WORKING HARD FOR CARLISLE

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LABOUR PROMISE ON CARLISLE BYPASS



LABOUR is promising to send in bulldozers to make an immediate start on the Carlisle Northern Development Route...



Britain is working. Don't let the Tories wreck it again.

Dear Elector,

Once more I am seeking the privilege of representing Carlisle in Westminster and I ask for your support.

In 1997 the evidence of Tory incompetence was all around - record interest rates, soaring unemployment and savage cuts in our public services, but in just eight years we can see tangible improvements in the whole fabric of our society - economic stability, and record investment in our public services - these are incontravertable facts.

I am rightly proud of the Government's achievements, both nationally and locally, although that there are still issues that need to be addressed.

One of the major issues affecting Carlisle is the traffic problem, a problem ignored by the Tory / Lib Dem councils. There should be no further delay in building the Northern Development Road, which will help alleviate congestion and open up development land for employment and, although there has been major improvements to the West Coast Main Rail Line I believe that the only way we can have an efficient rail network is to end fragmentation brought about by privatisation.

Finally, I would give a word of warning. Those who imagine that they can "send a message" to the Government at the ballot box, without risking a return to the Tories are deeply mistaken. A vote for the Lib Dems won't achieve a Liberal Democrat government - it will only increase the risk of a right-wing Tory one.

The truth is that we are building the strongest economy in living memory and have record public investment, both essential factors for the creation of new job opportunities.

AFTER THE FLOODS NOW THE RECOVERY

The Government has -

- Provided £25 million for enhanced flood defences
- Provided £1+ million to ensure the future of McVitie's
- Provided £1.5 million extra for the regeneration for areas worst affected by the floods
- Called a top-level meeting in Carlisle, to be chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, to agree a development strategy for the city.

The Government has also called on the County Council to submit plans for -

- A new school for Newman
- Total refurbishment for Trinity School
- Total refurbishment for St Aidan's School
- New Police Station for Carlisle
- New Fire Stations for Carlisle

None of this would happen with the Tories

Their £35 billion cuts would seriously damage **our** economy

Eric Martlew He's worth voting for!



Britain forward not back

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SAVE OUR HOMES



Listening Carlisle MP Eric Martlew meets residents of Hallin Crescent in Morton, Carlisle, who are concerned about their homes being demolished

When Michael Howard was in Government Carlisle suffered - along with the rest of the country

- He cut over 1000 police
- He introduced the Poll Tax
- Mortgages rocketed to 15%
- Unemployment increased by more than a million

In Carlisle unemployment was nearly 3 times higher than it is now

- Asylum seekers increased by 45%
- Cuts in school funding and the NHS



And he is as extreme now as he was then

- **£54 million will be cut** from public services in Carlisle = fewer police, teachers, doctors, nurses
- **£3 million will be cut** from local schools to subsidise those going to private or independent schools
- **His privatisation** plans for the NHS will force you to pay for essential healthcare

He says one thing - but does another





FORWARD WITH LABOUR or back to a failed Tory Past I hope you will join me in stopping Michael Howard implementing his cuts in Carlisle. Here are just a few of the reasons why you should vote Labour on 5 May !!

Eric Martlew

Some of our achievements since 1997

- Lowest inflation since the 60s
- Lowest mortgage rates for 40 years
- Lowest unemployment for 29 years
- Introduced the National Minimum Wage
- Cut long-term youth unemployment by 75%
- Record police numbers in England & Wales
- Cut overall crime by 30%
- Best-ever primary school results
- Record number of students in higher education
- Free nursery places for 3 & 4 year olds
- Child Benefit up 25% since 1997
- Created Sure Start to help children from low income households
- Introduced child tax credit giving more money to parents
- Over 28,000 more teachers in England
- Record numbers of nurses and doctors
- £200 winter fuel payment to pensioners & an extra £100 for over-80s
- Free TV licences for the over-75s
- Introduced Pension Credit
- Written off up to 100% of debt owed by poorest countries
- Banned anti-personnel mines
- Overseas aid budget more than doubled
- Banned hunting with dogs
- Banned fur farming and the testing of cosmetics on animals

If you would like to help in our campaign, or want to know more about our policies, please contact us at Labour Campaign Headquarters, 3 Chatsworth Square, Carlisle CA1 1HB, or telephone: 01228 523 397.

