

# *The change I can deliver*

**I, Dan Norris, promise to use the power invested in the office of MP, and my skills, knowledge and experience gained as Member of Parliament for the past 13 years, to make North East Somerset a better place for everyone living here in our community.**

## **My priorities for you:**

- **Securing the recovery and building a high-skill economy** – including drawing together local businesses, councils and others to provide **New Community Apprenticeships here in semi-rural North East Somerset**. This will provide more local work and training opportunities for young people, boost our communities and help reduce commuting to Bristol and Bath.
- **Strengthening vital public services** – introducing **New NHS Community Patient Panels of North East Somerset residents**, to accompany me on visits to hospitals and health centres to ensure high standards of cleanliness. No one must wait longer than 18 weeks for hospital treatment and people with suspected cancer must be tested and told their results within seven days.
- **Building fair, prosperous communities** – including **halving the housing-waiting list in North East Somerset**, so that essential workers and people who have grown up locally can afford to live and work here; but any new homes should not all be in one place nor at the expense of our beautiful environment. Lack of affordable housing forces our youngsters to move away, damaging the survival prospects of rural shops, post offices and schools. Older people suffer too, due to the lack of affordable homes for key workers, on whom pensioners rely for the support that allows them to keep living in their own home for as long as possible.
- **Raising quality of life and protecting the environment** – introducing a **local Green Action Plan** bringing together supermarkets, shops, residents and others to reduce waste, and boost reuse and recycling. My proven work of solving community problems by bringing together business, volunteers and councils is vital. Our environment must be at the heart of everything we do.
- **Creating a truly civil society** – I strongly oppose **all anti-social behaviour** for even low-level acts of vandalism, bullying and noise make people's lives a misery. **I will resist the Conservatives' plans to bring back the unacceptable cruelty of fox hunting**; I helped introduce the ban on hunting with dogs. I passionately oppose fox hunting, stag hunting and hare coursing – and reject the Tory proposals to kill tens-of-thousands of badgers by culling.

*Dan Norris*

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Labour candidate to be your truly local MP

