

Smannell and Little London Broadband

Tory council candidates desperate for votes have started misleading voters about their commitment to local residents and the community.

In an inaccurate leaflet distributed recently they seek to claim credit for a three year project to bring broadband to Little London and Smannell. The project team led by local resident Margaret Henstock and borough councillor Len Gates worked with council officers from Test Valley and Hampshire County Councils. At no time did the other two borough councillors have any input into the project or indeed show any interest in it. The broadband team were not consulted about the Tory leaflet or advised of its content.



Over the last three years Margaret, Len and the team negotiated with broadband suppliers and lobbied directly at county hall for funding for the project. This was a community based project with full support of parishioners and the parish council. It was also non political. "To seek to make political capital out of it now just shows how desperate they are for votes" Len said. "The project is nearing completion but contracts are not yet signed. Their irresponsible self publicity could well threaten completion." Margaret added "To have hi-jacked this project and used it for publicity purposes is despicable."

We are, of course, used to Tory duplicity and spin. Last year they claimed credit for a new community notice board in Roman Way despite having no input into or interest in the residents group behind it. They also failed to support the local campaign to stop the diversion of Smannell Road through Augusta Park. Not one of them bothered to attend the public enquiry and support residents and the parish council in opposing the plan. The Tory county councillor, in fact, voted for the scheme and others privately admitted they were in favour of the diversion.



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