

Wokingham Borough Liberal Democrats: Our Local Manifesto 2017/18

HOMES FOR LOCAL PEOPLE

The problems

- Imposed housing numbers are unrealistic - a 30% increase is too high for our Borough
- Current numbers are destroying the very nature of our area and leading to gridlock
- Green belt is under threat
- Developer tactics manipulate the system to their advantage

Our solutions

- Fight the current housing numbers being imposed and lobby for a fairer national method for deciding them
- More **real** local decision making on housing numbers & types
- Wokingham Borough Council to provide more of its own land so we can control development and reduce land costs, to get more affordable housing
- Smaller sites with more local control & work for local builders and self-builders



WBC to build houses itself and through its housing companies, providing what we really need:

- 1 and 2 bed homes for young people to rent, lease and buy
- Small, lifetime accessible bungalows, semi and terraced houses for older residents to downsize
- A significant proportion to be reserved solely for existing WBC residents