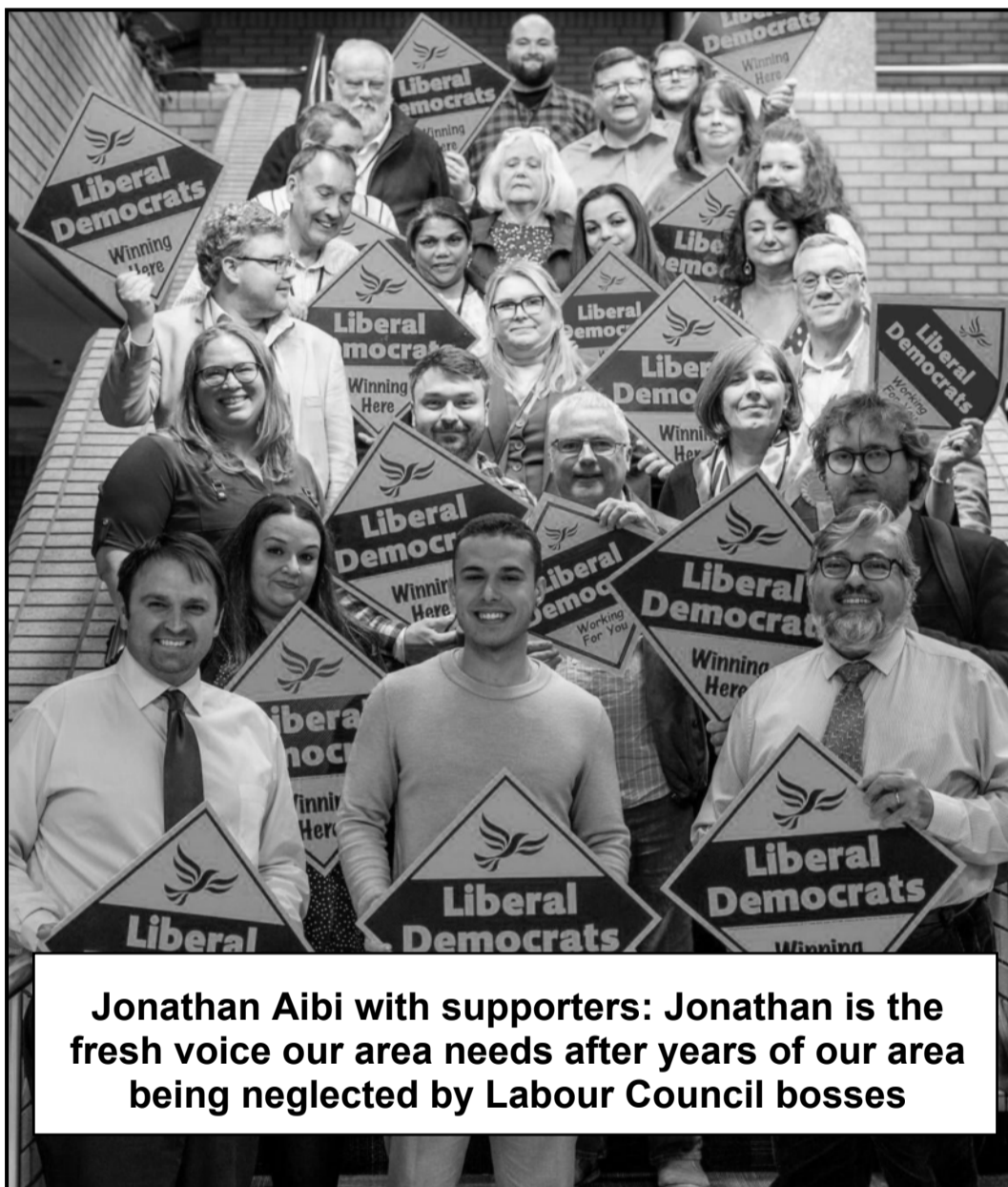


Jonathan Aibi: The fresh voice our area needs

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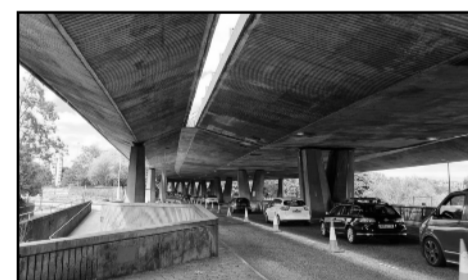
Jonathan Aibi has been chosen by Gateshead Liberal Democrats to fight the upcoming by-election in the Bridges ward.

Jonathan, who is an entrepreneur and lives in Bensham, said "It's time for a fresh start for our community. We need to get the basics right, like cleaner streets, clamp down on anti-social behaviour, and invest in Gateshead High Street".

Jonathan said "For too long, Labour bosses at the Council have taken the residents of Bridges ward for granted - people tell me they only show up at election time when they want votes. To demand better for our area, and to send Labour bosses at the Council a message, please support me on Thursday, 12th September".

Jonathan's priorities

✓ **Fix Gateshead High Street**



✓ **End traffic schemes that lead to chaos**

✓ **Get the basics rights - like cleaner streets**



✓ **Stop Labour waste - like spending millions on an empty car park**

Labour candidate: "I want to represent Low Fell"

Earlier this year, the Labour candidate said "I want to represent Low Fell". Now, he claims it is a "huge honour to be selected to represent Bridges ward".

Bridges will be the fourth ward in Gateshead that the Labour candidate has run for election. First, he ran in Whickham South and Sunniside, but was defeated by the Lib Dems. Then, he was a Councillor for Saltwell, before he lost to the Lib Dems. Then, he ran in Low Fell where he was also defeated by the Lib Dems. Now, he is trying to get the people of Bridges to elect him.

Lib Dem Jonathan Aibi said "I am committed to Bridges - I have not ran for any other ward in Gateshead. It's important local Councillors are committed to the area they wish to serve."



Success! After Jonathan demands better for Gateshead High Street, Council launch consultation

Soon after Jonathan Aibi called for the Council to improve Gateshead High Street, the Council launched a consultation asking for residents' views on how to improve the High Street.

