

PARISH COUNCILLOR JORIS EERDEKENS

WRITTEN STATEMENT

I was born and raised in Belgium, having moved to the UK in 2014, initially living in London and Essex afterwards. My wife and I have moved to Staplehurst in June 2021, coming down from Essex to be closer to nature and being closer to the Eurotunnel which allows me to visit my family easier. During our time in Staplehurst we have expanded our family in September 2022 with our new-born son.

Work wise, I work in the audit division in one of the UK's largest banks, focusing on technology and data to make sure that the bank treats customer's data in line with requirements and makes changes in a controlled manner.

Outside of work, I enjoy being out and about, exploring the many hiking trails the area has to offer and have a drink and a bite to eat at the many pubs on the roads there. I love to explore local shops whenever I get the chance and love supporting local business. I've applied for the position of parish councillor and have been co-opted to support the Staplehurst Community and try to make improvements to make it an even better place to live.

You may see me walking around the Staplehurst streets and fields with our dog (a westie called Pebbles). If you spot me, feel free to come up and have a chat!