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Green belt update - some mixed news for Toton

On Wednesday, Broxtowe Borough Council began to see sense and took the first steps towards protecting our green belt. In a surprise move the ruling Labour/Lib Dem group announced fields north of Toton would no longer be deemed one of their "preferred sites". .

This came after Conservative Councillors proposed a motion opposing the

Thanks to residents green belt land north of Toton is now off the Councils preferred sites list. But the Council have revealed plans to build 2,500 homes on Chetwynd Barracks! As Toton people know the land is owned by developers and despite the Councils change of heart the land remains a prime target for development with an application anticipated sooner rather than later.

Thank you for helping to win the first battle; but there are many more to come!

figure of almost 6,000 houses accepted by the controlling group which would see up to 4,000 houses on our green belt.

Toton residents were, understandably celebrating Wednesday's news but on Thursday evening the Council revealed they were in talks with the Ministry of Defence to build 2,500 houses on Chetwynd Barracks. My enquiries at the MOD have revealed that Chetwynd is NOT on the recently published list of land to be sold for development. I have arranged a meeting with the MOD to discover exactly what is being proposed.

The campaign to protect our green belt continues with public meetings in Nuthall and Greasley. Everyone, wherever you live in Broxtowe, is welcome. Full details below.

Green belt debates in Parliament

I held a debate on the future of our green belt in Parliament which attracted good support from MP's from all parties. It was a long debate but I hope you might be able to read it in Hansard by clicking [here](#) I then took part in a debate on the Government's planning policy raising my particular concern that open cast mining is not banned from green belt land. I also spoke about Field Farm between Stapleford and Trowell. If



Dates for your diary and surgery details

Friday 11th November:

Beeston and District Civic Society

Speaker event AGM followed by a talk by Ghulam Mayauddin entitled: 'Views of a Muslim Cleric in a Western Society' **Beeston library 7.15pm.**

Saturday 12th November:

Save our Green Belt Public Meeting Nuthall Temple Community Centre on

4:00pm- 5:00pm

Public meeting to discuss Broxtowe Borough

this area has to be developed then it must be a real community effort using the powers of the Localism Bill to create a neighbourhood plan. You can read my contribution by clicking [here](#). You will need to scroll down to 6 minutes past 5 for my speech.



Why I did not vote for a referendum on the EU/ teachers lobby/ Prime Minister's Question on Notts Police/ women's rights in Afghanistan/ priority for forces's families.

EU Referendum vote

I did not vote for a referendum on the EU as I believe it was the wrong motion at the wrong time. I was elected on a manifesto that did not promise a referendum on the EU but did promise a referendum if yet more powers were to be handed from Britain to Brussels and the Government has delivered on that promise.

I think most sensible people agree that the EU has strayed far too far from its original premise as a free trade area with a strong determination to work together in peace. It is now a grossly expensive, undemocratic and bureaucratic organisation facing hugely difficult times given the crisis in the Eurozone. But I believe we are better in than out; given the state of our economy and the profound uncertainties in the Eurozone I do not believe a referendum on our continued membership would be in Britain's interest.

Teacher's lobby

Thank you to the small group of teachers who came to

Council's plans to build on green belt land in the area.

Everyone welcome

Friday 18th November:

Advice Surgery Please contact the office on 0115 9436507 to book an appointment.

Saturday 26th November:

Save Greasley's Green Belt Public Meeting 2:00pm til 4:00pm at Greasley Parish Hall.

Public meeting to discuss Broxtowe Borough Council's plans to allow development on the areas green belt.

Everyone welcome

Out and About

It's been a busy few weeks and thank you for all the invitations - keep them coming.

Bilborough College Development

I hosted another public meeting with the College Principle. Students parking in the development continues to be a problem and there is understandable resistance to a resident's parking scheme. The roads are due to be adopted by the County Council which means parking restrictions will be introduced and enforced. Meanwhile I have written to the City Council to see if their restrictions on students parking on site can be lifted in any way.

Trowell Writers Group

lobby me in their own time this week. I have agreed to write to the Education secretary after they voiced their concerns about proposed changes to their pension. It does seem only fair that their fund is valued so we can see if there is a short fall.

PMQ on Notts police and domestic violence

A critical report identified serious failings by Notts Police to protect vulnerable women from domestic violence. I raised the matter with the Prime Minister and please click [here](#) to read the exchange.

Women's rights in Afghanistan

Thank you to everyone who emailed me on this important matter - namely ensuring the rights of women and girls are protected in the Bonn peace talks in December.

My colleague Margot James MP caught the Speakers eye before me when the matter was raised last week in questions to Foreign Office ministers by the Opposition. Please click [here](#) to read the exchanges in Hansard and be assured this is a matter the Government takes seriously.

