



Karen RANDOLPH



ELECT YOUR RESIDENTS' CANDIDATE ON 2nd MAY 2019

Karen Randolph

It has been a privilege to have served as your local councillor since 2007. In that time I have worked in many of the Council's committees and working groups, and in the Cabinet, but my particular emphasis has been on planning and health. As Chair of the East Area Planning Committee and Vice Chair of the main Planning Committee, I deal with both local and strategic issues. I am keen to protect our local environment, especially open spaces, from inappropriate development.

I fight hard to protect our community hospitals and local health services. I am Chair of the Friends of Thames Ditton Hospital at Emberbrook and a strong supporter of Molesey Community Hospital, having been closely involved in the campaign that saved it from closure.

If re-elected I will continue to exert a positive influence on the way in which our local area deals with the many challenges ahead. I consider that Improving the quality of all aspects of our environment, and the services and opportunities which are available to us and our families, is central to serving as a local councillor. I very much hope I can continue to do this over the next four years.

Contact Karen on 020 8398 5005

Why vote Residents' Association?

- All our Residents' Association councillors live in the ward, work solely for its interests, and are not influenced by national party politics.
- They work as a team providing comprehensive cover for the ward's residents.
- The RA keeps in contact with you through regular open meetings, dedicated website, Twitter and *Thames Ditton Today* magazine.
- RAs have the most effective and hard-working councillors. They get things done!
- Working in the independent Residents' Group, RAs are able to lead the Council effectively and efficiently, as they did in 2016-18.



Our team of RA Councillors for Thames Ditton ward: Caroline James, Karen Randolph and Tricia W. Bland



Thames Ditton & Weston Green Residents' Association

Our Priorities

- **Planning:** Support sustainable development with the necessary infrastructure, and resist development that degrades our area.
- **Community:** Protect and maintain services for the young, elderly and vulnerable of our community.
- **Leisure:** Introduce and support projects that enhance and encourage the use of our outdoor spaces.

- **Green Belt:** Continue to defend Elmbridge's Green Belt, open spaces and playing fields.
- **Public Transport:** Fight to retain our local bus service, and to improve the performance of our train services.
- **Local Shops and Businesses:** Promote and maintain our thriving community by protecting and enhancing local shops and other facilities.



Examples of how your Residents' Association Councillors have worked for you



Setting up and leading the volunteer **litter-picking** group each month.



Spearheaded the publicity campaign that **saved our bus service** from closure.

Saved the Ember Centre for the retired from closure and expanded services at the refurbished **Thames Ditton Centre** for full community use.

Successfully campaigned to **save Molesey Hospital** from closure.



Setting up and running the much-loved **Secret Gardens** event each year.

Overtaken Surrey Council's proposal for High Street parking meters, installing **free short-stay parking** spaces instead.



In Council we work with the Residents' Group on:



Environment: Protecting our vital green spaces and making Elmbridge a greener, more sustainable Borough; improving air quality; reducing plastic waste; more effective recycling.

Car Parks: Stopping the Tory price increases; continue free car parking on Saturdays.

Planning and Housing: Defending the Green Belt and open spaces; providing genuinely affordable homes, particularly for young people and families, in places spread evenly across the Borough; upgrading infrastructure as required.

Finances: Maintaining all our current services, including those for the elderly and vulnerable; investing in properly maintaining our assets; running prudent budgets to keep increases in Council Tax down to the minimum (as the Residents-led administration did in 2016-2018).

**For a strong Residents' voice
working for our community, vote Karen Randolph**

