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Community news from Nigel Williams, Will Aczel and your local Lib Dems

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FUND OUR BASIC SERVICES

Wasteful Labour spending causes £7.65m of cuts by 2024 as Lib Dems call for proper funding for public toilets, litter removal and recycling

Labour's focus on their reckless city centre vanity projects, with spiralling costs of £50m and counting, are causing £7.65m of cuts and council tax hikes. This sucks resources away from the communities that provide the funds. Local Lib Dems are calling on the City Council to refocus resources to ensure proper funding for front-line services, including public toilets, litter removal and recycling to ensure our city is clean, thriving and safe.

The Progressive Group, which unites Lib Dem, Green and Independent Cllrs, proposed two fully-costed improvements. These were rejected by Labour without any debate.

Labour currently dominate the council, boasting over 70% of Cllrs despite receiving just 44% of the vote. A greater mix of Cllrs is desperately needed to hold them accountable, ensure value for money and proper representation for Pennsylvania.

PROGRESSIVE GROUP BUDGET AMENDMENTS FOR EXETER



NIGEL WILLIAMS and WILL ACZEL



Nigel lives and has brought up his family in Pennsylvania. He believes the Lib Dems offer a good vision for the city. Nigel said:

"I look forward to empowering the interests of Exeter's communities so that we have safer streets, more affordable housing, services that work well for the city, and a healthier environment. Some of our planning decisions have not put the long-term future of our housing stock first and too often it seems developers' needs come first. This needs to change."

With a background in education and workplace negotiation, Nigel is well placed to argue on behalf of Pennsylvania for a fairer society which puts community at its centre.

Will grew up in the local area and attended Stoke Hill school, where his mum continues to teach music.

Will enjoys walking his dog, Ayla, in local parks and, having studied Geography at Bristol, is a vocal supporter for the environment. In particular: ensuring we have cleaner air to breathe, sustainable food to eat and kerbside food waste & glass recycling. He works at Aris Healthy Life, a food store and cafe on Sidwell Street that is a hub for local, natural & organic produce.

Sylvania Community Hub

Like many of us, Nigel and Will are both shareholders and supporters of Sylvania Community Stores & Café. This is not only a crucial location for a shop, providing the nearest supplies for a mile, but it also fosters a fantastic local community and cultural hub.

Nigel and Will welcome the funding, community spirit and congratulate everyone who worked so hard to make this a reality. More support is always welcome and check out their Facebook page to keep up to date with the latest activities:

[f @sylvaniacommunitystores](https://www.facebook.com/sylvaniacommunitystores)



STANDING UP FOR PENNSYLVANIA

Labour's Recycling Shame

- Exeter ranks **worst in the South West for recycling**. Exeter's recycling was **ahead of the curve when the City Council was Lib Dem-led 10 years ago**. Since Labour have taken control, our recycling rate has **slumped by 10%** to the worst in the South West and **beaten by a whopping 92% of all English councils**.
- If Labour didn't squander so much money on their city centre vanity projects, there would be plenty for recycling as well as other initiatives like safety, affordable homes and council tax discounts. **The main thing Labour are recycling are excuses.**
- Exeter Lib Dems are pushing for kerbside food waste and glass recycling for the whole of Exeter.**



- Establishing this service would go a long way to **improve our recycling rate, minimise emissions and make saving the environment, money & time more accessible for all.**

Land North of Stoke Hill Development

Nigel and Will share resident's concerns about this proposals' impact on wildlife, landscape and supporting infrastructure.

The access road is steep, narrow and there are no plans for street lighting. This poses a significant hazard to pedestrians and cyclists and so builds-in car-reliance.

Exeter Lib Dems support building more affordable, quality and environmentally-friendly homes, prioritising Brownfield sites.

We understand that a decision on this application is expected at the end of April.



REFORM PLANNING POLICY NOW

Planning is a mess. Exeter is in increasingly urgent need of more affordable, quality & environmentally-friendly homes.

Exeter Lib Dems would **end the half-off payments for student developers** because this has just facilitated the rapid and unsustainable growth of the University, **leading to stretched and underfunded services**. We are also calling for a review into the City Council's policy for redistributing these developer payments to local communities.

We would **widen the area covered by Article 4**, where up to 20% of a street can be council tax exempt, and ensure that streets currently in the scheme are **properly monitored** by a **full-time** planning enforcement officer.



TIME TO DEMAND BETTER

Join the Lib Dem Team

Nigel, Will and the Lib Dems are working hard for **Pennsylvania**. Join our team and help get a better deal for our community.

Name	I will put up a poster at election time	<input type="radio"/>
Address	I will help deliver leaflets in my area	<input type="radio"/>
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