

Watford Borough Council

Member Self- Assessment 2018/19

Nascot Ward

Self-Assessment of: Councillor Mark Hofman

1. Year elected:

2012

2. Reasons for becoming a councillor:

To engage with residents, help constituents with issues they may encounter and ensure the interests of young people are heard.

3. Roles in the Council:

Council
Outsourced Services Scrutiny Panel (vice-chair)
Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Major Projects Board (vice-chair)

4. Membership of outside bodies:

N/A

5. Training & Development undertaken (Councillor's training record is listed):

Scrutiny
Cycle hire study briefing
Watford 2020
Centre for Public Scrutiny – questioning skills
GDPR

6. Attendance Record:

86%

Your work with Constituents and in the Community.

Please tell us about the work in your ward and for the council:
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Alongside my Nascot colleagues Jane Johnson and Mark Watkin I have engaged extensively with residents throughout the last year. Our engagement has included meeting with residents in their homes, holding open air surgeries at popular locations throughout the ward, regularly communicating through social media, print media, online and offline newsletters, residents' surveys and petitions. Our wide-ranging engagement has brought many issues and casework to our attention.

Working closely with local people, residents associations and my Nascot councillor colleagues we have secured a number of tangible benefits for the local area over the last year, including new sports equipment for our local parks, play equipment for local children to enjoy, trees to improve our environment, new footpaths, road safety improvements, and Tommies to commemorate the Great War.

Planning continues to be a major issue in Nascot, located near major rail and road transport options we regularly see attempts to develop and intensify the ward. Working with residents and our community interest groups, we have campaigned to preserve Nascot's historic character, frequently representing residents' interests at the Development Management Committee and feeding back our concerns to Mayor Peter Taylor and the towns planning policy team.

We have also worked with closely with our community interest groups to support them with their concerns and issues, including maintenance of civic spaces, family events and fundraisers which help to develop a crucial sense of community, belonging and pride in the local area.

10. Objective(s) for 2019/20

Working with local stakeholders I aim to protect and enhance the wonderful character and heritage of Nascot Ward.

Road safety is still a concern in several areas around the ward, we will continue to press for further improvements to the ward's road and pedestrian network to ensure these concerns are heard at county hall.
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At the town hall I will continue to work with the Mayor and others to secure an inclusive, innovative and compassionate council equipped with 21st century solutions to local issues.

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