

SIMON PIKE

To represent South Central Region on English Council

Committed to contributing to the English Party

English Council is the governing body for an organisation of more than 50,000 members. This requires commitment and experience from its members

I have been a member of English Council for most years since 2012. I was a member of English Executive (ECE) in 2020 (and meetings secretary), and attended meetings in 2022 as English Representative to the Federal Policy Committee.

I have been a Thatcham Town Councillor since 2019 and am the Chairman of its Planning Committee. I represented it in the Examination of the West Berkshire Local Plan (which proposed 2500 extra houses in Thatcham), and re-wrote its Standing Orders in clear English.

The English Party is a key element in the Federal structure of the Liberal Democrats and English Council has overall responsibility for it. Its role is governance and management, including the English Party Constitution and Rules, not policy-making (the English Party has delegated this responsibility for England to the Federal Party and Federal Policy Committee).



The English Council provides leadership, guidance and support to the English Party and Regions. My professional background, experience as a Councillor, and deep understanding of English Party governance will enable me to make an effective and constructive contribution

About me:

- I Joined the Lib Dems in 2010 (I am a lifelong Lib Dem voter)
- I have attended almost every Federal Conference since then
- I have been a member of English Council since 2012, and ECE in 2020
- I am a Lib Dem Councillor (Thatcham Town Council, since 2019)
- For many years I was a member of South Central Region's Executive, and its Secretary
- I am member of the Executive and Data Officer for West Berkshire Local Party
- I am a Chartered Engineer – previously a consultant on mobile telecoms and regulation
- I represented the UK for many years in international meetings on radio spectrum policy
- I am a Member of the Council of Partners of the North Wessex Downs National Landscale, Chair of a Local Access Forum and a Commissioner of the Greenham and Crookham Commons Commission (*non-political positions*)

Please feel free to contact me for more information.

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