

Introducing **Julie Cox**

your **LOCAL** candidate for **WYBOSTON Ward**

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Bedford Borough By-Election Thursday 29th June

CHOOSE JULIE TO REPRESENT OUR VILLAGES

■ **Julie says:** “I have lived here for over 32 years and love the communities in the Wyboston Ward which includes so many wonderful villages and hamlets. I have always been a busy person in our community. I volunteered at Staploe & Duloe youth football team and helped my husband run the club for 2 seasons, then went on to running youth and adult teams for Roxton for over 15 years before becoming chairman of Roxton adult and youth football club. I am a Roxton Parish Councillor, and am in my thirteenth year of being the British Legion Coordinator for the area.

I have been Presiding officer for Local and General elections, and did four years as School Governor at Alban Academy.

I am passionate about supporting local and national charities, through organising high-profile events for the benefit of the local community, from fashion shows, garden parties, scarecrow competitions, fun days, annual Halloween quiz, race nights for Air Ambulance, and Cancer research. I ran the London Marathon for the Teenager Cancer Trust, to name a few. My aim is to raise £50k - I am over halfway there!

I am standing for election to protect our villages in Wyboston ward to the best of my abilities. I am passionate about preserving our green spaces, to keep the reason why we chose to live here safe, healthy and unspoilt. I understand there needs to be changes and developments, but we need to have more say and control in the areas that affect us.”



“I want to help protect our communities”

EAST WEST RAIL

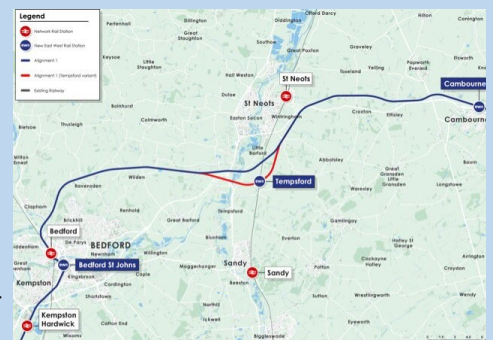


The announcement we have all been dreading has arrived and we now head into a period of what they are calling ‘consultation and negotiation’. I know from our village meetings that everyone finds the consultation processes overwhelming and we need clarity on this decision.

This route has been forced upon us, and has gone from being considered the most expensive and inappropriate, to the possible chosen route.

I will be working with Mayor Tom Wootton, your former councillor and now our Elected Mayor for Bedford Borough, and Richard Fuller MP, to ensure that Bedford Borough and East West Rail understand just how passionate we are in our opposition to these plans, how we want a simple format for consultation comments to be submitted, that we want to see the environmental impact statements, road and planning options, and the legal advice given throughout.

We need to be clear on our position as communities in Wyboston Ward, that detailed and precise information is a **necessity** as we work to **protect** everyone in the Ward from the possible devastation this will cause to our environment and communities.



WORKING FOR WYBOSTON AND ALL OUR VILLAGES

JULIE'S TRACK RECORD:

JULIE COX already has a good track record in **collaboration** and **working with Councillors, MPs and others** in the area to the benefit of the local communities.

When Roxton Post Office was threatened with closure Julie and Tom worked together to prove what a very valuable part of the community this was, and this business and community asset was saved.

Julie was also instrumental in saving school bus services...

Julie says: "We started the 'Save our School Bus' campaign with a group of outraged parents because the Lib Dem council was telling us that our children had to walk to school along the dangerous A421 for 3 miles.

We worked with Tom and our MP to get a meeting with the Minister of Transport in the Houses of Parliament. These crazy proposals we thankfully overruled with Conservative help through many press stories, radio interviews and TV campaigns."

Huge turnout for Parish meeting

Rainer development

The objections to the proposed new development ensured one of Roxton's biggest Parish Council attendances.

My main objection is that we have already had over and above development... as a rural village of 250 houses, we are still fighting the additional 50 -70 on the School Lane site.

Where are the brownfield sites we know planners should be focusing on?

Where is the infrastructure going to come from?

Why are local views being ignored?

Any green space that is left within Roxton seems now to be fair-game for further development and I know many other villages feel threatened in the same way.

Most of us knew that when we purchased our properties in Roxton, we were aware that there is no local shopping, dining, transport links, but this was a major part of choosing to live here... for a rural life style.



"We have few green spaces left – I will fight for what we still have"



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Black Cat Construction

Despite a late legal challenge, the changes to the Black Cat roundabout are expected to start soon.

We have been promised having a local point of contact, a community liaison team based on site and regular updates for local residents. We want to see a clear programme of work, communicated in advance, that keeps all users up to date.

Traffic management will be key - anyone who tries the 3 second dash out of Roxton Road knows it is not brilliant at the moment, there needs to be a plan for this both during construction and when the work is complete.

I will be watching carefully and holding the National Highways team to account, doing so on your behalf... they must carry the work out in the way which minimises disruption to our villages.

I will work closely with our new Mayor Tom Wootton to escalate issues if they arise.



Conservatives working for you in Wyboston Ward