



Norwich Lib Dems

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Norfolk's 2025 Local Elections have been cancelled.

Dear Resident,

This May, we were due to vote for new local councillors to represent us on Norfolk County Council. Unfortunately, **the Labour government decided, without consultation, to cancel those elections** to focus on its new reforms to local government, including the creation of a new regional mayor for *Norfolk & Suffolk*.

While time will tell if these reforms will be worth it, I don't think it's fair to rob hundreds of thousands of people of the right to decide who should represent them. As a result of the government's decision, the Labour Party has effectively given their current underperforming councillor here in University Ward another year in office.

Between cancelling elections, scrapping winter fuel allowance, maintaining ultra-low taxes on big banks and balancing the country's books on the backs of the poorest and most vulnerable, I believe **the first year of this Labour government has shown why it's important to have strong, local opposition to hold truth to power** going forward.

While we won't be going to the polls this year, we can still hold our local representatives to account. **None of our current councillors even live here**, but I try to be active in the community, and have stood for local election for my home ward three years in a row. I want to know how I can best do that in future, so please consider **returning the attached survey**, so I can best stand up for you and your priorities all year-round, not just at election time.

Thank you,

James Hawketts

Prospective Lib Dem Candidate for the University Ward

***SURVEY OVERLEAF.
TELL US YOUR VIEWS***



University Ward Local Survey

TRANSPORT

Q1. Are you a regular user of public transport in Norwich?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q2. How satisfied are you with the current provision of public transport?

(1 is not very, 5 is very satisfied).

1 2 3 4 5

Q3. Which of the following do you use at least semi-regularly?

- ☐ Buses
- ☐ Taxis
- ☐ Norwich Car Club
- ☐ Beryl Bikes & Scooters

Q4. What do you think could most be improved about the service(s) you use?

Q5. Did you know the new government has scrapped the £2 bus fare limit?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q6. Do you think this has harmed our services in Norwich?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q7. Would you support any of the following to manage traffic locally?

- ☐ More 20mph zones
- ☐ Preventing parking on grass verges
- ☐ Emissions-based parking charges
- ☐ More permit parking areas

Q8. Local Lib Dems have helped to secure a temporary trial of a night-time blue bus service to keep students & young people safe and off residential streets after a night out.

Would you support this being rolled out permanently?

☐ Support ☐ Oppose

Q9. Have you any ideas the council could consider regarding transport?

COST OF LIVING

Q10. How concerned are you about the continuing high cost of living?

(1 is not concerned, 5 is very concerned).

1 2 3 4 5

Q11. Which of the following are you most concerned about?

- ☐ Food prices
- ☐ Energy & Fuel bills
- ☐ Water rates
- ☐ Council Tax rises
- ☐ National insurance & income tax rises

Q12. Are there any particular costs you are concerned about?

Q13. Do you think the Government is doing enough to support people struggling with the cost of living?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Q14. Is there anything in particular that you think the government/council have got especially wrong/right on finances?

CRIME

Q15. Do you think crime and anti-social behaviour in your area have got better or worse in the last 12 months?

- ☐ There is more crime and disorder
- ☐ There is less crime and disorder
- ☐ It is about the same

Q16. How concerned are you about the level of crime in our area?

(1 is not concerned, 5 is very concerned).

1 2 3 4 5

Q17. Are there any types of crime you are particularly concerned about?

Q18. Are there any places that you feel are particular crime hotspots locally?

Q19. Is there anything you think the police in Norwich should make a priority?

(We can feed this back to them on your behalf)

OUR AREA

Q20. How would you rate the state of local roads and pavements?

(1 is terrible, 5 is very good).

1 2 3 4 5

Please give locations of any specific problems:

Q21. Are there any broken street lights, car parking problems, excessive litter, or other similar issues that need to be fixed on your street?

Q22. Are there nearby green spaces or local amenity spots that you are worried are degrading or falling into disrepair?

Q23. Is there anything the council could do to make Earlham a better place to live?

YOUR VIEWS

Q24. Which of these issues are important to you and your family?

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Cost of living |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NHS | <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs/Economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public transport | <input type="checkbox"/> Congestion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting green spaces |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Path maintenance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climate change | <input type="checkbox"/> Road repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social care services | |

Q25. Is there a single local issue or problem that is most important to you?

Q26. Which party did you support at the last local elections in May 2024?

- ☐ Conservatives
☐ Labour
☐ Lib Dems
☐ Green Party

Q27. Who do you plan to vote for in the next local elections?

- ☐ Conservatives
☐ Labour
☐ Lib Dems
☐ Green Party
☐ Reform UK

Q28. How would you rate the performance of your 4 current Labour councillors?

(1 is poor, 5 is very good)

1 2 3 4 5

☐ Don't know who they are

Q29. How would you rate the performance of the new Labour government?

(1 is poor, 5 is very good)

1 2 3 4 5

Q30. Who would you vote for if you knew it was a two-horse race between Lib Dems and Labour in a local election?

- ☐ I would vote Lib Dem ☐ Not sure
☐ I would vote Labour ☐ Neither

Q31. Do you tend to read our regular FOCUS newsletters?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Q32. The Lib Dem team relies on the help of volunteers in the community to keep our work going.

Is there anything you can do to help?

- ☐ I can host an election poster
☐ I can deliver FOCUS newsletters

YOUR DETAILS

Email:

Phone number:

Can we keep you updated about the Liberal Democrats' campaigns?

Yes ☐ No ☐

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