

# Protecting our precious environment



The climate crisis is the greatest challenge of our generation. Stephen is proud under his local leadership Labour led the way in declaring a climate emergency for our city. But for him, actions speak louder than words.

That's why he's working hard to protect Portsmouth's natural environment and urging government to go further and faster in cutting emissions, investing in renewable energy and achieving net zero.

## Stephen's record on the environment:

- 1 Cleaning up our dirty air** – voted for tougher air quality standards and backed proposals for a Clean Air Act to combat our city's air pollution
- 2 Stopping Aquind** - worked with local campaigners to oppose the disastrous Aquind Interconnector project from the outset. Grilled Ministers in Parliament and exposed the alleged corruption of project directors. Over 6,000 people signed his petition to keep the pressure on Government to do the right thing
- 3 Ending sewage pollution** – convened local groups, raised concerns in Parliament and hosted a public meeting to call on government and industry to fix the broken system spilling sewage into local bathing waters. Lobbied Ministers and voted for legislation in Parliament to finally end sewage pollution
- 4 Campaigning for cleaner energy** – calling for a proper windfall tax on the excess profits of oil and gas companies to support families with the cost of living and campaigning for Great British Energy - a plan to invest in clean energy by 2030
- 5 Working with community groups** – in order to deliver a greener city we need to bring together local campaigns and projects. Stephen is working with others to promote a plastic-free city, more active travel and a sustainable city

## Give us our bobbies back

Stephen is calling on the Home Secretary to fund our police service fairly and give us back the bobbies the Conservatives have cut from our city. Hampshire has lost more than 1,000 police officers since 2010, and we remain hundreds short despite recent increases. If, like Stephen, you want safer streets, sign his pledge at: [www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/give-us-our-bobbies-back/](http://www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/give-us-our-bobbies-back/)



# Securing investment for our city and its people



Stephen hosting an Arts Council roundtable at the Kings Theatre and launching his Back the bid campaign in Guildhall Square

Life is tougher than it needs to be for too many people in our city. The cost of living crisis is pushing prices up at the tills and on bills and people are worried about making ends meet.

At the same time, our city is crying out for investment from Government. We must revitalise our city centre and shopping areas which have been neglected for decades to support local businesses and create well paid jobs.

## Stephen's actions:

- 1 Backing a real plan to tackle the cost of living crisis** - Labour would bring bills down to help Portsmouth people struggling to make ends meet. We'll also invest in renewables and insulate millions of homes to bring prices down in the long term
- 2 Putting the heart back into our city centre** - Stephen is calling on the government to invest in our community to breathe new life into our city and boost the local economy. He backed a bid to revitalise key sites across the city centre, which have been neglected for decades
- 3 Protecting Portsmouth Port** - the Port's profits help fund our public services – its success is our city's success. Stephen worked with the Port through the Brexit transition to support the economy and avoid traffic chaos. He's demanding that government reimburse Portsmouth for post-Brexit border infrastructure mothballed by short-sighted Ministers
- 4 Supporting local businesses** – Stephen's annual Support Local awards recognise the best of our city's small businesses. As part of efforts to improve our city centre, he convenes working groups to address the challenges in our city centre and Palmerston Road area
- 5 Securing a bright future for the arts** – working with our city's fantastic museums and music and arts venues Stephen has been helping to secure much-needed investment and ensuring Portsmouth becomes a 'priority place' for the Arts Council

Find out more on Stephen's Back the Bid campaign at: [www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/backthebid](http://www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/backthebid)

As an active local campaigner, Stephen is always out and about across every part of our city listening, meeting and engaging with fellow residents, those working on the frontline and with community groups and businesses. As your MP, he takes your ideas, issues and concerns back to Westminster as a strong national voice for our city in Parliament.



