

CLARE TURNBULL AND STEVE WHEELER STAND UP TO BAD HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS



Your Whitstable councillors have been working hard to support residents whose lives have been negatively affected by property development. Councillor Clare Turnbull 'called in' the planning decision for 49 - 55 Canterbury Road, Whitstable, working with residents of Essex Street. Residents reported that the building was nothing like the original plans.

Councillor Steve Wheeler said "Thankfully, the planning committee voted in favour of the residents and an enforcement notice was issued to change the building." The developers have lodged an appeal and your councillors are working with residents to get the right outcome.

Whitstable remains a target for developers. Plans for new housing on land south of the **Thanet Way** have been put before Canterbury Council's planning committee. Clare and Steve joined numerous residents to speak against this application. "I cannot find a single **person in favour of this development,"** said Steve as he addressed the committee.

CLARE PUSHING FOR AIR BNB REVIEW

Last year the Council promised a discussion on what it can do to deal with the issues Whitstable faces from the increasing number of holiday lets. Councillor Clare Turnbull is pushing to make sure this happens.

The Levelling Up Bill, which was passed last year, included a requirement for the government to set up a licensing scheme for short-term holiday lets.

While we await this, Clare says "The Council needs to show residents that it cares about this growing problem and consider what action it could take locally."



GREENS BACKING A PLASTIC FREE WHITSTABLE

Councillor Clare Turnbull has been supporting the revival of Plastic Free Whitstable. Group members will be working with businesses and community groups to reduce single use plastic in the town and promote recycling. Contact Clare if you would like to know more or get involved.





JOIN CLARE, STEVE AND OTHERS ON A TOWN CENTRE LITTER PICK SUNDAY 10 MARCH 11AM



A TOWN COUNCIL FOR WHITSTABLE?

Do you think Whitstable should have its own Town Council? A petition from the CT5 People's Forum launched a local Community Governance Review for the CT5 area. This means the public are now being consulted to find out whether or not local people support the idea. Councillor Steve Wheeler says: "This would be a big change for Whitstable which would affect everyone, so it's very important to hear from as many residents as possible."

Find out more and have your say at: https://news.canterbury.gov.uk/latest-consultations/community-governance-review-whitstable/ or pick up a paper copy at the Library, the Umbrella Centre or the Horsebridge. Call Clare on 07563 340150 if you need any assistance. Consultation ends 1 March 2024.

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YOUR COUNCILLORS ARE WORKING HARD ON:

- Traffic Solutions Clare and Steve are active on CT5 Traffic and Active Travel Group and local Speedwatch. They support a community approach to improving transport and active travel.
- <u>Recycling</u> Pushing for recycling bins for the town centre and seafront
- <u>Sewage</u> Clare and Steve sit on the Southern Water steering group, keeping the pressure on for an end to spillages.
- <u>Church Street Playing Fields</u> supporting residents in seeking a better outcome for KCC's proposed SEN school.
- <u>Air BnB</u> continuing the campaign to stop the hollowing-out of our local community.
- <u>More buses</u> working with other local Councillors in CT5 pushing for more buses to serve Whitstable.
- Sitting on various committees and attending Council meetings, progressing a Green agenda.



COUNCILLOR SURGERIES

Come and talk to Clare and Steve in person.
You can drop in or make an appointment
South Quay Shed, Whitstable Harbour

- Saturday 24th Feb 10.00 12.00
- Saturday 13th April 10.00 12.00
- Saturday 15th June 10.00 12.00

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GREEN COUNCILLORS: WORKING TOGETHER TO GET THINGS DONE