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Hello again,

I spent a large part of Friday morning at the Hovis bakery in Watnall which employs just over 470 people. I was particularly pleased to meet a new worker who had come to last year's work experience day for local unemployed young people and was so impressive Hovis gave her a job. Natalie, who lives in Kimberley is now set for an apprenticeship at the bakery. There are reports today that the business could be sold to an American private equity fund. I will make full enquiries tomorrow and report back.

There are a number of important issues this week so please read on.

As ever,
Anna

Time to do the right thing by Toton

Broxtowe Borough Council meets tomorrow evening to decide whether they are going to support proposals for at least 500 houses on Toton's Green Belt.

The meeting comes days after the planning Inspector firmly denied allegations made against her by two senior Broxtowe Councillors.

At a secret meeting Labour and Lib Dem Councillors voted in favour of a minimum of 500 houses blaming the Planning Inspector for their decision.

Councillor Steve Barber, Labour's Chair of Broxtowe's Development Control Committee told a public meeting I held in Toton in December, the Inspector had said

"it (Broxtowe's controversial plans for housing development) is likely to fail if Toton does not go in" and claimed "the Inspector said Toton seems a good place for growth"
Councillor David Watts leader of the Lib Dem group, was quoted in the Nottingham Post as follows "The planning Inspector said we had to give a figure and 500 was the minimum we could get away with"

As a result I wrote to the Inspector and specifically put the quotes to her.
(you can read the letter by clicking [here](#))

The Chief Inspector investigated the allegations and informs me

The Inspector is firmly of the view that the quotations you have provided are not an accurate representation of the exchange that took place between her, the officer from Broxtowe Borough Council and the other parties in attendance.

I will be writing to both Councillors asking them to explain this clear contradiction of their previous claims.

The Labour/Lib Dem controlled council at first said the land was one of their preferred sites but then changed their collective mind after considerable local opposition led by myself, local Councillors and campaigners.

That opposition has grown; the East Midlands HS2 hub is set to come to Toton, requiring land for the tram extension and access to the A52. It's a golden opportunity for jobs and economic growth at the Sidings but our Council is blinkered by an unrelenting desire to build hundreds of houses, as one Broxtowe planner told HS2 'commuter homes for people working in Sheffield'.

Neighbourhood plans should be the starting point of how a community and its elected representatives work together to embrace and enhance development, but in Broxtowe neighbourhood plans are an afterthought; coming after the Council has decided the housing figures and worked out the plans with the developers.

Let us hope Broxtowe Borough Council does the right thing by Toton.

NB The Inspector has also confirmed that written submissions to the recent public Inquiry carry equal weight to any oral representations. In my submissions I opposed any housing development at Toton, in the strongest of terms!

Defending all our Green Belt

Broxtowe Borough Council compiled a huge document (900 pages) identifying the many sites they put forward as suitable for housing development - almost all are Green Belt sites. Responding to the document is quite technical; STRAG have produced an excellent response and you can read mine on my web site (link below)

I know that some Parish Councils have also responded on behalf of their community. The "consultation" closed on Friday and I will report back on which Parish and Town Councils took part.

[Click here to read my submission in opposition to housing on our Green Belt](#)

HS2 meeting success

There was an excellent turn out for yesterday's public meeting on the HS2 route, in Strelley Hall. I will be providing more details on how people can (and dare I say must) take part in the consultation, and congratulations to the organisers of the campaign in Strelley Village.

The proposed line will have an adverse affect on Strelley Village unless there is a deep tunnel. The route will also affect a number of people in Trowell and Nuthall.

As you may know Patrick McLoughlin is coming to Strelley Village tomorrow for a "surgery" with constituents whose property will or may be affected by HS2.

I hope the media and campaigners opposed to HS2 will respect the fact that the surgery is for residents to meet Patrick.

Supporting Stapleford's independent shops

Stapleford champion, Richard MacRae invited me to meet independent shop keepers in Stapleford after concerns that they are being excluded from plans to improve the towns' shops and businesses.

I made my views clear. It's important everyone works together and politicians and administrators invariably need to recognise that people who run businesses tend to know more than they do.

Richard is standing as an Independent in the forthcoming by

election for two places on Stapleford Town Council. I wish him all success.



Working for you in Parliament

In my role as a Minister of Defence I paid a second visit to Headley Court where our wounded and injured service men and women receive rehabilitation (you may know it as the place where Help for Heroes built a multi million pound swimming pool).

It is a remarkable place and I met a number of patients including a triple amputee from the conflict in Afghanistan and a young sailor who was seriously injured in an off duty road traffic accident.

The next day (Thursday) I visited Stanford Hall near East Leake which is set to become our Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre - a place which will provide a fabulous setting for service men and women and civilians to complete their recovery after a serious injury

[Click here to read more about Help for Heroes at Headley Court...](#)

[Click here to read more about the plans for Stanford Hall...](#)

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What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Tuesday Jan 14

Sri Lankan New Year Celebrations

12.30 and then lunch

Hindu Temple, West Crescent, Beeston

Saturday Jan 25

Trowell Drop In Surgery

12pm - 2 pm

Trowell Parish Hall

And finally

It really shouldn't have to be this way; the Daily Mail wrote a wholly inaccurate and indeed defamatory article about me this week. I instructed an excellent Nottingham

solicitor and The Daily Mail printed an apology the next day.

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