

District Councillors Report – Hollywood Ward

As I end the third year of my 4-year term of office representing the people in Hollywood Ward it gives me great pleasure to have had the honour to serve the local community.

As your District Councillor I have continued to serve on the Planning Committee at Bromsgrove with the many interesting challenges that it presents. This is probably the most important committee and we make monthly decisions that can alter an entire community or create millionaires once planning consent is granted on a parcel of land.

I do take my role very seriously and diligently attend the supervised site visits to gain first-hand knowledge of difficult cases. Some planning decisions are clear cut and easy to reach but others may take many hours in committee, such as a recent tree preservation order which required 3 site visits and a special 3-hour long committee meeting after a High Court intervention.

Thankfully, these are the exception and most planning applications do not come before the full Planning Committee. I have been able to advise residents on local planning matters affecting their quality of life and resolved issues for them

I also attend the regular Strategic Planning group meetings which are working towards reviewing the existing Bromsgrove District Plan that was only finalised last year. Already, the plan requires updating and a Green Belt review will be undertaken over the next few years to identify new sites for future housing needs. A public consultation exercise will commence during the summer of 2018 and public meetings and other events will be organised locally to give Wythall residents the opportunity to express their views. At this stage we do not know if any land in our area will be earmarked for future development, but it is important that your District Councillors are well-informed and responsive to your concerns.

I am always available to help residents and can be contacted at home on 01564 824927.

Cllr Stephen Peters