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## County Councillor for Oadby & Wigston Division

### Annual Report 2022/23

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#### ***Introduction:***

Living, working, and raising my children within our County Division, I am intimately familiar with the issues that impact our residents. It is this personal connection that led me to become a Councillor—to champion our communities, their desires, aspirations, and hopes for a better future. I am dedicated to making people's lives better by tirelessly working towards the betterment of Oadby, Leicester.

### **Electoral Division activities & Current divisional matters**

#### **Enhancing Infrastructure and Accessibility:**

A key accomplishment that fills me with pride is the successful renovation of the Upland park facilities. This significant undertaking has revitalized our community space, providing residents with an inviting and safe recreational area. Furthermore, I prioritized the repair of alleyways and pavements, a crucial initiative that ensures the ease of movement for all, including our senior citizens who previously struggled with muddy paths. By undertaking these essential improvements, I aimed to enhance the overall well-being and safety of our community.

#### **Empowering Residents with Planning Support:**

I recognize the challenges residents face when navigating the intricacies of government planning processes. As your dedicated representative, I have been committed to assisting and empowering residents in this area. By offering guidance and support, I have sought to ensure that our community members actively participate in shaping the development of our beloved area. A well-informed and engaged community is instrumental in fostering sustainable growth in Oadby, Leicester.

#### **Promoting Safety Measures:**

The safety of our residents has been a top priority throughout my tenure. I have implemented strategic measures to address concerns related to unsafe driving, including the installation of bollards at key locations. These initiatives have successfully deterred reckless behaviour on our roads, enhancing the overall safety of our community. Collaborating closely with the Oadby borough Council, I have also facilitated the acquisition and installation of Mobile Vehicle Activated Sign (MVAS) units in our area. These initiatives will effectively control speeding and promote responsible driving habits. This exemplifies my commitment to ensuring accessibility and safety for all members of our community, irrespective of their mobility needs.

### **County Council activities - (Bodies served on at County Hall)**

**Committee appointments:**

- Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- County Council

**Outside Bodies**

- Leicester, Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Fire Authority

**Future Priorities:****1. Supporting Ukraine:**

As the challenges and opportunities of supporting refugees persist, I remain dedicated to actively contributing to our County and District Councils, as well as relevant agencies. I am committed to aiding Ukraine and will continue to work towards ensuring our community stands at the forefront of offering support and assistance.

**3. Children & Families, SEND, and Adult Social Care:**

The demands and associated costs of critical services such as Children & Families, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), and Adult Social Care continue to rise. It is imperative that we secure fairer funding from the government to ensure the long-term provision of these essential services. With deep empathy and understanding, I will continue to lend a sensitive ear to those in need, advocating for equitable solutions that address the diverse needs of our community.

**Conclusion:**

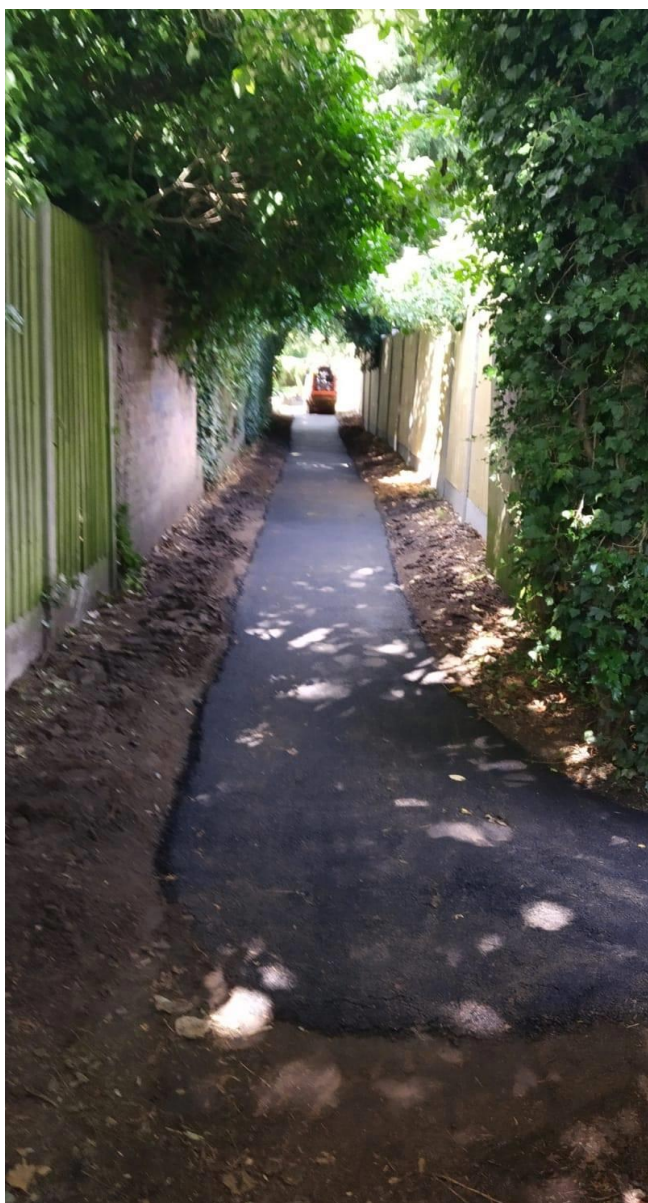
As your elected Councillor, my unwavering commitment to the residents of Oadby, remains resolute. I vow to continue actively listening to the diverse perspectives within our community, advocating for the best outcomes for our division, district wards, parishes, education, economy, elderly citizens, vulnerable individuals, and our shared future. Together, we will build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous Oadby that instils confidence in our residents and ensures a promising future for generations to come.

Appendix Photos.



Installation of warning lights, local elections, colleagues, and mentors.

The beauty of the area in the summertime



Clearing paths for all residents to access local facilities.