



Reform Derby

A 2022 *Contract*
for Derby

INTRODUCTION

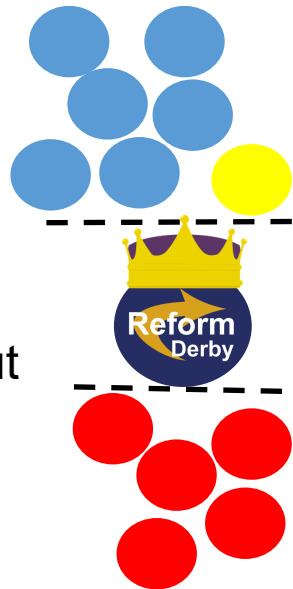
We are the true voice for all the people in Derby. People before party. A party without a whip, allowing our elected members to freely represent their residents.

Talking to people about politics, or local and national government, there is one thing mentioned time and time again, it needs Reform. For the past 2 decades our country has flip-flopped from Labour to Conservative with a little Lib Dem in the middle. Unfortunately, they all turn out to be the same. That's why I created Reform Derby.



KING MAKERS

Due to the political make-up of the Council, no party has overall control. Therefore, our group have the power to influence the direction of the Council on a case-by-case basis bringing common sense back into the Council. For example we voted for the reintroduction of the Free Brown Bin and we voted against the Incinerator. This is what you, and we, achieved with five Councillors, and if you, the people of Derby want more common sense and forward thinking policies then keep voting for us! We will always put the people first rather than party politics.



A PARTY THAT CARES

On the doorstep many people have said to us that we are the only party in Derby that really cares; followed by “you are the only people who knock on doors and help with our problems.” Derby is our home and home to over a quarter of a million people. We love Derby and want the best for Derby and our people.

We want the people of Derby to be happy by keeping its traditions and heritage intact, ensuring you and the whole community are a part of the democratic ‘say’ on important decisions.

We are Councillors and activist who are not afraid to get stuck in with community projects!



WE ARE READY!

We are ready to take on Derby. We have a clear and well thought out plan. We are the party that listens and puts you, the people of Derby, first! We will be fielding candidates across the city, we will give people an alternative to the LibLabCon establishment. Our aims include driving down Council Tax, stamping out waste, corruption and giving power back to the people. We can't do it without you voting for your local candidate.

WE ARE READY

We are offering a grassroots change for Derby. One that fights for the residents of Derby, businesses and enabling Derby to be more efficient.

We are telling residents that there is a different way. We will cut waste, we will be more democratic and we will be more transparent. We want a political revolution: We want fundamental democratic reforms to fix our broken political system.

We are not afraid to push boundaries to ensure we have a working Derby for you! We want to Cut the Council's advertising and self-promotion budgets, build partnerships to reduce costs, Abolish non-essential and politically-correct jobs and red tape.

CONTRACT NOT MANIFESTO!

The old mainstream parties have made 'manifesto' a dirty word. Everybody knows that a manifesto is little more than a set of vague promises that its authors have no intention of keeping. Just like when the Derby Conservatives promised to move to a committee system in their 2018 manifesto, then voted against it in 2020. We have issued a contract not a manifesto. All our candidates will fight for all the policies inside this document at every opportunity.

**Derby can do better; if you believe Derby is a GREAT City then believe in us.
VOTE for us, on 5th of May!**



We support saving Derby County Football Club!

BOLDER DERBY!

Keep Council TAX as low as possible. Recently Conservatives wanted to increase the Council Tax in Derby by the Maximum. However Reform Derby voted for this not to happen. Residents having more money will allow them to spend this in the community, in return will help business grow and create more jobs.

Size up and promote the Christmas market in Derby city centre to attract more people to the city centre.

No one in Derby City Council should be paid more than the prime minister. We will look at new salary scaling for new senior staff members.

Our group has no whip. Our councillors can vote freely – which means we are Westminster free to properly represent you.

Change Raynesway tip site to allow at least one non-booking day.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENTERPRISE

We would also look at using the Velodrome in collaboration with University of Derby and Derby college for job fairs which will benefit residents, businesses and students of Derby.

We will allow for cheaper parking during the weekend across all Council car parks. We will allow the first 45 minutes parking free.

We would reduce tax and business costs to stimulate the local economy, and make it easier for smaller and local businesses to tender for local authority contracts. We will also break large capital projects down into smaller projects to enable the Council to give preference to local companies.

We will work with Royce Rolls and Bombardier to ensure they are able to flourish in Derby. We will also seek to attract other major companies to help Derby boom and to create jobs.

We will increase spending on repairing potholes. It is unacceptable that we now have so many unfit roads. We will work hard to ensure potholes, broken street lights and signs are repaired rapidly and correctly, rather than just being a temporary fix.

