

## PARISH COUNCILLOR BILL MCLAUGHLIN

### WRITTEN STATEMENT

I began living in Staplehurst in 1994. Previously I lived in Ireland where I was born, and in Canada. My three daughters live in Ireland, my son in Oxfordshire. Coming from a rural background, I am delighted to live in Kent, in a village which, despite the recent new housing estates, hopefully will remain as it is, a vibrant part of a continuing rural landscape.

As a civil engineer, I was involved in Ireland with the planning of my neighbourhood in County Dublin, including the location of a motorway and I hope to be similarly involved in the parish's Planning Committee.

I am particularly interested in the management of conflict of all types and situations and I am an international arbitrator and mediator; I now teach these processes.

### INTERESTS

My other interests are practical philosophy, music, languages and their literature; other people, places and cultures ... and trees!