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During October, I attended parish meetings in Littlebourne, Ickham and Wickhambreaux, where I was able to discuss local matters and continue working on a range of residents' concerns.

In **Littlebourne**, I have been dealing with casework relating to planning enforcement, missed green and waste bin collections, footpaths and various highways issues. I have referred the highways matters to the new KCC highways steward for the area to help ensure they receive the appropriate attention.

In **Ickham**, I have been working on a variety of issues, including parking concerns, fly tipping, new bus shelters and other local matters raised by residents. In **Wickhambreaux**, I have been dealing with planning enquiries and parking related casework. Meanwhile, in **Adisham**, I have been assisting with housing matters, issues involving bin lorries and enquiries relating to planning applications.

I also attended a presentation at the Canterbury Housing Advice Centre to learn more about the invaluable work they do supporting people from all walks of life who find themselves facing unexpected housing difficulties. These circumstances can range from family breakdowns to the loss of loved ones, often leaving people facing uncertainty at an already difficult time. The work carried out by the charity is both invaluable and humbling, and it was a privilege to hear more about the support they provide to people in our community.

At Canterbury City Council, I attended an online pre budget meeting ahead of next year's budget, as well as the latest Full Council meeting. During Full Council, a motion relating to a river charter motion was discussed, but agreed with an amendment proposed by Cllr Mike Sole and seconded by me. The amendment sought to ensure that flood protection for residents and the associated risks were included, recognising the importance of protecting our communities from flooding and its consequences.

In **Littlebourne**, I also attended a presentation on the climate emergency briefing. It was a very interesting session, and it was encouraging to see so many people attending and taking an interest in this important subject.

Canterbury City Council currently has a number of public consultations underway. However, due to a worldwide cyber issue, some of these consultations may temporarily be unavailable. I would encourage residents to keep an eye on the council's website for updates and opportunities to have their say.

I also managed to spend some time away with my family over half term, while catching up on correspondence and continuing to work through the various issues raised by residents.

As always, if you have an outstanding issue that needs following up or a new concern you would like to raise, please do get in touch. I will continue to work with residents, parish councils and the relevant authorities to help address local concerns and ensure our communities' voices are heard.