Borough Councillor, Steve Stuart, report to WOPC September 2026

Meeting attendance:

In September I have attended the following meetings in my role as Borough Councillor

1/9 Local Government Association Member's Briefing Day – Smith Square, London

2/9 Shop Front Panel

8/9 LGA Resources Lead Members meeting

Special Sub Group

9/9 Local Development Framework

10/9 North Warwickshire Prosperity Fund Panel

14/9 HS2 Special Management Zone

16/9 LGA Resources Board

22/9 Local Development Framework

23/9 Full Council

Scheduled attendance:

I am presently due to be attending the following meetings prior to October's Parish Council

28/9 NWBC Sustainability Action Group

29/9 Extraordinary meeting of NWBC Executive Board

29/9 Extraordinary meeting of Full Council

5/10 Planning and Development Committee – This meeting is meant to hear the application on the old school site.

6/10 Special Sub-Group

7/10 Shop Front Panel

15/10 LGA National Employers AGM.

20/10 Executive Board

Surgeries

I have held the following surgeries in September:

8, 15, 22 / 9 Robert Lloyd Room

11,18 / 9 Water Orton Library

I have the following surgeries scheduled:

25/9, 06/10, 24/10 – Water Orton Library

29/9, 6,13,20/10 – Robert Lloyd Room

Surgeries and appointments outside of these times are available on request.

Local Plan

The EGM of the Parish Council detailed the Parish Council's response to the Regulation 18 notice.

The next stage – Regulation 19 – has been drafted and made its first appearance at the LDF meeting of 22/9. This draft does not contain any sites – full or contingent – beyond the old school site. Site CFS 103 – Vicarage Lane – has been removed from the site.

The Regulation 19 notice is to be discussed at extraordinary meetings of Executive Board and Full Council on 29/9. It is proposed that this notice will then be put out to further consultation from 16th October.

I have spoken on the matters of the concerns around the consultation process up to this stage after concerns raised by residents at various meetings and asked for a re-evaluation of measures taken to now. I have offered grant funding from councillor funds to support targeted messaging on social media to enable greater visibility via these channels.

The response to the last consultation from the village was very high in comparison to other areas many of which are far more impacted than Water Orton. Water Orton is mentioned 712 times in the papers for the meetings on 29/9 compared with Dordon's 272 mentions. Dordon is due to have c1500 new dwellings through the plan.

CFS103 is mentioned 421 times, H4 (Dordon) is mentioned 141 times.

A number of consultation responses detailed matters suggesting a lack of understanding as to who is responsible for putting forward sites for consideration. The Parish Council may wish to be aware of this during the final stages of the process.

Local Government Reorganisation

The Government has announced a pause to LGR. As a result, elections for Borough Council will take place in May 2027.