

## Hiton Focus Team



A few people got in touch after the early 1990's picture of Hiton was published in the September addition, so I've selected even older one (taken in 1948).

This shows the area before all the developments that many of us live in. The old Ministry of Defence base doesn't have the big sheds, that I remember in the 1990's, but has lots of smaller ones some distance from each other.

In the top right of the picture, you can clearly see the "A" shape made by Derby Rd and Lucas Lane meeting at a crossroads that is now under the A50 roundabouts.

I can see Dale End and Sutton Lane, along with Back Lane, mostly without any houses at all, with the majority of the houses clustered along Main Street and Egginton Road. What this photo shows is the massive scale of development over the last 70+ years. Not just with the old Depot site but also in what was fields, to the north and east of Main Street / Egginton Road.

So, what has this got to do with Local Politics? Well knowing where things have come from, is often a good foundation when planning where we are going.

As newly elected Lib Dem Councillors [Grahame.Andrew@Southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Grahame.Andrew@Southderbyshire.gov.uk) & [Jayne.Davies@Southderbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Jayne.Davies@Southderbyshire.gov.uk) have both been active on the District Councils Planning Committee in the last few months, challenging applications that developers have put forward, that don't appear to value protecting our trees and wildlife, or put building new homes ahead of building infrastructure to support our communities.

In September we held a small thank you celebration at "The Little Shed" (off Uttoxeter Road), celebrating our historic win, as the first Liberal Democrats elected anywhere in South Derbyshire. We'd like to thank all who attended.

We are looking to arrange Councillor Surgeries in both Church Broughton and Foston/Scropton over the next few months, so if you like to speak to us both in person, look out for announcements as to the where and when on Facebook. We both wish to represent all of our Ward, to the best of our ability.