



Independent Councillor for Deanshanger & Paulerspury Ward

For the parishes of Alderton, Cosgrove, Deanshanger, Grafton Regis, Heatencote, Old Stratford, Passenham, Paulerspury, Potterspury, Wicken & Yardley Gobion

Re-Elected - Thank you!

Thank you for placing your confidence in me to be your councillor at West Northants.

Your other councillor is Ivan Dabbs from Reform UK.

[WNC](#) now has a Reform UK majority administration.

Reform UK - 42 seats (41)*

Conservatives - 17 seats

Labour - 9 seats

Liberal Democrat - 7 seats

Independent - 2 seats (3)*

*Since the election, one of the Reform UK members has been suspended and now sits as an Independent.

Net Zero 2030 ended

During the May election, I promised to work to end the [WNC Net Zero 2030](#) policy it was a promise that had no funding and no plan.

The new council had a similar policy position.

In July, WNC Cabinet approved a new Environmental Strategy that would end the slogans and unachievable position of net zero by 2030.

The new policy is pragmatic acknowledges that the council will take an careful environmental approach and fulfil the current legal requirement for net zero by 2050.

This is a very welcome step forward.

STOP PRESS At time of going to print another speculative proposal for 26 homes in [Paulerspury](#) has just landed!!

Planning - Have your Say

**700+ Houses, Solar Farm
66 Bed Care Home
9 Warehouses
& Quarry / Landfill**



32 Approved on appeal these will be built

220 MK Parks Trust
Ref: 2025/3477/MAO

67 Manor Oak
Ref: 2025/1601/MAO

190 Catesby Homes
Ref: 2022/0453/MAO

174 Davidson Homes
Ref: 2024/3481/MAO

66 Care home
Ref: 2025/2472/FUL
Bedrooms

Dear Resident, this **UPDATE** reflects my case work which is mostly planning related issues.

The graphic shows major planning applications submitted to WNC. A further 8 houses for land off Hayes Road, Deanshanger. [WNS/2022/1201/MAF](#) have been applied for.

Furtho Warehouse proposal [WNS/2022/1741/EIA](#), for 9 units, a total of 750,000 sq. feet and up to 3,000 truck movements a day, awaits determination.

Paulerspury has a **quarry and land fill** application, WNC/24/00032/ MINFUL pending adding 110 lorry movements to the A5 daily.

Ensure your voice is heard on all these. You do not have to live in the the village to comment on an application. Use QR codes.

Together with Old Stratford Parish Council we are holding a meeting about the 220 Parks Trust houses in the Memorial Hall on Friday 26 September at 7.30pm

The housing developments proposed are concentrated along the A422 but they will impact the A5, A508 and the roundabout where they all meet. All local villages could be affected.

The **care home** proposal is on an allocated site, within the village, size appropriate and will fulfil a local need and can be supported. Kingfisher Club have **withdrawn** the application for 50 holiday chalets.

All the housing applications are outside the village confines. WNC currently has a [5 year land bank](#) as the rules require. **These are all speculative sites and should be resisted.**

YG - Potterspury Solar Farm



A solar farm application to industrialise land between Yardley Gobion and Potterspury to generate electricity. All the green fields pictured are earmarked to be covered with glass solar panels.

This will be a loss of good quality farm land reducing our food security. There are issues traffic, glint and glare etc. At present water runs off and causes floods when it rains which may worsen.

The connection to the National Grid is proposed near the concrete cows in MK. The route proposed is along the A5, across the roundabout, through Old Stratford and into the MK area. This will cause a lot of traffic disruption during construction. Ref: [2025/2767/MAF](#)

MK Hotel

I have received many emails from residents expressing concerns about the MK Hotel.

Ivan Dabbs and myself had a meeting with senior police officers for this area. We've requested increased patrols in the village.

WNC have issued the MK Hotel, and the other two asylum hotels, in the district, with Planning Contravention Notices.

These are the first step in beginning action to gather the evidence if a breach of planning is occurring.

The ongoing Epping court case will be important to establish the planning position. If a venue doesn't accept members of the public, have all rooms contracted to the Home Office, houses those who have no other address, are they permanently resident and is that venue operating as an hotel?

The court will answer.

WNC Local Plan

WNC consulted on a draft plan in April 24. Following the change of government in July 24, WNC were allocated **20% more houses** meaning they must build 2,500+ per year, every year.

As a result WNC must find space for at least 10,000 extra homes to be build across the district between now and 2041. The April 2024 step must be repeated.

WNC are planning this next draft for the early part of 2026. The plan will set out where the council wish to see developed. When a firm date has been set another newsletter will be distributed.

The promoters of the housing proposals listed here will want these sites included.

Including the site in the plan eases development as the argument changes from **IF** something can be built to **WHAT** will be built.

Can you help?

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2026 School Places

WNC have now opened applications for primary and secondary school places for admissions in September 2026. The closing date is 15 January 2026 at midnight.

The [WNC website](#) has information about the process.



Drovers Way Refused

A proposal for **23 houses** off [Drovers Way](#), Potterspury was **REFUSED** by the WNC.

20 affordable housing and 3 self build houses all outside the village confine were proposed. The policy allows it, but **sites must be smaller than 1 hectare**. The application site was larger.

Along with other residents and the PC Chairman, I addressed the Committee. Councillors supported the residents and turned it down. Council officers had recommended approval.

The developer says they will appeal. Once again, one person with no idea about this area, will decide.

Fly Tipping

WNC clears 20,000 fly tips across the district per year. Pictured is a tip on the A508 in May at Yardley Gobion. WNC cleared it in 24 hours.

If you see a fly tip, please use the WNC app to report it or drop a line to me and I will follow it up and have it removed.

The WNC App is also useful to remind you what colour bin to put out each week



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