School priority for forces families

I raised the concern that families moving to Chetwynd barracks at short notice after term had started are not deemed a "priority group" by some local schools. George Spencer Academy is in the process of changing its policy and won praise from the forces Minister. Read more on my web site www.annasoubry.org.uk in the News Section.

Keep up to date with my work in Parliament via

I enjoyed another sunny afternoon at the Annual awards and congratulations to everyone who competed.

George Spencer Academy Prize Giving

I just made it just in time to present the Politics Prize! Well done to everyone who received an award, this first class Academy goes from strength to strength.

Ken Clarke visits Clayfield Secure Unit

I invited Ken to visit Clayfields in Stapleford to see the sort of work they do with young offenders. I think it's fair to say that he was duly impressed; we both understand that secure units for youngsters who have committed very serious offences provide the support and help many of these very damaged youngsters need at the same time as protecting the public.

Happy 150th Birthday St. Michael's Bramcote

It was a great pleasure to join the service to mark this important birthday and enjoy the celebrations afterwards.

6th Beeston Scouts 75 years young

There was an excellent turnout to join the birthday celebrations and my congratulations to everyone involved in one of Broxtowe's most successful Scout groups.

Amnesty International

I got my "annual grilling" from the Beeston branch of Amnesty International! We don't always all agree but I fully respect their views and campaigns and I learn a great deal from them.

Veolia Beeston recycling site

I visited the recycling and waste collection site in Beeston on Friday. The staff do a terrific job making sure people put the right stuff in the right skip. Closing the Stapleford site was not popular at the time but it seems accepted that the Beeston works has provided a vastly better service to many more people.

www.theyworkforyou.com or my web site www.annasoubry.org.uk

Campaigns

Phoenix Flyer

The contract supplying the Phoenix Flyer has ended; the bus failed to attract enough passengers so I am now working with Kimberley Councillors Robinson, Cooper and McGuckin and Awswards Lydia Ball to persuade Trent Barton to improve the no.27 route.

Moorgreen

My thanks to Moorgreen resident Paul Turner for contacting me about how dangerous the road has become. I met a large group of residents and as a result I have brought Parish, Borough and County Councillors and the police together; between us all I can't



Toton Connect

I have met with both Premiere and Trent Barton following the end of the Connect service in Toton. The 17 has almost made up the shortfall and my thanks to local Councillors Marilyn Hegyi and Richard Jackson who joined me in a meeting with Premiere - the aim is to extend the route.

Tram plans

I have met with residents from Neville Sadler Court and users of the Pre School 345 nursery in Beeston. As a result I have called a meeting with various people

Deputy Mayor's Coffee Morning

Congratulations to Cllr, Margaret Handley who organised a Coffee Morning yesterday raising funds for the Mayor of Broxtowe's charities. The home made cakes were particularly tasty!

NUH Trust - QMC/City Hospitals

I joined other Notts MPs for a good meeting with the people responsible for our Nottingham hospitals. I was able to raise a number of constituents concerns. I shall be using the QMC this week for a small operation which will take a week or two to recover from.

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Labour and Lib Dems plans to abolish Broxtowe!

Labour and the Lib Dems believe Broxtowe as a parliamentary seat should be abolished.

The Boundary Commission has recommended boundary changes to equalise the number of people MP's represent and to cut the number of seats by 50.

Their plans would see Broxtowe extend to Gotham, Barton-in Fabis and Thrumpton.

Labour and the Lib Dems have come up with the alternative of abolishing Broxtowe and splitting us up among a number of seats.

Labour's plans would see Beeston and Barmcote going in the City, Greasley and



Do you want Broxtowe to be abolished?

Have your say by contacting the Boundary Commission by clicking [here](#)

believe we can't sort this out once and for all!

St John's

It's been a pleasure to help St. John's College in Bramcote persuade the Government not to penalise them financially for the small and valued overseas students they train for the Ministry. I organised and attended a meeting between the Principal and the Minister, Damien Green. I reckon we won the argument and am reasonably confident we can ensure justice and common sense prevails. My thanks to Dr. Christina Baxter and everyone else connected to St. John's for their letters and emails.

from the City and Broxtowe Borough Council and the tram company to get:

certainty as to when the various work will begin
agreement that everyone affected by the tram works will be kept fully informed

Bramwell

Bramcote County Councillor Stan Hepinstall has referred the sale of Bramwell to the District Auditor. I spoke out against the proposed sale and like many people am deeply troubled that Bramwell and five other homes are to be sold for less than £2 million.

Nuthall going into Hucknall and Stapleford, Chilwell and Toton going into Derbyshire.

I think most Broxtowe residents would like to keep their Parliamentary constituency and not get swallowed up into the City, Derbyshire or Hucknall.

Mind you it could be said we now understand why Labour seems so keen to build on our green belt which of course prevents urban sprawl into Nottingham, Derbyshire and Hucknall!

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