

## District Councillor Update

### *Minor Matters – For Information Only*

Please find:

- The statement I asked to be read out at the public meeting on 25 Oct:  
[https://stratfieldmortimer.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Cllr\\_Nick\\_Carter\\_Mortimer\\_West\\_End\\_Statement.pdf](https://stratfieldmortimer.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Cllr_Nick_Carter_Mortimer_West_End_Statement.pdf)
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This report was compiled primarily on 23 Oct owing to holiday. I'd like to try to clarify my role both in general and as it relates to the plan for 350 homes at Mortimer West End.

Whilst I am of course a parish councillor, I'm working here mainly in my capacity as a district councillor for this area — a role which carries specific responsibilities for representing residents' interests directly to the planning authorities of Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and West Berks Council. I will be working closely with our Planning team to ensure the best possible objective responses are tabled based on their and my knowledge. I aim to ensure residents (including councillors) have access to clear, factual information and that individual and collective views are heard at borough level.

The petition I'm hoping to table soon is I think more suited to the 'political' stage that this issue is at. I see nothing to lose but make no promise it will kill the plan.

The parish council quite rightly has its own voice and can (and will) submit a formal representation. Whilst I could join its working party, a number of people have already joined and I think my time and experience is best used as described in what I think is complementary. The process benefits from both tiers of local government being active — it's not either/or.

Any queries or comments, please get in touch directly since this is just a 'for info' item in the parish council meeting.

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West Berkshire Council

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