Stephen regularly brings local people and services together to bang heads and get things done on the problems and issues our community faces. From tackling anti-social behaviour, restoring our high streets to helping those in need, Stephen works with others to ensure action is taken. For example, in the aftermath of the shocking and sudden collapse of homes in Fratton, Stephen brought together residents and the council to provide support.



As well as having your say via the Big Conversation, Stephen has set up lots of ways to share ideas, issues and concerns. His monthly Pint with MP events at local pubs allow residents to meet informally, whilst the Cuppa and Chat events on key issues bring together experts to take questions. Have your say on your priorities for him, at [www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/bigconversation](http://www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/bigconversation)



Stephen regularly visits local services to meet frontline staff, to hear the challenges being faced and to hear first-hand the actions he can take to improve the services we all rely on.

With the mounting pressures facing the NHS and local people struggling to see a GP or dentist, Stephen's priority is working with health and social care services to improve access and speed up treatment.

From campaigning to secure money for our high streets with his Back the Bid initiative to calling for a medical school for Portsmouth or keeping ticket offices open, Stephen works all year round to make our city a better place for everyone. If you can help by leafleting, joining the campaign trail or by supporting local causes, get in touch

The past year in numbers: with the help of a small team, Stephen:

- Closed 7,541 cases helping hundreds of Portsmouth people
- Acted on over 17,656 enquiries from local people

# PORTSMOUTH SOUTH POMPEY MATTERS

AN UPDATE FROM YOUR LOCAL MP



StephenMorganMP

Dear fellow resident,

**Portsmouth is a great city.** But people are feeling like life is tougher than it needs to be because of decisions this government has taken. We've had a decade of falling behind when we should have been forging ahead.

Families, working people and pensioners are worse off and having to cut back. The cost of living crisis is taking its toll and people are worried about how they will pay their bills each month. Our country is now in recession again.

Our public services are weaker than they have been for years – schools are stretched and the NHS is on its knees. Meanwhile crime and anti-social behaviour are rife, and the police don't have the resources they need, and sewage gets pumped into our seas.

**But it doesn't need to be this way.** Labour is ready to change Britain for the better. When we have a government with a purpose and a plan, Portsmouth can achieve great things. Labour's mission is a Britain that is forging ahead, not falling behind under the Tories.

**Our best days lie ahead of us.** As an active local campaigner and strong national voice, I will continue to work hard to bring about the changes we need in our city.

**This is my latest parliamentary report, updating you on the actions I take every day serving you and serving Portsmouth.**

**Stephen Morgan MP**  
Your local Labour Member of Parliament



## Making our city's streets safer



**Stephen was born and raised in Portsmouth and wants our city to be a safe and welcoming place for all.** But under this government crime and anti-social behaviour are on the rise, and Conservative cuts mean our dedicated police simply don't have the resources they need.

Tackling crime has been a relentless focus for Stephen since being your MP, both in Portsmouth and in Parliament. He will continue to work tirelessly to make our city's streets safer.



Stephen out on patrol with local police in Old Portsmouth and at his anti-social behaviour meeting in Southsea

Meeting with senior police regularly and going out on patrol with neighbourhood teams, Stephen feeds back local concerns and raises issues in Parliament to make sure our force gets the resources it needs.

### Stephen's record on policing:

- 1 Fighting for more police officers** - launched a 'give us our bobbies back' campaign for fairer funding and more officers as it was revealed Hampshire has the fewest officers per 100,000 people in the country and police responses had been rationed
- 2 Out on our streets** - Stephen is regularly out and about with officers on night patrols to support our local force and see the challenges communities face first-hand
- 3 Cracking down on petty crime and anti-social behaviour** - Stephen backs a dedicated police team for our city centre to stamp out shoplifting and support our local traders
- 4 Tackling violence against women and girls** - voted for tougher sentencing for rapists and worked with victims and local police to crack down on needle spiking
- 5 Keeping communities safe** - making sure resources are targeted to where the community needs it and backing plans for new prevention teams and police hubs

## Ensuring every child succeeds and thrives

**Nothing is more important to our future as a country than giving children the opportunities they need.** That's why Stephen wants our city's schools to be the places where children aim high, work hard and achieve their dreams, regardless of where they are from.

