



Ryedale District Council Election May 7<sup>th</sup> 2015

You have **THREE** votes.

**VOTE: INDEPENDENT:**

**PAUL ANDREWS WORKING FOR YOU**

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If re-elected, I will work together with other councillors for the town. I will not be whipped or ordered about by anybody. I will work to take politics out of Ryedale, and end the wasteful, spendthrift, political posturing of the Tory administration. They are ruining Malton by imposing on the town massive new development where there is inadequate highway, drainage or other infrastructure. The Conservative Group do NOT care for our town, whatever they may say.

### Is our money safe with Ryedale's Conservative Administration?

In 2012 Ryedale was ordered to pay **£148,000** costs for unreasonable behaviour in granting planning permission for a superstore on Wentworth Street Car Park. The inspector said the Council had "no excuse". The inspector agreed that the proposed superstore would draw trade from Malton's town centre. This would weaken Malton's unique and historic town centre.

Two years later Ryedale granted planning permission again for the same development. Bearing in mind the previous inspector's report, they are unlikely to win the judicial review brought against them. The estimated costs the taxpayer will have to pay if they lose are yet another **£150,000**.

A total of **£298,000** of your money and ours! Equivalent to almost 8% of Ryedale's annual Council tax!

Ryedale has failed to raise its share of Council Tax in line with inflation for 6 years, resulting in tax revenue reductions in real terms of possibly as much as 20%. If the Council had kept tax in line with inflation and not wasted money on the supermarket saga, it would not have been necessary to:

- Put new charges on the bins, and increase other charges;
- Cut services, and cut funding for Malton Museum, Town Centre cameras, Tourist Information and the Skate Park;
- Rely on government "new housing bonus" granted for allowing planning permission for huge new estates, when there is no adequate infrastructure.

Paul Andrews says: "The Tory Group seem to think they own Malton, and can play fast and loose with taxpayers' money and Council services. Show them how you feel. This is your chance to make heads roll and bring back common sense to Ryedale."

### NEW HOUSING?

In 2008 there were 2,349 dwellings in Malton.

Ryedale planners have proposed to release the following sites for new housing in Malton:

Site 218 ("High Malton") - 445 houses; Site 249 (South of Castle Howard Rd., Malton) - 237 houses, and Site 324 (land at Westgate, Old Malton) 241 houses.

This makes a total of 923 dwellings at Malton, which come in addition to permissions issued since 2011 for 350 houses at Broughton Rise, 300 at Showfield and neighbouring sites, making a total of 1,573 new dwellings permitted or to be allocated in Malton since 2011. Where is the infrastructure to cope with all of this?