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Dear resident,

Local representatives are told not to write long letters, as residents won't bother reading it. I have more faith in and respect for the people of Kempston, so I've ignored that advice!

As soon as I was elected as Councillor for Kempston Central & East in 2015, I pushed for badly needed work to roads and pavements. Since then, resurfacing has taken place on Elstow Road, Bedford Road, Thirlmere Road, Whitbread Avenue, Springfield Avenue, St John's Street, Thornton Street, St John's Avenue, Birchdale Avenue, Westdale Walk, and Ashdale Avenue. This proves what is possible with someone fighting Kempston residents' corner.

As well as action on local improvements, I have also pushed for action to keep Addison Howard park safe from illegal encampments, cracked down on antisocial behaviour, and stood up for taxpayers against perpetual, self-awarded Councillor allowance increases.

While I have secured progress in Kempston Central & East, your ward - Kempston West - continues to be neglected with Labour representing you. **No roads or footpaths in Kempston West have been included in Bedford Borough Council's programme of maintenance for the last two years! This is clearly unacceptable, and unfair.**

People in our town pay more in local taxes than most other parts of the Borough, with some in Bedford Meadows, Kempston Woodlands and Orchid Fields paying an additional levy. It is only right that we should get our fair share of funding, rather than being the forgotten neighbour of Bedford. Instead of acting in the best interests of Kempston residents, Labour Councillors have spent years voting to increase their own allowances at the same time as putting up taxes and cutting local services with limited progress for Kempston.

Kempston needs representatives who are going to **fight** your corner and **listen** in the future – there is much more to be done across the town, and in Kempston West specifically. We need change across Borough Hall to tackle these issues.

I am deeply honoured to have served as a Councillor, but believe there is much more to achieve for our town. That is why I am delighted to endorse **Matt McCarthy** as your Borough Council candidate for Kempston West in May's election. Unlike James Valentine, Labour's candidate for Kempston West who lives on the other side of Bedford, Matt lives in the ward, is affected by the same issues as you are, and has had enough of broken promises.

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Matt has been working hard in the last few years, listening to your views and campaigning for much needed change in your area.

Matt can't do this alone and, when elected, will need the support of a Mayor who understands the needs of Kempston. **Gianni Carofano** is our Kempston-born-and-bred candidate for Bedford Borough Mayor. Together, Matt and Gianni have the energy and dynamism to keep the fight alive for a better Kempston, and to put an end to Kempston being the **forgotten neighbour of Bedford**.

It's time to end the same old lethargy and tiredness, and to fight for change across Kempston, not leaving out residents in Kempston West.

Support the right candidates to **take Kempston forward**.

It's time for a change!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Anthony'.

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