

# DIANA BLAMIRE

## Independent Voice for Winslow

### Get in touch!



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I live in Winslow and love our market town. I'm a Buckinghamshire Councillor in a neighbouring ward but feel I need to fight the threat of overdevelopment, lack of infrastructure and the need for sports and youth facilities here in Winslow. I and another councillor successfully lobbied Buckinghamshire Council for £5m extra for potholes - I have a track record of fighting my corner.



### Parking Issues

Winslow is facing the threat of overdevelopment. However, more infrastructure - doctors' surgeries and schools - are desperately needed. As an independent councillor, I will work to help Winslow grow and thrive while retaining its individual character.

### Market Meals

I ran a project with the community board with market stallholders putting together a pack to make a healthy, low cost soup with a recipe card subsidised for people on low incomes. The packs sold out on market day and without being asked residents posted pictures of the soups they'd made on facebook saying it tasted delicious.



### Contractors Fined

When contractors failed to remove traffic lights in Winslow even though work was finished resulting in disruption to rush hour traffic I contacted Buckinghamshire Council and the contractors received a hefty fine.

### Volunteering in the Community

I was involved in setting up a network of warm spaces in my ward and volunteered at the sessions. I set up a group for some of the residents of a care home to meet other local elderly people at a drop-in session at the local community centre. I do some volunteering with Winslow Big Society.

### SEND Campaign

At a Buckinghamshire Council meeting we had an update revealing the recommendations from a working party I led for easier access to information on SEND issues on the council website has been implemented. A survey of parents showed they find it easier to navigate. There's now more information for parents when they first flag they think their child needs help. Wait times for ECHP plans are too long though, something I'll continue to campaign on.

## More Youth Facilities

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I've liaised with one of our local cafes and it's offering discount hotdogs and burgers once a week to give teens a chance to meet together. There's a need to set up a youth club to replace the previous one and I'm looking into this.

## Sports Centre Update

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At a Council meeting I got an update on the Sports Fields and Pavilion plan for opposite Sir Thomas Fremantle School. A business plan is being drawn up - I'm going to keep chasing this as progress has been too slow.

## New Leisure Centre

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Bucks Council has said it has an "aspiration" for a leisure centre in North Bucks. I'll be pursuing this to see if Winslow could be the location for this.

## New Towns Plan

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The Government has said it wants up to 100,000 houses in Bucks over the next few years. As there's so much Green Belt in the south there will be building in the north. Some Bucks Councillors have said Winslow, Steeple Claydon or Calvert may be possible locations for a New Town of up to 20,000 houses. The Government has said its Task Force will announce sites of New Towns after local elections. I will fight tooth and nail any proposal for a New Town in Winslow.

## Cycle Paths Update

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Buckinghamshire Council has identified four cycle/walk/wheeling routes which it says may be possibilities if funding can be secured. The 4 routes are: 1 Between Great Horwood and Winslow. 2 In the direction of Granborough. 3 Towards Mursley. 4 In the direction of Steeple Claydon. I'll support any of the routes if they are found to be viable.

## New Greenhouse

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I asked Winslow and Villages Community Board for funding for a greenhouse for Greener Winslow, who grow food for St Laurence Food Cupboard. The greenhouse has now been put up.

## Supporting Local Business

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I helped bring an extra stall to Winslow Wednesday Market and am liaising with local traders, Winslow ABC and the Council to get a community stall at the market. I'm keen to work with local businesses to help our town thrive and will continue to push for using local traders - if you can, buy it in Winslow.

## Independents' Strong Voice

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There are currently 20 Independents on Buckinghamshire Council with nearly 40 standing in local elections. There are 13 Lib Dems on the Council, 6 Labour councillors, 1 Reform and 1 Green. The Independents are the biggest group on the Council after the Conservatives.

