

DIRECT ELECTION TO THE SMALLER COUNCILS COMMITTEE NOMINATION FORM

Candidates should complete the nomination form by 8 November 2019 and send it to NALC at **nalccommittees@nalc.gov.uk**.

Title	Cllr
First name	Sarah
Surname	Jackson
Home address	
Contact number	
Email address	
County association	Dorset
Council name	West Lulworth Parish Council
Precept	£17,998
Electorate	470

Explain why you are standing for this position (250 words max)

I've been a Parish councillor and member of the area committee for the past five years. I'm also Vice Chair of the area committee and thus a member of the exec committee. Over the years, it has been reported to me and it has felt, very

difficult for the small and very small parishes to have a voice in what is often experienced as a one size fits all top down approach.

I view membership of this committee as an important opportunity for tailored representation at a National level. It's an opportunity for information exchange and to understand and, therefore, highlight the common difficulties faced by small parishes country wide. Being part of this committee offers a chance to work as a team to explore ways that we can best support small parishes as they continue to represent their communities.

I'm a good communicator and advocate, I have experience working within a Local Authority, am practical, willing to engage and take on responsibilities. I hope to become part of this committee of small council representatives.

Please outline three key achievements, skills or experiences that are relevant to the position applied for (250 words max each)

Vice-Chair of county association area committee

Executive Committee member

Qualified Counsellor, volunteered 7 years HMPs The Verne, Dorchester

Thorough knowledge of housing matters, 15 yrs Housing officer, London Borough of Southwark

Chaired Tenant Association meetings at Gloucester Grove Estate, Peckham

Parish Council representative at the District Council Local Plan forum and member of the affordable housing group set up to address the need for

genuinely affordable housing. I was also a founding member of a campaign to deliver housing for 'need not greed'.

Recently gave evidence at the Local Plan inspection.

Taken part in the organisation of public meetings designed to inform the community on the Local Plan, conservation area review, traffic management. I often represent the PC at the district planning committee, most recently to ensure the future delivery of public toilets, and to voice PC concerns of a market housing development on public land.

Lobbied the Unitary Authority to change the decision to restrict public speaking at council meetings to just one hundred words. Successful.

Currently lobbying the unitary authority cabinet to revoke the 21 day rule to ensure that small parishes have enough time to adequately consult their community on planning matters, and have time to respond to the LA.

Have developed the skill of summarising information, and communicating that information effectively in user friendly language to the wider community.

Declaration

I declare that to the best of my knowledge the information given on this form is correct and can be copied and distributed to other NALC members.

Signature

Sarah Jackson

Date

4th November 2019

