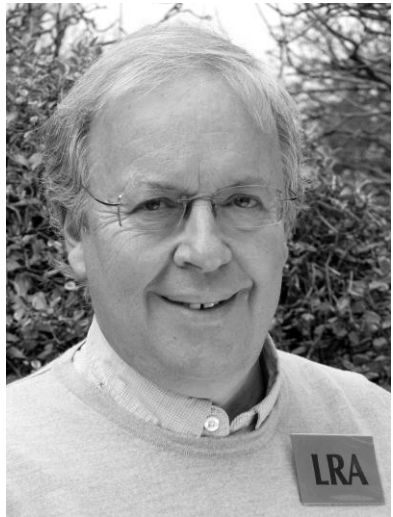




Chris Pond - For County Council - Lived in Loughton 45 years, 30 years a cllr on Town, 20 on County, 12 on District. I'm a Loughton local historian and author. My aim always, is to protect, to enhance Loughton and represent residents. We need starter homes, but we don't want more high-rise urbanisation to spoil our environment and the Forest. I want to keep Loughton Library as it is, a vital community hub, not a small library dwarfed by flats. I'll resist paying to drive to Epping or Waltham Abbey..



David Wixley - For District Council - I've been a District Cllr 2008 to 2024 and a Town Cllr since 2004. At District Council I was on local planning committee and Overview & Scrutiny. At Town Council, I've chaired the Recreation Committee for many years and finalised the Fields in Trust Status for the High Road cricket ground, Hillyfields & Willingale open spaces. I was Town Mayor 2010-11. I've been a school governor, enjoy local history, football and walking in the Forest. Our green open spaces must be protected from development.



Graham Wiskin - For District Council - Born in Chigwell and have lived in Loughton since 2002. I'm married with two children, educated locally. My career was running IT services for City-based financial firms. I play golf and I'm still involved in a local cricket club which I helped establish 25 years ago. Please re-elect me so I can carry on defending your open spaces and to help ensure any developments in Loughton are appropriate, in-keeping, and considerate of others. They must enhance the character of our town.



Chidi Nweke - For District Council - Lived in Loughton since 2013, married for 21 years - we have three sons schooled locally. I've a BSc in criminology & justice and MSc in environment management. I'm a Programme Manager for Westminster Council. My Central Line commute to work is not pleasant, so at weekends we escape by walking, cycling and playing on our green open spaces. I want to protect the Forest, the country feel of our town and ensure local people's views are considered and respected.

LRA is Independent & Non-National Political

LRA campaigns for residents, holds 13/54 EFDC seats and imposes no Cllr whip. LRA has 21/22 seats on Loughton Town Council - election not until 2028.

LRA has to work against the Conservative whipped block vote on EFDC. Independents are increasing in number at EFDC. With more, we can speak up to represent residents' views better than unbending political candidates who must follow their national party dogma.

Bell hotel and Epping Forest were national headlines in 2025 for all the wrong reasons. Conservatives failed to act early when their statutory planning powers would have allowed prompt enforcement against change of use for the hotel to house asylum males. EFDC then tried very expensive legal challenges against Government. By not acting sooner, Epping Conservatives ruined their case and greatly annoyed residents.

It is vital that all residents who live in Loughton vote LRA again so LRA remains the 2nd largest group at EFDC. Conservatives are being challenged elsewhere, which could end their blocking majority, and would make district more focused on the long overdue concerns of residents, which for Loughton we always emphasize. If so, EFDC will, we hope, be more responsive - and not run with a rigid conservative political control of the past.

Your address will determine your ballot paper choices for candidates. Look for the LRA logo on ballot papers. All LRA Cllrs will look after the Loughton we love.

Loughton Residents Association - 7th May

LRA



Green Spaces - Under threat and the Forest too. LRA always defends your amenities and our environment.

EFDC Local Plan - Residents and LRA fought hard at the Inquiry to correct Council errors, like wanting to build on Jessel Green and other green spaces. Conservative Cllrs deny our area is at saturation and that the Forest is being damaged by ever-dense building.

No high rise or garden-grabbing - EFDC Cons squeezed 1021 homes in the Loughton Plan. LRA got this reduced to 445 - even this is town cramming. Our area can't take this increase. The Central Line and roads can't cope now - we have traffic congestion and air pollution.

Road charging (CAZ) - EFDC Conservatives plan this for the future but this would further damage the Forest. LRA opposes charging residents to drive to Epping or Waltham Abbey.

LRA protected the cricket ground - Fields in Trust. EFDC did not oppose cramming College sites with flats. Where do they all park?



LRA - 35 Seats on 3 Councils - We say Residents and our town first.

Town Council Tax £1.47 a week - With 21 out of 22 seats, LRA Cllrs improved services. Our tax is lower than Epping, Waltham Abbey and Ongar town councils.

Essex County Council - Conservative dominated, take 72% of your Council Tax. With Essex Police and Fire Service it's **88%**.

Pavements & Roads - are a disgrace. Conservative run Essex County Council has failed over 25 years to repair them. We always chase up faults in our town until repaired.

Parking - If commuters can park free near stations, residents can't park near their homes. LRA fights for parking solutions and got the Council to put resident-only controls in 14 roads near Debden Station.

LRA fights over-development - Greedy developers exploit relaxed planning rules by town cramming - residents don't want any more high rise urbanisation.

Shops - LRA seeks a mix of shops to keep the High Road and The Broadway vibrant. Langston Road retail park has jeopardised existing shops - too many vacant units.

Forest & Green Belt - LRA defends both so we can enjoy green space between Buckhurst Hill, Theydon, Chigwell & Chingford.

EFDC Cons, 19 years in control - Residents want change: More effort to enhance our heritage. Less following central government policy. Keep our areas green and pleasant. Vote for LRA Cllrs with **independent minds** - not whipped national party reps...

