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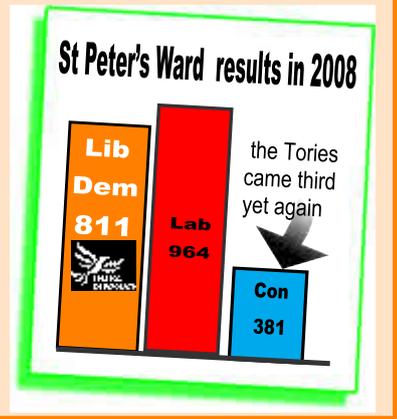
On St Peter's Ward

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Zahid Shah and the Liberal Democrat Focus Team working for St Peter's Ward



"Thank You"

Says Zahid Shah

Zahid Shah came very close to a sensational victory in St Peter's Ward on 1st May. The election was hard fought and resulted in a larger than ever share of the votes for the Liberal Democrats.

Zahid said "I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported me in my campaign. I intend to carry on the good work for our area. I will continue to campaign against fly tipping and graffiti, to continue to support the Neighbourhood Wardens and to investigate ways to improve parking at places where people gather for important events such as at the Waterloo Mosque.

The Focus Team will keep in touch through Focus leaflets and do all we can to help improve local facilities and services. Please do not hesitate to contact me on any issue."



Zahid Shah has the backing of members of Parliament. Above: Lembit Opik MP with Zahid on Waterloo Road during the election campaign.

Tories stay 3rd as Labour vote collapses

The Liberal Democrats said all along that the Conservatives couldn't win in St Peter's Ward and when the votes were counted they were yet again in 3rd place with fewer votes than last year. This was against a background of the Tories benefiting from a national swing elsewhere. Zahid Shah said "The Liberal Democrats will continue to work for everyone in our area and not just those people who voted Liberal Democrat."

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Lib Dems hold balance of power in Wolverhampton

The collapse of support for the Labour Party means that no party has enough councillors to control the City Council. The Liberal Democrats hold the key to which way matters will go and are determined to act only in the best interest of the City and not for their own personal or party advantage.

Zahid Shah tackles Dunstall parking problems

2008 St Peter's Ward Election Results

Zahid Shah	811	37.6%
Labour	964	44.7%
Conservative	381	26.5%

Residents of Dunstall Road, Dunstall Hill and Dunstall Avenue have asked Zahid Shah for help with looking for an answer to the serious parking problems that occur in their area during Friday prayers at the Waterloo Road Mosque.

Zahid said "Mosque officials and worshipers themselves are eager to find a way so that they can attend Friday prayers without causing any inconvenience to local residents."

Zahid Shah has consulted Liberal Democrat City Councillors Robin Lawrence and Claire Darke and a number of possible solutions are being examined.

Zahid said "it's too early to say we have solved the problem but we will keep every one informed through our Focus leaflets."

Stop EU plan to allow pig derived foods for chickens

The European Union is thinking about letting farmers give chickens feed derived from pig meat waste. They say that at a time of grain shortages which have caused bread prices to shoot up, it will make use of an otherwise waste product.

Zahid Shah said "I don't think I can be the only person to recoil at the idea of chickens feeding on pig remains. This is very different from a free range chicken scratching the ground and eating worms and grubs. Muslim and Jewish dietary rules mean that eating chickens fed such foods would be forbidden. Even if they were labelled "pig free" we couldn't trust it. A recent BBC investigation showed that a large amount of so call 'British beef' had in fact come from Africa or South America."

Zahid Shah has contacted Liberal Democrat Member of the European Parliament, Liz Lynne, who represents the West Midlands. He has asked her to get the EU to reconsider these proposals. It is not only Muslims and Jews who would have to give up eating chicken. Mad Cow Disease was caused by a similar ill conceived farming practice and at the time the public was assured by 'experts' that it was safe. How wrong they were!



Member of the European Parliament for the West Midlands, Liz Lynne MEP, congratulated Zahid Shah on doing so well in the recent elections. Zahid has asked Ms Lynne to get the EU to think again about feeding pig waste to chickens.