Jonathan said "This shows that Lib Dems get things done in Gateshead and I welcome the consultation. We have had Labour Councillors for this area for decades and only now - after I raised the issue of the High Street in one of my newsletters - have the Council launched this consultation. What have our Labour Councillors been doing for all these years? Not much, it seems".

Jonathan continued "However, this needs to be a real consultation that leads to real action and not a tick box exercise. I will be pressing Council bosses to make sure this is the case".

You can complete the consultation at www.gateshead.gov.uk



Lib Dem campaigner Jonathan Aibi has welcomed news of the consultation after he raised the issue of the poor state of Gateshead High Street, but is pressing to make sure the Consultation leads to real action

What a waste!

For 50 years, Labour has controlled Gateshead Council. Here is how Labour Council bosses have been spending your taxes.

£750,000 on a car park - that the Council forgot to apply for planning permission for!



£2,300 to send the Labour Council Leader on an expenses-paid trip to the French Riviera to attend a property developers' get-together

£5,000 on meals over a 3 year period for the Labour Leader



A £620 meal for two, at your expense, at the upmarket Grosvenor Hotel in London (plus a further £330 travel expenses)

Official: The second worst Council in the country



Gateshead Council has been judged the second worst Council in the country for value for money. Don't take our word for it. In December, the Telegraph newspaper looked at the record of

every Council for value for money. Gateshead was second worst, beaten only by Tory Northumberland.

Jonathan Aibi said: "One thing we do in business is to check how we are doing against competitors and Gateshead Council is doing very, very badly. If it was a company, it would need new management."

It's between Jonathan and Labour here!

