

Councillor Edward Giles - Whippingham And Osborne ward

Annual Report May 2010

I am grateful to everyone who supported me in the election last June.

Immediately after the election I was appointed to the Council's Cabinet but I regard my primary responsibility as being to all the residents of the Whippingham and Osborne ward. I am always ready to meet residents or groups within the ward to deal with problems and to listen to their views. I have also regularly attended the monthly meetings of East Cowes Town Council and Whippingham Parish Council.

Various issues at Medina Park in Folly Lane have been of concern. I was pleased that we were able to secure some extra buses to the Park as these are a vital lifeline for many residents. I was able successfully to lobby the Council's Licensing Committee to ensure that the new Model Standards for park homes should not be applied to existing sites. The condition of the unadopted Folly Lane is a worry and with the residents I am endeavouring to find a solution.

A planning application for a concrete batching plant was strongly opposed by many residents in Kingslea Park and Cadets Walk. I was happy to offer them my support and eventually the application was withdrawn.

The new road through the land between the river and Hawthorn Meadows should have been finished by 31 January. As the developers failed to meet this deadline I have pressed for action to be taken which is now being done.

We know that we will see much development in the ward in coming years, particularly of employment sites. While new jobs are vital for the local economy, we must ensure that such developments do not have an adverse impact on nearby homes.

I have been appointed an interim governor of the new primary school that will start in September. I am very impressed with the enthusiasm of those behind the successful bid to run the school and I am sure it is going to be a tremendous asset for the area.

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