

IGHTHAM - AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY

Ightham is the only parish within the Local Plan which will potentially lose AONB designated countryside. AONB is the highest designation for our country-side and should be strongly protected. I was pleased to be part of a very well attended Local Plan meeting held at Ightham Village Hall, and as I made very clear at that meeting, I will do all I can to support Ightham Parish to protect it from the overdevelopment planned for our area. The significant impact of the proposed Borough Green Gardens development is something I will speak against on behalf of Ightham residents when the public hearing comes forth this year. Robin Betts

STANSTED SCHOOL

It has been extremely rewarding to be part of such a positive steering group. It was a bold move by one of the smallest parishes in the Borough to purchase the historic village primary school, which has educated so many villagers who still to this day live within the Parish! The school is now being let to Grange Park, a well-deserved special needs school, and this was certainly the best outcome Stansted could have hoped for.

Even though my part was small in all of this, I am honoured that I was asked to help.

Well done Stansted & Fairseat Parish! Robin Betts

PROPER CONTROL OF LOCAL DEVELOPMENT

We have both been very active in our opposition to the original proposed development in West Street Wrotham. The design that came forward was monstrous and completely out of keeping with the design in that part of the village. Despite being warned that we might lose, both of us stuck to our guns and had that proposal refused.

The support of both the Parish Council and the residents was both very welcome and of very high standard – thank you. We both take an active interest in the correct development within our very special villages.

BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE AROUND NEW HOUSING

The Government has imposed large targets for housing, with dire consequences if these numbers are not met.

Our position is that housing is required as demonstrated by the assessed needs. However, the development needs to be proportionate, as the road network is already creating at the seams, so we are actively campaigning for better infrastructure provision if these developments all go ahead at the scale they are proposed. It is already a slow journey to and from anywhere at peak times.

SEEKING BETTER INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE AREA

With the support and help of others we have lobbied constantly for better access to the M25 at Junction 5. This development would reduce the amount of traffic moving along the A25 corridor.

In Martin's position at Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, we pledged a sum of money to study into the benefits of the junction. Whilst the junction has not happened our commitment has not ceased. If it is built the road would benefit the Ightham and Borough Green A25 corridor.

What we're doing for Wrotham, Ightham and Stansted



both attended St Georges Primary School at Wrotham and excelled.

The Betts family have been farming in Kent since 1495 and I am proud to continue this tradition with our family Dairy Farm and our Artisan Cheese business. With this long-standing farming connection, I understand the need to protect our valuable rural parishes.

I have two children, aged twelve and thirteen, who

This has been my first term as a Borough Councillor and it has certainly been a learning curve but so very rewarding. I am Vice Chairman of two Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council committees, Audit and Economic Regeneration, and I enjoy being given the opportunity to make positive contributions for the benefit of improving our Borough for all residents.



I own two businesses, one of which provides fireworks displays around the world and of course in Wrotham! We employ many people locally, and at Hill Park we now host over 30 people all working within the local area.

I have two children, both grown-up and who attended the excellent St Georges School in Wrotham Village.

For many years I have been working for you within our villages and have served on your behalf at the Council for twelve years; currently looking after the finances, property and serving as the Deputy Leader. I am able to bring to the Council many disciplines in both looking after the portfolio of properties as well as ensuring a business-like approach to the finances of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council. I am pleased to say that we have a very well run and cost-effective operation that serves us all well.



Our commitments to the residents of WROTHAM, IGHTHAM and STANSTED

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