

I'll Fight for Our Town, Says Whiston Election Candidate

A Whiston man is standing up for the town he believes in by running for councillor in this year's local elections.

Former Higher Side student Carl Cashman, 19, will be standing as candidate for Whiston North ward in May. He has already shown his commitment to his local community by spearheading the campaign to save Prescott Leisure Centre amid plans by Knowsley Council to replace it with smaller, inadequate facilities – despite their own survey, which showed that local residents oppose the plans.

He has also campaigned fiercely for a referendum on whether Prescott and Whiston should remain under Knowsley Council.

“I want to put power back in the hands of the people,” said Carl, “and out of the hands of council bureaucrats who seem intent on shutting out the people of Prescott and Whiston.”

If elected as a borough councillor, Mr Cashman says he will justify every vote, keeping in close touch with residents and voicing their concerns. His top campaign pledge will be to fight for Whiston's fair share from Knowsley. “Money is being poured into Huyton and Kirkby while Whiston and Prescott suffer,” he said. “The fact our leisure services are being taken away and moved to Huyton is one massive example. Enough is enough.”

Mr Cashman is standing for the Liberal Democrats and was elected to the North West Liberal Youth Committee last year, but he makes it clear he will put representing Whiston before party politics.

“My first priority is to listen to people,” he promised. “Many councillors take the people for granted. We need to remember it’s the people who elect us, and they can just as easily take that privilege away.”

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