

*If you were the MP for Guildford, what you say and do in response those students who have suffered rising rents, horrendous landlords and been pushed out of Guildford, and who are dealing with ever increasing living costs with insufficient funding?*

Personally I have no experience of renting in Guildford, but I have spent a lot of time canvassing in Guildford, particularly in areas that students have accommodation. The feedback I have had from these is that students often have to make do with pretty poor housing conditions where landlords rarely take care of the buildings they let. There is a limited amount of housing provided by Surrey University and I understand that they do plan to build more. I would strongly encourage them to do so. The University is a great asset to Guildford and students don't need the hassle of dealing with poor housing conditions on top of their studies. As a party our manifesto includes lots of things that I hope students would welcome and I will do the best I can in the election to take them forward.

Best wishes,

Howard Smith