

# Vote Simon WAUGH on May 5th

For local solutions, not Westminster led politics



## Why vote Residents Association?

As independent Residents Association councillors we serve the interests of the local community, not those of national political parties.

We work as a team to provide a comprehensive cover for the ward's residents.

We live in the ward and are readily accessible to deal with residents' concerns – through regular Association open meetings, phone calls, our website and email.

We are among the hardest working on the council and in the wards – we get things done!

Since 2019 a Residents-led administration has delivered excellent results for the benefit of Elmbridge local communities.

## Your Esher Ward councillors' priorities are:

### Continue our successful campaign to protect 100% of the Green Belt:

One of our founding principles was to protect all of our Green Belt and we have never deviated from this aim.

### Continue our successful campaign to ensure our Local Green Spaces remain protected:

These spaces are not within the Green Belt, but are of significant importance to our local communities.

### Continue to resist inappropriate and unsustainable development:

We have helped shape the original and visionary Local Plan now approved by full Council which will serve to deliver the housing and social needs of Elmbridge residents for the next 15 years.

### Press for traffic study to reduce speeds, ease congestion and cut pollution in our High Streets:

We will push Surrey County Council to deliver a new study offering long term solutions to reduce excessive traffic speeds and cut pollution levels in our High Streets.

### Lobby Surrey County Council to maintain our roads properly:

Some of our roads in Esher and Hersham are in a shocking state. They will deteriorate further unless Surrey County Council is forced to act far more promptly and make more durable repairs.

### Investigate ways to improve parking provision to help our residents and High Street businesses:

Create innovative parking schemes that better meet the needs of our residents' changed lives and working patterns post Covid and also benefit our valuable High Street businesses.

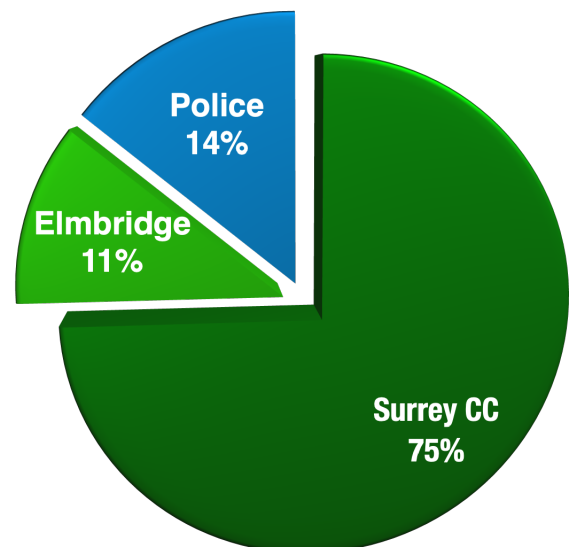
## We are part of Elmbridge Residents Group - shaping the vision of Elmbridge Borough Council

The ERG is the largest group in Council, forming a dynamic non-political Residents Association-led administration.

### ERG priorities:

- A sensible, prudent budget that will help reduce our use of reserves as we build back from two years of pandemic.
- Services for the community - we continue to provide a comprehensive range of services for young and old: Meals on Wheels, sport and recreation, seven Community Centres, a Youth Hub, community transport and many more.
- Keep Council tax rises below inflation – Elmbridge increased its share of council tax by **2.16%**, in contrast to Conservative-led Surrey County Council's **4.99%**.
- An original, visionary Local Plan - we have shaped the Local Plan so that the final version: preserves all our Green Belt and reduces, by over 25%, the untenable housing **target** the Government tried to impose on us.
- Provides for housing that is more affordable.
- Ensures future building will be to standards that lead us towards Net Zero Carbon.

See <https://elmbridgeresidentsgroup.com>



**Elmbridge BC collects Surrey Council's and Surrey Police's taxes along with its own in your Council Tax bill but only a tiny 11% of this sum is for itself.**