

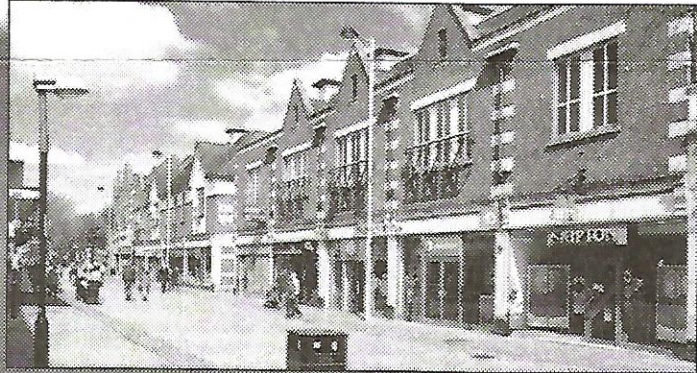
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OUR OWN TOWN COUNCIL IN SUTTON COLDFIELD - TIME TO SAY "YES"

After the campaigns, the petitions and the consultation we are finally at the point where residents of Sutton Coldfield are to be asked if they want their own Town Council. Ballot papers will be sent in the post to all electors in the town at the end of June, to be returned by 16 July.



The Liberal Democrats favour the idea of devolution and have supported the proposals for a Sutton Town Council, a commitment to it appearing in our manifesto for the City Council elections in the past two years.

We need this now, perhaps more than ever, given the huge combined local authority of Birmingham, Black Country and Coventry councils being created. Local decisions need to be taken locally not ever more remotely in huge bureaucratic authorities.

What Residents Say

- Sutton residents have told us that they are fed up being short-changed in getting our fair share of the resources Birmingham City Council
- They want more influence over the way existing resources are spent.
- They don't feel Birmingham always does a good job. Just look at the fiasco over wheelie bins and garden waste collections.
- They don't feel Sutton people are being heard on the big issues that affect the Royal Town, like the growing threat to the Green Belt, the future of services at Good Hope Hospital or town centre developments.
- They resent the way Sutton's distinctive and historic identity has been eroded.

Now is the chance to get our own, democratically elected, forum dedicated solely to the interests of the residents of Sutton Coldfield.

Just say "Yes"

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