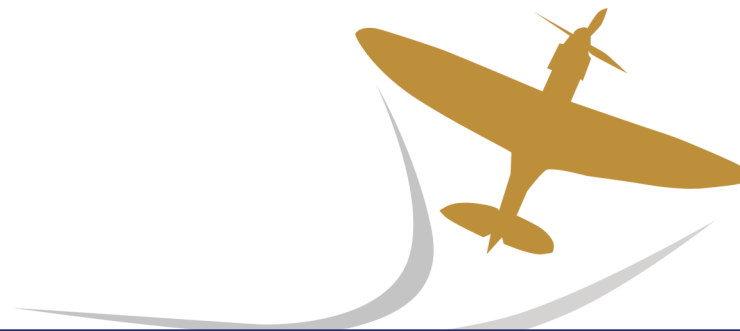




On new traffic development or improvement we will look at smarter traffic solutions.

Look at one way traffic in built up areas where double parking is a problem. For example terraced housing areas are not designed for the amount of cars that are on the streets today, therefore one way systems can be used to alleviate traffic problems where two cars meet in the middle. These solutions will only be looked at and implemented where the majority of people demand it in the area.

To help with a healthier Derby and help with traffic problems, we will work with various organisations to make Derby a more bike friendly city. Councillor Alan Graves in 2016 signed the Space for Cycling programme and we are still committed to work with them to make cycle transport more accessible where practical across Derby.



A NEW DAWN

Local government spending must be efficient and Councils are obliged to prioritise vital services; taxes should not be increased in order to fund waste. We will always be sensible and cautious when spending taxpayers money.

Create a more efficient system that allows Councillors to interact with the public and casework. This will create quicker responses and a better experience with Derby residents.

Providing a safety net for those in need is important for residents and in our society. Key problems need to be looked at and listened to, to reform the system.

We will not tolerate badly maintained taxis and we will take action on the drivers. We will seek to introduce differential licencing charges for those drivers investing in eco-friendly cars. We want to create a safer Derby for everyone.

Push for Derby cities boundaries to increase. Surrounding areas and new builds will be classed as Derby and will use Derby facilities. They should pay into Derby pot to help provide a service for everyone in Derby.



CARE AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT

We believe that the best decisions are decisions that are made locally. Community groups and volunteers are often better placed to run facilities and services than the state. By ensuring that these groups are supported, empowered and energised.

We will provide more support for resident groups to help communities support themselves and help residents set up Community Interest Companies to provide their own services.

We will help to bring back the community spirit that is desperately needed in the Derby.

We will support Derby in Bloom by allowing individual residents to adopt garden beds around the City, ensuring our city always looks bright. We will uplift the Derby in Bloom flower bed on the Pentagon roundabout as you come into the city (Westbound), one that we all can be proud of.

We will ensure our veterans are cared for in Derby with the best support possible. Skills gained in the Armed Forces can be useful when running a small business. We will help and encourage veterans to use our Business Development Centres.

Give communities more power by creating effective neighbourhood boards in all areas where Reform Derby Councillor has been elected. Increase neighbourhood boards funds across the city.



LEISURE AND SERVICES

Ensure Derby has a city centre based swimming pool that has access to all.

We believe that public toilets are an essential service and we will work hard to provide these. We believe that the closing of public toilets has disenfranchised many citizens, especially the elderly, the disabled and very young.

We will ensure that Derby has first class leisure services around the city, we will also continue to work with partners such as the NHS to ensure that the “live well” program continues to be available to Derby residents

We will protect Public Open Space and fight any pressure to build on parkland.

Make it easier and affordable for neighbourhood boards to have compacter days.



EDUCATION CHILDREN FUTURE

We are passionate about the education of our children. We want the best education possible regardless of a child's background. We will improve access to quality local education and encourage support for grammar schools and technical skills colleges, vocational apprenticeships and give parents the right to choose where their children go to school.

Children services are spending huge amounts to cover absent staff. We propose to increase essential workers in this sector to relieve the workload and pressure.

We will also look at reducing the long-term Council debts, which currently commits future generations to burdens not of their making.

Tackle high waiting times for Health services, particularly neuro-developmental assessments.

Invest in extra support and funding for SEND children. Work with schools and partners to identify and support SEND to minimise disruption to a child's education.

ENVIRONMENT

We are the only group to oppose the incinerator from the very beginning! Whereas other parties conveniently pretend to be against it, from time to time. We believe the health of the people should take priority over the financial gain.

