

**5 Windsor Drive
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18 March 2013.

Dear Chas,

Central Ward: Alsager Town Council Election

I am writing formally to confirm that I have placed Nomination Papers with Cheshire East Council Electoral Services supporting my candidature for the vacant Town Council position in the Central Ward. I will know by the afternoon of Wednesday 20 March whether there is to be an election in the Ward.

I am standing as an 'Independent' in this election and, therefore, have no political party or other affiliation. If elected, my objectives are very broadly in line with the published 'Aims and Objectives' of ARAG. I do not think it is appropriate, however, for me to stand as an 'ARAG Candidate' as I believe that it is important to maintain a level of independence both for the organisation and for myself. For this reason, you and other colleagues may wish to consider whether it is appropriate, for instance, to continue to register the research role as an 'officer' one within the organisation.

I am happy to discuss these issues in more depth with you and other ARAG Officers as appropriate.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

Derek Longhurst