

Director seeking re-election. Stephen Mayer Bio

I am a retired solicitor, having been a partner in a Holborn firm for nearly 30 years. As head of the Dispute Resolution department from its formation to my retirement, I built up a team of lawyers and guided its growth.

My wife, Elaine, and I brought up our three children in Buckinghamshire, but to the surprise of our children decided that we would like to spend our retirement in central London.

I have been a Director of St George's Fields Limited for the last three years. During that time, I have:

- championed the project on which Cayford are now advising to modernise and rejuvenate the estate;
- been concerned to improve the speed and efficiency of routine maintenance and suggested the appointment of a handyman – now in post;
- suggested and subsequently chaired the Social & Community Committee with the object of making the estate more cohesive, tackling loneliness and enjoying social events. The Committee has arranged numerous events including coffee mornings, carol singing and trips to the opera, as well as access for our young children and grandchildren to the Hyde Park School's Long Garden;
- supported management whilst not being afraid to speak out and challenge.

We feel privileged to call SGF our home and love living here. If re-elected, my aim would continue to be preservation and enhancement.

I would like to be involved in the Cayford project with a view to improving the overall look of the estate whilst retaining everything that makes SGF so special and avoiding a material impact on the service charge. When I first stood for election I said that I would consult widely on whether we are wedded to sepia brown forever. That remains my intention!

The mesh on the fifth floor walkways has been removed, and the surface urgently needs to be replaced. I am keen for a suitable non-slip and soundproof material to be laid there and also on the third and fifth floor bridges.

I am sympathetic to those who suffer from noise nuisance and would like SGF to do what it can to support those who suffer in this way.

I would continue to be involved in the work of the Social & Community Committee and encourage everyone to keep an eye on elderly neighbours.

I wish to maintain security, stamp down on short term lets, support the Gardens Committee and gardeners in continuing to amaze us, and keep the service charge as low as possible.