

# KATE FAIRHURST

Your local candidate  
for Reigate

## *To my neighbours*



Dear neighbour,

I am writing to introduce myself as your local candidate standing to represent you on Reigate and Banstead Borough Council this May.

One of the best things about living in Reigate is the passion and dedication of its residents and businesses. I want to work with you to deliver change, and to do that, I'd like to hear your top issues and priorities for the area. Please email me at [kate.fairhurst@rbca.org.uk](mailto:kate.fairhurst@rbca.org.uk). In the meantime, I hope this letter gives you a view of what has motivated me to stand for public office.

If I am fortunate enough to be elected as your councillor, I will be your local voice, standing up for your concerns, campaigning for positive change, and working alongside you to strengthen our community. I look forward to meeting you soon.

### **ABOUT ME**

I live locally, off Yorke Road by the Wall House Surgery. I am active in the local community, and I want to do more to make Reigate an even better place to live for all of us. I am a member of my local Residents' Association, and I enjoy working with my neighbours to deliver community events and projects, most recently a community library.

I care about helping to make people's lives better and improving the place where they live. In particular, I care deeply about advocating for the most vulnerable in our society, having spent many years working with children and adults with autism and disabilities. I also have experience of being a trustee for a charity helping young adults with moderate learning difficulties to secure employment and pursue independent lives.

### **CHAMPIONING OUR COMMUNITY**

I would be a champion for Reigate, fighting for more community funding and the delivery of local initiatives. For example, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which the Council puts upon corporate developers to raise money for local infrastructure, such as community hubs, playgrounds, park equipment, and sports facilities. CIL can make a real difference to local areas, and I want to know what local projects you think we should spend our share on next. Please let me know your ideas, and I will take as many as possible forward if I am elected in May.

I also know that we all take great pride in our area, and it is upsetting when litter or fly-tipping blights our streets. I will support the existing work of the Council to tackle this problem, ensure there are enough bins for public use, and work with community litter-picking groups.

### **ABOUT THE PRIORY SCHOOL MOVE**

As your councillor, I want to ensure that the decisions taken by your local representatives work for us here in Reigate, and join with you to oppose those that don't. This includes the recent proposal to relocate the Reigate Priory School to the County Council's Headquarters in Woodhatch Place.

I have kept a keen interest in these plans, and know from many of neighbours how concerned they were about the impact on our local community. I pay huge credit to the parents and residents for pursuing this case over the past few months, and without your involvement, the recent outcome may well have been different.

I support the refusal of the recent application. It is imperative that local residents are listened to, and the proposals were neither workable nor appropriate.

## PROTECTING AND ENHANCING OUR ENVIRONMENT

I want to protect our beautiful natural environment and green spaces and promote a sustainable future for our borough. Our countryside and stunning parks are precious, and I will work with local groups to make sure they are preserved and enhanced for future generations.

I will work with the County Council to create more sustainable local transport options, as well as promoting more walking and cycling. I also will get involved in the work to expand the Surrey Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, preserving our natural habitats, historic features and ancient woodland.

## YOUR VOTE IN MAY

A key reason why I got involved in politics is that I believe in delivering what matters most to people. Whether that be working to keep our streets clean of litter, making sure our public amenities are in good condition, or getting a family the help they need from the Council. I am a genuine, hard-working local resident, who will be focused on ensuring that your views are heard by those who represent you at Town Hall.

Longstanding local councillor Rosemary Absalom is retiring at this election. She will still be involved in the local community, and I hope to continue her legacy in many important issues across the ward.

I hope you may consider voting for me this May. In the meantime, please do feel free to get in touch with me via [kate.fairhurst@rbca.org.uk](mailto:kate.fairhurst@rbca.org.uk). I hope to hear from you soon!



# 6 REASONS TO VOTE FOR KATE FAIRHURST

**1** I am committed to championing our community, fighting for more funding for local projects.

**2** I will work to preserve the green spaces that we all love, as well as promote a sustainable future.

**3** I want to help the most vulnerable people in Reigate access the services they need to lead independent lives.

**4** I will oppose the current plans for the Priory School move, which are unworkable and inappropriate.

**5** I want to support our local businesses as much as possible, and maintain our thriving and bustling high street.

**6** I want to make sure every penny of your taxes works its hardest, driving high performance at the Council.

Yours faithfully

**Kate Fairhurst**  
Candidate for Reigate

### IMPORTANT

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