

FURTHER VOLUNTARY DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY COUNCILLOR LILLIAN BURNS, APRIL 2017

I am and always have been an Independent Councillor since I joined Prestbury Parish Council in 1998. I have never been a member of any political party and I have no political affiliations.

Over the last 20 years I have done voluntary work for a number of third sector and environmental organisations, mainly:-

Voluntary Sector North West (VSNW)

North West Environment Link (NWEL)

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Friends of the Lake District (FLD)

North West Transport Roundtable (NW TAR)

TravelWatch NorthWest (TW NW)

I have held various posts for CPRE in the past but my main focus has been on policy and planning matters and I have occasionally written articles for newsletters produced by the named bodies. I have never been paid for my work and I have never taken part in any live action campaigning. My motivation has always been a desire to see the achievement of greater sustainability as I stated in my 2002 election leaflet – on the only occasion I had to fight a contested Parish Council election.

My voluntary work has enabled me to build up a significant knowledge base about spatial planning in particular. This knowledge has been sought and made use of by my Parish Council colleagues who have been aware of my voluntary interests. However, I have never acted in the capacity of ‘adviser’ to the Parish Council. Nor have I ever been paid by them to act on their behalf. When I have spoken for the Parish Council, drafted submissions for them or edited newsletters, these actions have been carried out from a neutral/ wider Parish perspective. Submissions have been agreed by the full Council and/or the Chairman before being lodged and the newsletters I was responsible for producing were seen and approved by the Parish Council Chairman before being published.

At the time of making this voluntary statement, I hold no office for any of the organisations named above other than TravelWatch NorthWest, a public transport user group on whose board I sit and the North West Transport Roundtable for which I am the Convenor. Both bodies promote sustainable transport. I am not currently responsible for editing the Parish Council newsletter or for any of its portfolios. I do, however, serve on the board of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils.

The primary focus of my voluntary efforts as of Spring 2017 and for the foreseeable future is representing the Cheshire Association of Local Councils (ChALC) on the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). I am serving on several national NALC committees and task groups and have recently been appointed to serve on their behalf to an external national body. NALC is the only body from which I recover expenses and these are to cover train fares (primarily) to and from London.

Organisations I am subscribed to are:

The Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)

Friends of the Lake District (life member)

Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) (life member)

Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings (SPAB) (life member)

Also, as stated in my official declaration, I am a member of the National Union of Journalists (NUJ).

This statement has been published on the website of Prestbury Parish Council as a voluntary action on my part and with the approval of the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk. **Lillian Burns**