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*Dear residents,*

My name is Katherine Barbour. I'm standing in the upcoming local elections to represent Portswood and am writing to ask for your vote on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May.

**I care about the local community** and know that you do too. Our conversations on the doorstep show how much you care. Together I hope we can aim to make **Portswood** a place that families, older people and young people wish to move to and to stay in.

**I'm passionate about helping people.** I worked as a social worker and **NHS manager** across the city of Southampton until I retired in 2018. Since then I have supported the community and done things to improve our lives in this area. My decision making is guided by my morals and community, not by the interests of big corporations and political opportunism. Whilst other party candidates must toe the party line, I'm free to stand up for you and be a **strong, independent voice** for **Portswood, Highfield and St Denys.**

**I've been chosen as the best person for the job.** Southampton Green Party members chose me as the best person to represent the party for **Portswood.** I'm very proud they have put their faith in me and I hope this gives you confidence that I will be a great choice to represent our community in the local council. **I work hard all year round.**

**During lockdown our lives have changed a lot.** We have been required to stay at home, to conform to a set of regulations to keep us and our neighbours safe. This fear and uncertainty has impacted us all. On the doorstep I see people who have become frailer during lockdown and this has been very upsetting. To support people I have been producing a monthly magazine called Together we Stand to keep people connected. I have also seen neighbours who are supporting our community and have kept people connected. Thank you to each and everyone of us.

**The future will be different** It is my hope that this pandemic has given us a chance to do things differently, we can shop local, we can recycle and repurpose items, we can ring a friend or neighbour we have not heard from for a while and we can enjoy our lives in Portswood.

**Finally we need other voices to hold our council to account.**

Democracy works best where there are people challenging the ruling party. In Southampton the Conservative party have been taking on this role but many of their views are coloured by the national party.

**Portswood** needs an independent voice to represent the people of **Portswood.**

Please elect me on polling day, **with your support I can win.** I am not afraid to stand up for what we believe in, a city where the environment comes first.

Yours faithfully,

*Katherine Barbour*

PS – if you don't want more of the same old same old politicians vote **for Katherine Barbour** shown here chatting to students **in Portswood**



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