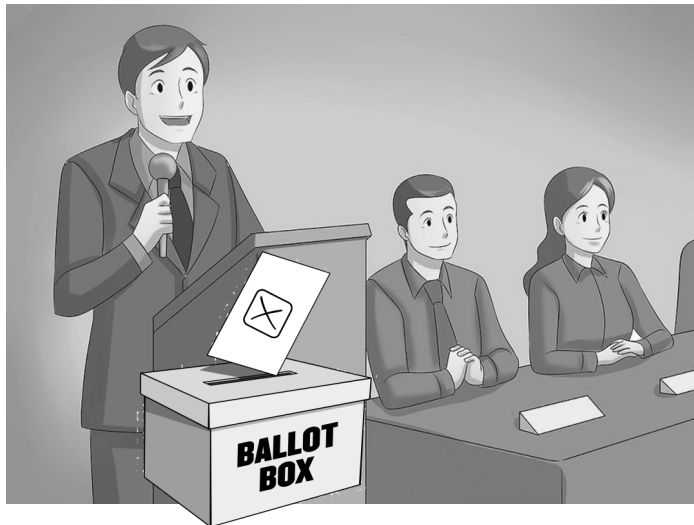


Grapevine

Newsletter of the Longdendale Community Group Spring 2017



Question time!

We asked our local candidates standing for the general election a number of questions.

The questions relate to issues that concern our local community.

The candidates' replies are shown in this newsletter. We asked them questions that required straight yes/no answers, because these are issues we need straight answers to!

Question 1a. Do you think green belt land should be used to construct an industrial estate right next to housing?

Responses from candidates (yes/no):

Ankers	Dowse	Reynolds	Wood
No	No	No direct response	No

why we asked this question

Background facts

In 1981 a chemical works near Stalybridge set fire. Barrels exploded and cascaded their fiery liquids over nearby houses. Years later pets born near the site were born maimed and blind. Deadly toxins from the disaster site were causing birth defects.

This fire is one of many to have occurred in various places. Since then the law has hardly improved. Chemical works can still be sited right beside housing. Such disasters could happen again, right here.

Our Council are allowing plans to build an industrial estate (which could include anything from chemical factories to mining!) in Mottram right beside housing. *We say they should be kept well separated.*



*Chemstar factory disaster. The factory set fire, and set alight nearby homes (top right). **The message:** keep factories and housing apart!*

Questions 1b.-c. Do you think green belt land and playing fields should be used to host industrial estates and housing?

Responses from candidates (yes/no):

Ankers	Dowse	Reynolds	Wood
No	No	No direct response	No

Question 1d. Do you think "housing need" qualifies as "exceptional circumstances" for building on green belt and green space sites in Longdendale, Godley Green and Sidebottom Fold?

Responses from candidates (yes/no):

Ankers	Dowse	Reynolds	Wood
No response	No	No direct response	No

Question 2. Do you believe brown field sites must be built on first?

Responses from candidates (yes/no):

Ankers	Dowse	Reynolds	Wood
Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Key: **"No direct response"** means no direct yes or no reply, but gave an alternative response with caveats/conditions (there is no space here for this — see it on our webpage). **"No response"** means no reply at all to the question.