean the loss of large swathes of the Green Belt and open space and put intense pressure on infrastructure that is already struggling.

Backed by legal and planning experts, the Oxted and Limpsfield Residents Group (OLRG) is prepared to stand-up and challenge the current approach to the Local Plan. These experts have made clear the Council’s documents are seriously flawed.

In May this year, OLRG put up its first election candidate, Jackie Wren, who won the Oxted North and Tandridge ward with a large majority.

Electing me as your District Councillor will give OLRG a greater opportunity to challenge the existing decision-making process which is threatening both the Green Belt and our already over-stretched infrastructure. I will join the fight to ensure that national policy which protects the Green Belt is followed and that the existing pressures on our very limited infrastructure are recognised.

A vote for me is a vote for an independent, non-political voice that is prepared to oversee and challenge the Council’s work on the new Local Plan and who will put the community first.

Please do vote for me and the OLRG team on October 13th in this crucial District Council election.
There has been inadequate scrutiny of the new Local Plan documents by the Council leadership. The first consultation documents published in December 2015 identified potential sites for more than 1,200 new houses around Limpsfield, Oxted and Hurst Green, mostly on Green Belt land. These sites are classified as “deliverable and developable”.

OLRG commissioned legal, planning and demographic experts to review these Local Plan documents. Our submission of more than 90 pages of expert evidence is supported by 11 of Tandridge District’s Parish Councils, including Limpsfield Parish Council, and 7 other community groups. The experts’ submission can be read on our website www.oxtedlimpsfieldresidents.co.uk – click on “Collective Reg 18 Representation.”

In short, the Local Plan documents are not fit for purpose for developing a sound Local Plan because the Council’s evidence documents are flawed and contradictory, the housing need figure is inflated, and the Green Belt assessments have not been carried out properly.

The experts’ submission also explains that the Council’s assessment of the sites as being “deliverable and developable” is not fit for purpose because, for example, no account has been taken of the impact on infrastructure from development of these sites. Despite receiving this very detailed expert representation, in 2016, the Council went ahead and commissioned consultants to assess these sites in order to identify how many new houses could be built on them, including those sites that are in the Green Belt.

Since submitting our representation, the Chief Planning Officer has insisted the Local Plan is not flawed which further indicates that under the current Council leadership, no notice is being taken of what the community or experts are saying.

The current approach unnecessarily puts our precious Green Belt – and our infrastructure - at serious risk. That is why I am standing for election as Tandridge District Councillor for Limpsfield

ELECT ME and I will continue to challenge the approach to the new Local Plan to ensure that national policy for the protection of the Green Belt is implemented and that the existing pressures on our limited infrastructure are recognised.

I have worked for many years with Titsey and Limpsfield Rotary Clubs. Currently I am part way through the process of developing two clubs for outdoor and community activities with Rotary – The Phantoms Rotaract Club (18-30) and The Phantoms Interact Club (14-18).

The Rotaract Club was lucky enough to be one of 10 charities chosen to receive a share of the £4,000 raised by this year’s Oxted Pram Race and I was delighted to receive the cheque on its behalf.

ELECT ME and I will fight for your interests. I will put the community first.