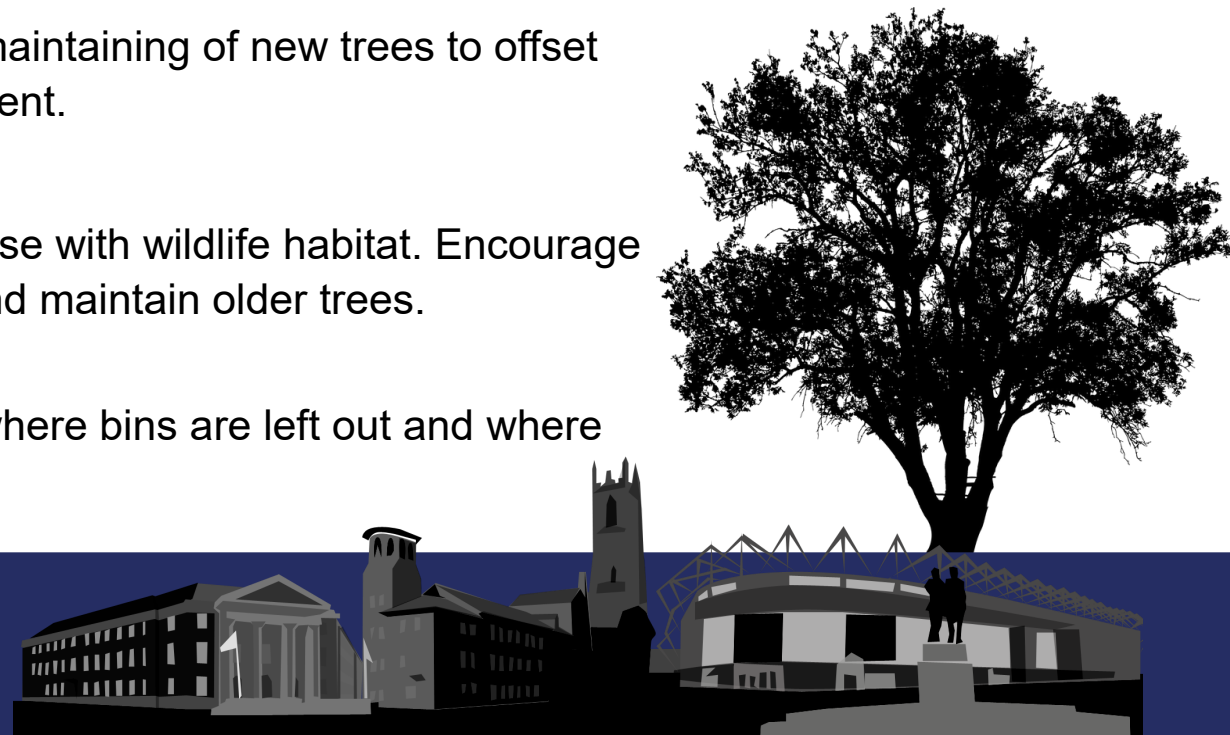
We would like to increase the number of bike routes around the city, especially near schools. This will allow children to cycle to school; improving their health and promoting cycling generally.

We will work with local charity groups to plant at least hundreds of trees a year to capture CO₂. We want Derby to be a leading city in tree planting and encourage others to follow suit.

New housing developers to pay for plantation and maintaining of new trees to offset some of the CO₂ that is involved with the development.

Protect green spaces and green belt. Especially those with wildlife habitat. Encourage developers to build on brownfield-sites. Preserve and maintain older trees.

Increase Public Protection Officer patrols in areas where bins are left out and where fly tipping is a common occurrence.



POLITICAL REFORM

It is time to bring power back to the people. Major decisions should be subject to binding local referenda, if the people demand it. On the petition of 5% of the population within 2 months of major planning and service provision decisions should be put to a local vote.

We believe that all Councillors, irrespective of political party, should be involved in the decision-making process. We will replace the undemocratic cabinet system in the Council - which allows power to be concentrated in the hands of a few - and restore the democratic committee system and ensure the majority of views are represented.

We will also fight for a fairer voting system in both local and national elections. First Past the Post is out-of-date and is no longer fit for purpose. We support Voter ID to tackle election fraud. Derby has a terrible record for election fraud.

We refuse to be dictated to by the 'politically correct school' and will always stand up for local people and common sense rather than toeing the party line. This is often a shock for politicians from the old parties, but it is the 'shot in the arm' that our city needs. Common sense policies will make people's lives easier and the Council more efficient

We must be ambitious, seeking faster, more efficient public services that work better for us all, with better results. Put pressure on national government to demand: Zero waiting lists on our NHS care; our police need to focus on preventing crime, catching criminals, not woke nonsense.

COMMON SENSE POLICIES

Some of our Common Sense Policies include:

Zero tolerance on fly tipping offenders including commercial/industrial organisations – perpetrators will be prosecuted. Any income received in fines will be used to clean up fly tipping and support a recycling/green fund.

Keep real police officers on the beat and stop the scrapping of front- line police jobs. Adopt a zero-tolerance approach to anti-social behaviour and crack down on nuisance neighbours.

We believe in putting local people first. Therefore the people who live in Derby and need housing will be prioritised - especially anyone who has served in our armed forces.

Ensure large-scale project work is managed and scrutinised and avoid the costly fiascos such as the A52 and Assembly Rooms.





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