

County Councillor Annual Report

This report summarises the activities of the following member of the County Council during 2018/19.

Name of Councillor Mr D HARRISON

Representing the IBSTOCK & APPLEBY Division

1) Electoral Division activities

Main Activities and the impact during the past year:

I set up with the help of officers a Project Team to help revitalise the High Street in Ibstock. I persuaded the District Council to make a donation of £50,000. This money will be the catalyst for further grants that will help with our Plan.

I have secured park restrictions for most of my Primary Schools. This will help local residents and help the children arrive safely at school.

Junction 11/M42, large planning application for warehousing of 2½ million square feet. This will affect my county ward by adding a further 8,000 vehicles per day travelling through the villages. This will have a massive impact on our local communities. I have met with the company directors and planning officers.

I made a non-determination declaration because I sit on the District Planning Committee. However, I now think that I should declare a determination. This will mean I lose my vote on the Planning Committee. However, as a ward councillor, I will be able to speak and, in addition, I will be able to lead a spirited defence for my villages.

Engagement with the Council, other statutory bodies and public utility companies (Water, Gas etc) about services in the area

I have over the last twelve months been engaged with the District Council with regard to grants, housing matters and waste disposal.

I have had many conversations with the local Police Team regarding criminal damage, theft and trespass.

I have spoken to the local Fire Brigade with regard to the time it takes to arrive at a fire.

Priorities for the immediate future are:

My main priority for the immediate future is the very serious levels of air pollution in North West Leicestershire which affects my ward. North West is the worst District in Leicestershire and is the fourth worst out of 44 East Midlands Councils. I feel alone, shouting at the top of my voice and still nobody seems to hear me. You could imagine if your drinking water was polluted you would have radio and TV broadcasts advising of the dangers. The main cause is diesel engines. I will not give up on this campaign.

2) Council Activities

Committees you serve on at County Hall

Scrutiny Commission.

Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Development Control and Regulatory Board.

Local committees/Outside Bodies

North West Leicestershire District Council.

Ashby-de-la-Zouch Town Council.

Parishes which I look after: Appleby Magna, Chilcote, Heather, Ibstock, Ravenstone with Snibston, Snarestone, Stretton en le Field, Swebstone.

Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority (Member).

Corporate Governance Committee (Member).

Chief Officers Planning Group (Member).

Other bodies – School governors/community and charity organisations etc

3) Learning and development:

I attended the Leadership Essential residential 3-day course, Warwick University.

I attended the above on behalf of the LLR Combined Fire Authority.

4) Other Matters:

Social Media

Signed by Councillor

Date 9/7/2019