

PETER BELLFIELD - CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE
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CARLFORD DIVISION

About Peter :-

Juliet and Peter moved to Clopton 31 years ago, Juliet returning to the County of her birth. Their three sons were educated locally before following their own careers. Most of Peter's working life was spent in the City where his expertise was in the monitoring of the commercial and financial management of companies.

Since retirement, in addition to his council work, Peter has devoted significant time to charity work and his major past-time, which is sailing. Peter was elected, at a by-election, to represent the Wickham Division on Suffolk County Council 6 years ago and re-elected to the Carlford Division, after boundary changes, 2 years later.



Because of his interest in matters financial he is currently Chairman of the Resources, Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee and a member of several other finance committees. He also takes an active interest in transport matters, particularly the heavy goods lorry network within the county. Ten years ago he was elected to represent the Otley Ward on Suffolk Coastal District Council which he continues to do to this day.

While much of his council work he finds interesting and rewarding, Peter gains the greatest pleasure and satisfaction from helping the people and Parish Councils that he represents in the problems that they have with the County and District Councils. Peter looks forward to continuing to give this help to the 26 parishes, and the people who live in them, in the Carlford Division.

Peter Writes :-

Dear Elector,

In my letter to the electorate four years ago, I said that I would endeavour to ensure that the needs of the Carlford Division were fully aired at the Council and that any decisions were not to the detriment of the parishes and the people who live in them.

This I will continue to strive to achieve. I believe firmly that, as the elected representative of the people of the 26 parishes, my primary responsibility is to them. To help me to achieve this I will attend, as now, as often as possible, Parish Council meetings and advise them, if asked, on matters arising which may effect the parish, and also convey to the County Council and its officers the views of the parish. I will continue to help parish organisations, including schools, in any way that I can to obtain support from the Council to further their aims and ambitions.

If has been a great pleasure to have been able to recommend grants from my locality budget to various groups in the last six years, and see how they have benefited the local communities.

I will also strive to ensure that the new minor road improvement funding scheme is directed towards the most urgent needs. I will continue to work with SORR, the association of many of the parishes in the Carlford Division, to build on the initial success that we have had reducing the burden of heavy lorries on our inadequate road structure.

I will strive to ensure that the County and District Councils, as the representative of many of the parishes on the latter, take positive steps with the B1078 and B1079 problem and with my experience here endeavour to minimise the similar problems on the A1120 in Earl Soham as well as the commuter traffic in the Bealings area.

Lastly, but by no means least, I will continue to use my working life experience to try to ensure that as Council Tax payers we get value for our money from our County Council.

Peter Bellfield