

## **Ward Husting - Monday 24th April 2017**

I am the official Conservative Candidate for the Heatherside / Parkside / Wellington Park Division of Surrey County Council

Josephine and I have lived in Parkside for the past 35 years. Our two children went initially to Prior Heath then Ravenscote and have now left home but, only moved to Farnborough so we get to see the Grandchildren.

Our five year old grandson when helping to deliver my manifesto on Cheylesmore Drive asked my daughter the very valid question of 'why is Grandpa's picture on all of these leaflets?' The response she gave of 'he wants to help people' just wasn't good enough for him. The not unexpected follow up question of 'well why does he want to help people?' was asked.

How do you explain to a five year old that it is something that I have always done and it is something I take pleasure from?

I consider my desire to be a County Councillor as the natural progression of my Community role which has seen me progress through PTA; School Governor at two different schools, the latter where I helped the expedition phase of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme; Ward Councillor; Trustee for an organisation offering independent advocacy support and a past Trustee for Frimley Fuel Allotments Charity. Incidentally, I play golf at Pine Ridge.

I have had the privilege of being a Borough Councillor for the past 18 years. I bring with me the knowledge and experience from my present role as Chairman of the Planning Applications Committee at Surrey Heath Borough Council and previous roles of Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance; Chairman of Policy & Audit Scrutiny Committee and Chairman of the Finance & Asset Working Group.

Alongside this I can also bring the commercial experience I have from being Group Property Manager for a FTSE listed international group which is established in some 70 countries. My primary role was to deal with all real estate matters in the UK, Europe and North America, with a monitoring brief for the rest of the world.

Should I be elected as your County Councillor, I will continue to work with all to help deliver a viable and attractive Camberley Town Centre; work with Councillors in helping them achieve their goals as well as improving the environment we all enjoy.

I am a Chartered Surveyor, Member of the Chartered Institute of Marketing and Member of the Chartered Management Institute.

My business background is going to be invaluable in helping to achieve this as well as helping generate viable and sustainable centres elsewhere, along with sensitive residential development to meet the housing requirements of the electorate and central government.

Much of the above is contained in my manifesto which has been delivered to everybody, however my pledges are;

- \* Work with fellow County and Borough Councillors to progress the further regeneration of Camberley Town Centre
- \* Fight to ensure that we in Surrey Heath receive a fair share of the available money for our roads and schools
- \* Push to ensure that our money is spent wisely and without waste
- \* With the benefit of my commercial property background, I will seek a role working with Officers of SCC to ensure that the County's property and investment portfolio is both fit for purpose and cost effective.
- \* There is a need for improved speed management on our major routes plus safe access to schools for our children and grandchildren.
- \* Work with landowners; Surrey Heath Borough Council; residents and local Councillors to encourage improvements to the Heatherside shops to make this area one of the retail hubs of the area.
- \* Continue to work with Ward Councillors to improve play and recreational areas throughout the Division

There is a further pledge and that is to let people know what is going on. Social media is clearly one avenue for this but that does not always reach everybody. Work in progress

I seek your support



