

RESIGNATION STATEMENT – EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

Tuesday 9th June 2020

Leader of Spelthorne Conservative Group / Leader of the Council Resigns from Party Conservatives now in minority for the first time – New Group formed



“Having been a Conservative supporter and voter since my teens, a member since 2008, Councillor since 2013 and Leader of Spelthorne Council since 2016, it is with great sadness that I hereby resign from the Conservative Party and Spelthorne Conservative Group with immediate effect.

I have sought to serve the residents of Spelthorne and the Conservative Party to the best of my ability throughout and believe that a great deal has been achieved under my leadership. However, the divisive, intimidatory, bullying and corrosive atmosphere that now prevails in the Group and indeed the Party locally means my continued membership is no longer tenable. I feel that I have been “hounded out”. Before taking this major step, I had repeatedly sought assistance and support from the Party both locally and nationally. Most of my attempts did not even elicit a response.

With the 5 others that are leaving with me, this means that for the first time in the history of Spelthorne Borough Council the Conservative Party are not the majority group. Members of our new group will continue to work hard for both the short- and long-term benefit of our residents. We are not going to abandon our residents.”