

Braintree District Council Elections Thursday May 2nd 2019

Vote Green



James Abbott Bob Wright

For Silver End & Cressing ward (includes Rivenhall)

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Re-Elect Green Councillors for Silver End and Cressing ward

James Abbott and Bob Wright are your Green candidates in Silver End and Cressing ward, which includes Rivenhall.

The district council elections will be held on Thursday May 2nd.

James has been a local District Councillor since 1999 and a County Councillor since 2013. Bob previously served as a District Councillor from 2011 until 2015.

In Silver End and Cressing ward each voter has 2 votes for the district elections.

Greens have held seats on Braintree District Council for 20 years. They have consistently represented local residents and have delivered regular newsletters. They have organised local information meetings and have always challenged the “powers that be” in Braintree.



Green councillors are dedicated to putting the concerns of local residents first - and are independent of Tories or Labour.

If re-elected, James and Bob pledge to continue to work year-round for the villages. A key issue is local services. Despite promises from the Tory Leader of BDC, the developments around Silver End, Rivenhall and Cressing are NOT bringing with them the level of services needed to support new residents, let alone existing ones.

Investment is needed in GP surgeries, primary schools and early years, bus services, community halls, parking, safer footways, pedestrian crossings and more - **Green councillors will continue to press for this investment and to keep existing services – and that includes Silver End library which must stay !**

James and Bob will also continue to work locally with residents on litter picking, reporting fly-tips and failed streetlights and chasing up on potholes for repair.

Key pledges:

- ★ **We will continue to press for improvements to local services.**
Due to Conservative-controlled Braintree District Council's "New Town" Plan failure, high levels of development are now being imposed on greenfields around local villages, but almost all the housing estates have NO on-site services. Silver End GP surgery will need major investment to cope with new patients who wish to register there. BDC owns the building. If Re-Elected, James and Bob will press for a plan to enhance the GP surgery.

James and Bob will also continue to support redevelopment of the derelict old factory site in Silver End which could provide housing for local people, employment starter units and a community space.

- ★ **We will continue to support local highway safety and parking improvements.** Cllr. James Abbott has served on the Local Highways Panel for many years, helping to secure improvements such as in Rickstones Road Rivenhall and in Valentine Way Silver End. The current top priorities are:
 - ✓ To deliver a scheme that will prevent over-height HGVs going down to the railway Bridge on Oak Road Rivenhall;
 - ✓ 20mph limits in Silver End including near the school;
 - ✓ Long-awaited improvements at the Crossing bends on the B1018 including a new footway.

You have 2 votes for the district elections – please help to Re-Elect James Abbott and Bob Wright – independent voices representing Silver End and Crossing ward residents at BDC.

If you have a local issue you wish to discuss with James or Bob, please get in touch:

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Green councillors do not run a party whip and claim no travelling or other extra expenses

Our shared environment

The mature hedge along Western Road Silver End pictured in June 2018.

This hedge has now been destroyed and incredibly, BDC agreed with developers that the hedge had 'little value' !

Other valued hedges and trees have been needlessly cut down, such as at Mill Lane Crossing – yet scientists are warning we need to protect habitats to save declining wildlife and to combat climate change.



Important local issues:

- ★ **Green Councillors will continue to oppose the huge waste incinerator planned for nearby Rivenhall Airfield.** Silver End is the closest local community most at risk from lower air quality and there could be more HGVs on the B1018 through Crossing. **Boosting recycling opportunities and reducing waste at source are key to the waste problem –** Green councillors oppose plans to charge residents for green bin collections.
- ★ **The “powers that be” said that the A12 work would start in early 2020. It will not.** Residents in Rivenhall End have been left blighted by the delay and confusion over the future of the A12 - caused by BDC's failed “New Town” Plan. There may be a new A12 consultation during 2019 – James Abbott and Bob Wright will continue to work with local residents for the best solution.
- ★ **If Re-Elected, James and Bob will work with local communities and will reach across party lines at BDC to help secure a new Local Plan as soon as possible.** The developer free-for-all created by BDC's failed Plan has impacted on Silver End, Tye Green and Rivenhall.

Green Pledge for the May 2nd local elections: supporting local communities and protecting our shared environment