



Roger Baldwin - For County Council - I've been a District Cllr for Forest Ward - 10 years, promoted residents' parking schemes and been active in planning. I've served on Planning, Communities and 2 years chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee. Lived here all my life, taught maths & economics for 19 years and now I'm a semi-retired supply teacher. I'm married with 2 daughters. I will defend our area and the Forest from any more high-rise urbanisation. Our roads have congestion daily. Please elect me.



Richard Cohen - For District Council - Was an LRA District Cllr 2010 to 2014. We must safeguard the semi-rural character of Loughton, protect the Forest and our open green spaces - all vital for wellbeing. New developments must harmonise with existing features of Loughton. I'm keen on openness and financial prudence at EFDC. Have lived in Loughton for 37 years, I'm a member of LADS Amateur Dramatics and the Historical Society. I'm married to District Cllr Barbara Cohen and we have three grown up sons.



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 keeps you informed & involved

Loughton Residents Association continually campaigns for residents, We say: Residents and our town first. People elected to local councils under national political labels follow party lines.



LRA delivers Loughton Life to you twice a year. LRA households get more editions and most read our Loughton News e-mails.

LRA Plans Group - study all planning & licensing applications and often help nearby residents to comment.

www.LoughtonResidents.org.uk

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

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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...

