

## **Cllr Jawaid Khalil**

### **Annual Report Hyson Green and Arboretum Ward.**

**2019/2020**

#### **Introduction**

I am a newly elected councillor (May 2019) and represent the Hyson Green and Arboretum ward. I was really excited to be elected in this particular ward as I grew up in Hyson Green after arriving in the country as a 10 year old. I attended Bentinck junior school and then went to Cottesmore and Claremont secondary schools. I have thus always had a strong affiliation with the area and have seen many changes in the last 50 years.

#### **Council Involvement**

I currently sit on and am the chair of the Castle, Hyson Green & Arboretum and Radford Area Committee.

I am also a member of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority. As an authority member, we ensure that the Fire and Rescue Service has the people, equipment and the training needed to carry out its duties in relation to fire prevention, fire safety, road traffic collisions and rescue and other emergency rescue activities. As an Authority we also make decisions on key matters of strategy, policy and the budget. I also sit on two sub-committees namely, Human Resources Committee and the Personnel Committee.

I am a member of the recent BAME Working Group that has recently been set up by the City Council to look at the disproportionate effect Covid-19 has had on the BAME community as well as to look at more systemic issues. We will be thus be reviewing race inequalities across health, education, housing and employment and making our findings as well as recommendations.

## **Community Involvement**

In order to engage with local residents, I have been involved with the following:

- Undertake monthly Councillor Ward Walks with other partners, community protection, police, street cleansing and Nottingham City Homes. This gives me first hand knowledge of some of the issues and hot spots that affect the ward as well as an opportunity to engage with local residents and businesses.
- Attend and Chair monthly NAT (Neighbourhood Action Team) meetings which also highlight issues affecting residents and gives us the opportunity to hold service providers accountable.
- Litter Picks – in an attempt to keep the area we hold regular litter picks with local residents.
- Hold Surgeries at Mary Potter Centre on the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays of the month.
- Hold regular local issues meetings at various locations across the ward to ensure the views of residents are heard and that they assist in local priority setting.
- Hold regular residents meetings with various tenants and residents groups in the ward. We have The Nottingham Trent University involved with some of these.

## **Ward Work**

- The health of people in Nottingham is generally worse than the national average and there is a significantly higher recorded prevalence of severe mental health than the national average. I have been liaising with the Council's Public Health department to obtain ward specific health data with a view to identifying local health priorities and exploring opportunities for partnership action.
- We have been working on and approved the Ward Investment Plan which will allow for significant development of the areas parks and open spaces ie
  - Forest Recreation Ground – improvements to main play area and improvements to the outdoor gym.

- Arboretum – on going work to improve the site and safety eg improvements to the pond, tree planting, memorial repairs and creation of new orchard.
- Bridlington Street Park – improved grassed area, play area surfacing and seating etc.
- Church Rock Cemetery – creation of ecological management plan for local wildlife site and installation of bat and bird boxes.
- St Peters Churchyard – general improvements to the site including path work, seating and landscaping.
- Waterloo Road and Promenade – Resurfacing of paths, planting of woodland wild flower species including native bulbs.
- Deep clean is done on a monthly basis.

We have spent approximately £10k on various improvements at Bridlington Street Park, planter improvements on Berridge Road West, installed secure fencing on Belper Street car park, installed lighting at Hyson Green market and installed 'No dog fouling' signs various locations.

### **Use of Devolved Budgets**

Over the past year we have provided funding to various community projects, such as :

- Hyson Green Cultural festival
- Hyson Green Unity Fun Day
- Family Fun Day
- Women's Workshops
- Hyson Green Youth Club Summer Play scheme (2019)
- Karam Yog
- Netball Club
- Play and Youth Outing
- Student Engagement
- Canning Christmas
- Mount Zion Church – Food Stall and Christmas Event
- Black History Month Activities
- Lets Shine – Christmas Lunch
- Hyson Green Festive Lights Switch On

- CCTV Installation Cope Street
- Signpost To Polish Success

### **Area Capital Funds**

We have funded the following through the allocated Local Transport Plan (LTP) and Public Realm Schemes

- LTP Schemes : £17k : Acourt Street footpath resurfacing
- Public Realm Schemes
  - : £5,235 : Installation of bollards, Berridge Rd West
  - : £2,542 : Belper St car park – installation of secure fencing
  - : £10,282 : To improve Bridlington Park and Peppers Gdn
  - : £5,032 : Installation of new lighting at H.G. Market.

These are some examples.

### **Learning and Development**

Being a new councillor I attended a number of training and development events :

- Safeguarding
- Housing Allocations Policy
- Chairing Skills for Councillors
- Local Government Finance
- Case Work Training
- Regulatory and Appeals Training

Finally I would just add that some of our current issues for the ward are

- Reduce ASB at the Forest Rec, Peppers Gardens and other parks and open spaces
- Reduce overall crime and ASB
- Sustain and increase youth diversionary activities
- Improve cleaning of all local parks

- Promote Small Steps Big changes
- Increase recycling, encourage residents to remove bins from streets and maintain clean alleyways

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