

Personal Statements from Candidates for Co-Option.

For: Northstowe Town Council, Full Council meeting 25th March 2025, item 41/25-26/FC

Listed below are the personal statements from the four prospective candidates for co-option. They are listed in order of receipt. Listed is the surname and first name initial.

Candidate 1- Cattaneo, M.

- I am deeply committed to enhancing the well-being of our community and believe that as a councillor, I can effectively represent and address the needs of us residents.
- As a consulting director, I have been working in multicultural environments, for very large corporations, to deliver innovative solutions and help transforming their business, nationally and internationally.
- Now close to retirement, I would like to bring my experience to foster a collaborative and inclusive environment and ensure that our town thrives and meets the evolving needs of its citizens in a timelier manner
- I have direct experience working with suppliers in commercial engagements, from the initial definition of requirements to negotiations and finally to deliver the expected outcomes.
- I have a well-recognised ability to manage people effectively also in stressful situations and develop constructive relationships towards joint objectives, with a win-win approach that minimises tensions and maximises the outcomes.
- I would like to work in developing and managing realistic plans and achieve measurable results for our community in the least possible time and in the most effective way, proactively managing risks that could undermine development programs.

Candidate 2- Narra, S.B.

I am writing to express my keen interest in joining Northstowe Town Council as a Councillor. I am actively working within the local community as a qualified and registered pharmacist, prescriber, and healthcare entrepreneur, I am deeply motivated to contribute meaningfully to the development and well-being of our growing town. Currently, I serve patients at both Willingham Medical Practice and Over Surgery, which allows me to stay closely connected to the healthcare needs, concerns, and aspirations of residents in and around Northstowe. My experience as a healthcare professional has equipped me with strong communication skills, a collaborative mindset, and a solutions-oriented approach—all essential qualities for effective public service. Previously, I had the privilege of serving as a Councillor for Waverley Community Council (Rotherham) from 2019 until 2023, stepping down only due to relocation. During my tenure, I was an active member of both the Staffing Committee and the Planning Committee, where I helped shape local policies, support town planning initiatives, and address residents' issues with transparency and empathy. These roles have provided me with a solid understanding of the responsibilities of a Town Councillor and the importance of inclusive and responsive local governance. Beyond my professional and civic background, I have a lifelong passion for sports—especially cricket—and I actively support community engagement through sporting and cultural events. I believe that strong communities are built not just through policy, but also through shared experiences that bring people together. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to bring my skills, experience, and community spirit to Northstowe Town Council. As a committed team player, I look forward to working collaboratively with fellow councillors, local organisations, and residents to support the town's growth and ensure it remains a vibrant, inclusive, and well-represented community. Thank you for considering my application. I would be honoured to serve Northstowe and contribute to its continued success.

Candidate3- Ritchie, L.

I believe that I represent a large amount of those in Northstowe and the group that the area should appeal to. Who are younger working individuals, focusing on an upcoming career in a local sector. I worked hard to save for my first home, which I selected Northstowe due to the future plans, and currently work for a tech company in the North of Cambridge. I have opinions but like to ensure that I take all views into account. I am a fan of process and believe that people and companies should be held accountable to their pledges.