



# West Midlands TPA

*"A new campaign to save your money and bring a rising tide of prosperity to the West Midlands"*

- ✓ **Stop road pricing**
- ✓ **Cut taxes on business**
- ✓ **Reduce income tax rates**
- ✓ **No new green taxes**
- ✓ **Lower council tax**
- ✓ **Scrap Inheritance Tax**
- ✓ **End the benefit trap**
- ✓ **Cut taxes on savings**
- ✓ **Stop new bin taxes**
- ✓ **Abolish regional quangos**

## ... AND STOP THE WASTE!

The **West Midlands TaxPayers' Alliance (WMTPA)** is a new regional branch of the national **TaxPayers' Alliance** – Britain's independent campaign for lower taxes and better government. We are backed by some of Britain's most respected academics and businesspeople. We are not linked to any political party and accept no public money.



*'The Public' Arts Centre – £30 million over budget, two years late and still not open!*

## Who are we and what will we do?

The WMTPA is a new voice for those who want a different future for the West Midlands. We have over 1,000 members, a full-time organizer and a permanent office. We are supported by some leading figures in the West Midlands, such as:

**Keith Bradshaw**, Chairman, Listers Coventry  
**Robert Edmiston**, Chairman, IM Group  
**Con Folkes**, Chairman, Folkes Holdings  
**Mohammed Hasan**, Catalyst Associates  
**Nigel Hastilow**, former Birmingham Post editor  
**Chris Kelly**, Chairman, Keltruck Ltd.  
**Neal Radford**, former England Cricketer  
**Peter Roberts**, Leader of the 1.8 million Downing Street petition against road pricing  
**Richard Smith**, MD, HR Smith Group

We are building a grassroots network that can give a voice to tradesmen, teachers, pensioners, businesspeople and all those who want lower taxes to bring prosperity to our region. We will expose waste, attack reckless spending, and campaign against all those politicians who meddle in vital services and want to keep taxes high on ordinary people. →

## What's gone wrong for the West Midlands?



- ✘ *Taxes have gone up, council tax has doubled...* but politicians waste our money and the most vulnerable suffer the worst from poor services.
- ✘ *High business taxes harm companies...* discourage growth and stop new investment. If we don't change path, companies and jobs will leave the West Midlands and we will all suffer.
- ✘ *Congestion has soared and funding for roads cut back,* but road pricing will harm our economy and is just a new way of taxing us. We face gridlock within 10 years unless we create more transport capacity.
- ✘ *Police funding has gone up by a third but serious crime has risen 45% in the last decade...* and you're more likely to be assaulted or robbed in the West Midlands than in America.
- ✘ *Failure in schools despite extra money...* and more than six in ten local children fail to achieve five good GCSEs, including English and Maths.
- ✘ *The "benefit trap" stops people working and generous welfare attracts illegal immigration.* The welfare system is too generous and riddled with abuse.
- ✘ We spend the same per head on healthcare as Germany or France but our waiting lists are longer, new NHS drugs are rationed and thousands die needlessly every year in dirty wards. We have more bureaucrats than beds.

Raising taxes and giving power to MPs has hampered the West Midlands economy, bringing congestion, waste and poor services – *we can't afford more of the same.* For a fresh start we must lower taxes and take powers back.

### Lower taxes for a fresh start

- ☑ *Lower taxes allow you to spend more on your own priorities.* They force politicians to budget and give value for money instead of spending wildly.
- ☑ Lower taxes create incentives for people to invest in businesses, which brings a rising tide of prosperity and £billions more in revenue for services.
- ☑ The West Midlands should control some taxes so that they could be lowered in order to encourage new investment and create new jobs.

**JOIN OUR CAMPAIGN TODAY – WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

***"Politicians Talk. We Pay."***

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