Education can transform lives. But the pandemic caused huge disruption to learning and right now the government is letting down too many of our city's children.

Stephen tirelessly speaks up on the issues children, parents and local schools face to ensure every child in Portsmouth succeeds and thrives.

### Stephen's record on education:

- 1 Fighting for early years and school funding** - lobbying for affordable childcare for all local families and our city's schools getting the resources they need
- 2 Securing free school meals** - helping to secure a government u-turn to deliver free school meals to children in most need
- 3 Demanding a catch-up programme** - setting out an ambitious recovery plan to give children access to breakfast and afterschool clubs and targeted support for those who suffered from lost learning
- 4 Calling for better mental health services** - lobbying for quality mental health support in every school and in our community
- 5 Visiting every school in our area** - hearing from the frontline the issues of parents, teachers and support staff and taking concerns back to Parliament



Stephen has visited every school in the area often attending school assembly or meeting with pupils

## Caring for our local NHS

**Long before the pandemic, our NHS was already struggling to cope with the level of demand for its services,** but things have just gone from bad to worse in Portsmouth under this Government.

GP and dental practice closures, record numbers of people waiting for care and waiting longer than ever before means Stephen is prioritising a range of concerns over access to local health services.

From tackling our city's dental desert to campaigning for a new medical school to train doctors here in Portsmouth, Stephen is working in Westminster to ensure everyone in our community has access to local NHS services when they need them.

### Stephen's record on health and social care:

- 1 Tackling waiting times** - almost 40% of patients in Portsmouth are waiting more than the maximum of 18 weeks for treatment. Stephen is pressing Ministers for a rescue plan and campaigning to secure a medical school for our city
- 2 Fixing local dentistry** - launched a dental survey to hear your views, hosted a summit with local dentists and others to hear directly from practitioners and patients and lobbying for fundamental reform of NHS dental services
- 3 Demanding better GP and local services** - calling on government to fix the backlog in care and appointments, following the closure of local practices and helped secure funding for a new A&E department at QA
- 4 Speaking up for social care** - voted to stop proposals that would raise barriers to accessing social care. Brought together local groups to raise standards in local services and called for a proper plan to fix local services
- 5 Securing a fair pay rise** - worked with others as a nursing champion to lobby government for a proper pay rise for NHS workers



Stephen visiting services at QA hospital

## Here to help you

**Stephen has brought politics back to the high street.** Any resident can pop into his office and see him or the team or attend one of his many events like Pint with your MP to share ideas, issues or concerns.



To find out more visit [www.stephenmorgan.org.uk](http://www.stephenmorgan.org.uk)

**There are lots of ways to keep up-to-date with what Stephen is doing.** Check social media or his website to hear the latest news or join one of his campaigns to get things done for our city. You can also share your views and ideas by getting in touch.

## Ways to keep in touch

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**Sign up to Stephen's regular e-newsletter,** where you will get updates on his work in Parliament, on local campaigns and events taking place near you.

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## Join Stephen's campaigns

### Have your say on dental services

Dental services are in crisis here in Portsmouth. The number of children being admitted to hospital for tooth decay has doubled. Stephen has been taking a string of actions and is keen to hear your views on NHS dentistry to continue lobbying for change. Have your say at: [www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/dentist/](http://www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/dentist/)



### Tackling sewage pollution

Record sewage discharges, rock bottom prosecutions, bumper profits and 20% increase in executive pay. Labour will deliver mandatory monitoring of outlets, give the Environment Agency the power to enforce rules, introduce automatic fines for discharges and prosecute bosses. Pledge your support at: [www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/pledge-your-support-stop-the-sewage/](http://www.stephenmorgan.org.uk/pledge-your-support-stop-the-sewage/)

