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## **News Up Date**

**from Anna Soubry MP**



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Hello again,

This is just a quick email following today's decision to freeze fuel duty, some updates on a number of important constituency issues and a reminder to everyone with an interest in fighting the application by UK Coal for Open cast mining at Shortwood to write or email their objection by this Saturday (June 30<sup>th</sup>).

### **Fuel Duty**

The Chancellor has announced a freeze on fuel duty which is very good news for families, motorists and businesses in Broxtowe. The last Government had set a number of large rises in fuel duty and today's decision means that pump prices will be 10 pence a litre cheaper than if the Coalition had not abolished the pre-existing fuel duty escalator. My thanks to everyone who contacted me arguing against the planned 3p rise which was due in August. Fuel duty will not have increased for two successive years and the Treasury has calculated that the average family with a car will be £159 better off overall than they otherwise would have been.

### **Kimberley School**

The school Governors meet tomorrow night (Wednesday) as part of Kimberley School's application to become an Academy. The strike action by members of the NUT escalated this week and I was contacted by a number of very angry parents planning petitions against the strike and the picket of pupils, parents and staff at Kimberley. I spoke to one parent this morning who told me the picket was called off this morning and some of the striking teachers are back at work. Whatever your views on Academy Schools taking strike action for political and ideological reasons, especially during the exam season, is totally unjustified. I trust the Head teacher and Governors to make the right decision in the interest of their pupils and I hope they are allowed to do so free from threats of more strikes and intimidation.

### **Opencast Objection deadline Saturday June 30th**

Just a reminder that objections to the application by UK Coal for an opencast mine between Trowell and Cossall should be sent to Nottinghamshire County Council by this Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. You can make an on line submission by clicking [here](#) but a letter will be more effective. Full advice and the address is on my web site [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)

### **Boots**

You may have seen my comments in the Nottingham Post about the sale of 45% of Boots

to America's biggest drug store company with plans for a full merger in three years time. On balance I think this is good news for the Beeston based company – but when the news broke I immediately asked for assurances about jobs on the site, which I have been given. The deal means Boots products will now be sold in thousands of drug stores across the USA with manufacturing at Beeston guaranteed for the foreseeable future.

### Midland Mainline

I have written again to the Secretary of State for Transport to support the improvement and electrification of Midland Mainline pointing out the considerable benefit it would bring to Beeston and much of Broxtowe by improving travel times between Nottingham and London. A decision is expected in the next few weeks.

### Dates for your weekend diary

On **Saturday June 30<sup>th</sup>** The Big Hearted Bake is being held from from noon til 4pm at the Greenwood Centre, Toton. Emma and Andrew Fennell are raising funds for the charity "Little Hearts Matter" following the death of their daughter Cerys at only 12 days old from a complex heart condition. It will be a mass of cake and fun so please go along if you can.

On **Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>** another blue plaque will be unveiled at St Mary's Church in Attenborough to mark the explosion at the Shell Filling Factory in Chilwell on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1918 which killed nearly 140 people and injured some 250 others. The service starts at 10am and another plaque will be unveiled afterwards at Orchard Cottage, Chetwynd Road, Chilwell at around noon.

With best wishes,  
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