



# Unionist

## ULSTER UNIONIST PARTY

**Parkgate**

**Danny Kinahan**

It has been a great pleasure representing Parkgate and its surrounding area at Stormont since June 2009 when I replaced David Burnside at Stormont as an MLA, and previously as a Councillor.

**Community Groups** - It was excellent to see such a good turnout at the recent Masterplan meeting, and I urge everyone to work with the local residents group, councillors and churches to keep up a thriving representation for the village, especially when community planning becomes part of future planning (probably 2012/13). This Masterplan, if carried out properly with all of your input, will help protect, improve and adapt the village to all your future needs.

**Traffic/Congestion/Roads** - I will and have continually pushed for easing of the traffic through the village, especially at rush hour. Hopefully the Ballyclare West project will ease this when it is completed, taking away some of the through traffic. I have worked with the Roads Service to push for repairs and work on country roads, especially the Burn Road and the Browndod Road, as well as regular speeding enforcement as required and will keep working on any matter raised with me.

**Trade/Commerce** - I have supported the local trade as often as I can, ensuring that the suitable policing arrangements remain in place to help them thrive. May I urge all of you to keep doing supporting them too, our local shops and businesses need our support.

**Play Area** - I have continually tried to find a suitable area in the village for this, sadly to no avail as yet. The Masterplan and future planning system should help allocate areas, which are vital to a thriving community.

**Quarry** - We led in opposing the quarry's attempts to become a recycling facility and should it raise its head again I will be fully behind the village in opposing it. New legislation will help quarries to become ecological sites and I am always happy to discuss new legislation going through Stormont.

**Benches/lighting** - We have helped explore lighting the Loughanmore junction but there is no power available and I have also pushed for signage and for benches along the sides of the roads. I will keep working on any matter that you raise with me.

Parkgate is very special to me and I encourage anyone to contact me with problems, queries or suggestions. May I also urge everyone to keep supporting each other and helping out and especially so when we have the annual turn on of the Christmas lights.

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