

IAN DONALDSON – MOLESEY SOUTH

The **QUALITY** of your candidate is a very important consideration.

IAN DONALDSON has:

EXCELLENT KNOWLEDGE OF MOLESEY

Ian and his wife Lil have lived in Molesey for over 30 years and their two children both attended local schools and are now married and still live close to Molesey.

INVOLVEMENT WITH MOLESEY AND THE COMMUNITY

Ian has been a Molesey Residents Association councillor for the last four years and has been chair and vice-chair of the important community overview and scrutiny committee and vice-chair of the North Area planning sub-committee. He has been closely involved with the new Walton town centre and the new Xcel leisure facility. Both are due to open during 2006.

He has advised a number of local residents on planning matters and has taken a leading position in opposing further housing on the playing fields of Chandlers Field School and the now demolished John Nightingale School. He recognises the need for affordable and key-worker housing but thinks that these should be built by re-using existing built sites rather than building on open land in one of the most densely populated areas in the Borough of Elmbridge.

Ian was on the main committee of the MRA in 1975-1976 before he left to work abroad. He worked with a group opposing the closure of local schools and for the preservation of open spaces.

ABILITY AND TIME TO DO THE JOB

Ian is a qualified architect with over 40 years experience in both the UK and abroad. He has been involved in many planning applications and has a considerable knowledge of planning appeal procedures representing clients both for and against. In his professional career Ian has been involved with health care and leisure projects and has been concerned with providing community facilities for the elderly and disabled.

Ian has recently retired from full time practice and now has time to devote to local issues. Ian is on the committee for the proposed Second World War Memorial and has been involved in the design and fund raising activities. He was design architect for the very successful Molesey Thameside Heritage Marker seats and sun-dial on the river front at the Hurst Park lands. This is now mentioned as a work of Civic importance in a number of guide books in the context of Molesey.

A MESSAGE FROM IAN

I am strongly committed to improving the amenities for residents of all age groups in Molesey, especially the improvement of school premises and the preservation of sports grounds, open space and facilities for the elderly and disabled. I believe that residents should be empowered to have direct control on their local Councils. Molesey is a unique community and has a very substantial population within the Borough of Elmbridge and one of the strongest and most successful Residents Associations in the country. I believe in strengthening this position. It is our community and it is up to us to preserve and improve our sports facilities, libraries, youth centres, clinics and hospitals for ourselves and our children.

I hope that you will give me your support so that I can work for you as part of the dynamic team of Molesey Residents Association councillors.

Yours sincerely
Ian Donaldson