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Why I'm standing to be a Unitary Councillor for Buckinghamshire Council

I live in Winslow and I feel it's important to preserve its character. I am currently a Buckinghamshire County Councillor outside Winslow - but the boundary is changing and I feel there are important issues where I can make a real difference here in Winslow.

The Government is proposing extra housing and some of this will be in north Bucks. I will be a strong voice for Winslow to ensure the town benefits from further growth.

Sports Hub and "aspiration" for a Leisure Centre

At a recent Buckinghamshire Council meeting I asked for another update on the Sports Hub. We are waiting for a plan for the selling off of the former school site and for the Sports Hub plan opposite Sir Thomas Fremantle School to be finalised by the Council. The site will then be sold off to fund the Sports Hub. Buckinghamshire Council has separately said it has an "aspiration" for a Leisure Centre in the north of the county. It has not stated where but Winslow would be one possible location given there's already a sports centre at Buckingham. It's vital that with the growth of the town we get the infrastructure that's needed too. Sports facilities would provide much-needed activities for younger people as well as adults. With all the expected housing development we are likely to need more schools and doctors' surgeries. I'll take an active role in ensuring Winslow gets what it needs.



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Winslow Station Tour

As I've been posting pictures documenting Winslow Station being built once a week on social media the Director of East West Rail Alliance invited me to have a tour of the station. There is a kiosk area which could be suitable for coffee and snacks if operators Chiltern Railways decide to use it for that purpose. Drivers who have been on the section between Bletchley and Oxford have said it's the best bit of track they've been on. There's no further update beyond it being due to open by the end of the year. Diana said: *"The building is smart and stylish inside. Winslow has a station to be proud of!"*



Green projects funding

I asked Winslow and Villages Community Board if they could fund a new greenhouse and some equipment for the Community Orchard. Greener Winslow put in the application and it's been approved. The greenhouse will lengthen the growing season and enable a wider variety of produce. Fruit and veg goes to The St Laurence Food Cupboard to be distributed to those in need. The Community Orchard now has a new strimmer to clean greenery between trees.



SEND report

I have led a working party that's brought about improvements on the Council's website to help parents of SEND children find information more easily.

Cycle paths for Winslow

Buckinghamshire Council has planned some cycle path routes in the Winslow area but funding is needed in order for them to go ahead. I'll be lobbying for this.

Supporting local business

Following the success of the stalls that joined the market before Christmas I liaised with the Markets Manager to try to get one of them back each week of the month. I spoke to Winslow ABC small traders association about getting a community stall regularly as well and they are working on this. I will be supporting local business and underlining that if you can, buy it in Winslow.



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