

## **CONSERVATIVE POLICY FORUM**

By way of introduction, Mike Fairhurst has asked me to take on the role of the Havant Constituency Co-ordinator for the Conservative Policy Forum (CPF).

The function of the CPF is “to play a key role in ensuring that Party members have the opportunity to shape Government policy”. Following the election, the PM has indicated that the CPF is to play a major role in the Party’s post-election renewal.

It has been decided that in Havant our CPF will be run on a cellular basis in order to capture views and ideas from the broadest and most diverse spectrum of party members. We are therefore asking for volunteers to head up the cells and to join the cells as members. It goes without saying that it is particularly important that younger party members are included among the cell leaders.

The way it works is that the policy forum is issued periodically with discussion papers, which are then debated by the individual cells and the results fed back to me, who will then staff a co-ordinated response back to the Party which will be put together with the input from the other constituencies for consideration.

The first discussion paper is on “Conservative values”, for which our responses will be needed before the Conservative Party Conference in October. Further details can be found on the website: [www.conservativepolicyforum.com](http://www.conservativepolicyforum.com) including the briefing and proforma to be completed.

Could I ask please that interested party members volunteer their services as cell leaders and cell members. Cell leaders are also encouraged to recruit members to their cell from other party members. The role is not onerous and consists of the cell leader getting together with his or her group (ideally between 6 and 10 members) at a place of their choosing (e.g. over a drink in the pub or dinner etc) to discuss the topic and then fill in the simple form with their ideas and the results of their deliberations and return it to me. I will then call a meeting of the cell leaders to finalize the joint return.

Please volunteer your services to Jo Bourne at [jo@havantconservatives.com](mailto:jo@havantconservatives.com). I look forward to meeting you all!

Yours

Philip Barber