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News Up Date from Anna Soubry MP

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Hello again,

This is a short newsletter following yesterday's public meeting in Trowell and in anticipation of Wednesday's meeting of Broxtowe Borough Council when they will decide whether to allow thousands of houses to be built on our Green Belt land. I also have posted some Tram Works news on my web site - please scroll down for the link.

Finally, congratulations to Kimberley based Simon Wilson who was selected today to represent Great Britain at fencing in the Paralympics Games.

As ever, Anna.

Open Cast Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to a public meeting in Trowell yesterday afternoon. We were joined by Councillors from Trowell, Awsworth, Cossall, Kimberley and Nuthall and my thanks to all of them too.

Notts County Council has extended the deadline for the public consultation to **June 30th so please write.**

I have posted full details on my web site plus details of how to join the campaign and my work for it as your MP. Please click [here](#) for tips on what to say and where to send your letter.



Broxtowe Borough Council meets to set housing target and decide future of our Green Belt



Broxtowe Borough Council meets at 7pm on Wednesday in the Town Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston to decide whether to accept a target of 6,105 houses; if they do, it will mean up to 3,000 houses on Green Belt land as we only have enough brown field sites for about 3,000 homes. As regular readers know I have opposed the plans for many years now and I hope as many people as possible attend the meeting.

Only Conservative Councillors have to date voted against the target to protect our Green Belt. Some Labour Councillors, in the face of their own party policy, seem as determined as ever to accept a target they have the power to reject if only they had the will. But, given the strength of feeling and argument, I hope those braver Labour and Lib Dem Councillors, who are part of the controlling group, will continue to listen to the people they represent and to the debate on Wednesday evening. I very much hope they then vote to reject the target.

We do need to build more affordable houses – and we have enough brown field land for 3,000 new homes. But of the 1,300 houses being proposed on Field Farm and at Toton only 15% are “affordable” homes; the vast majority are three or four bedroom “executive “ houses – not for the children or grandchildren of tomorrow but for today’s commuters to Nottingham or Derby. They will not shop locally but their cars will make our already congested roads an even bigger nightmare. And the real price of providing yet more commuter developments is the loss of acres of our Green Belt that is specially protected to prevent urban sprawl and which also provides green open spaces for our children, grandchildren, and generations to come.



Tram works latest/Toton traffic light success?

I have posted the latest news on what is happening on my web site so please click [**here**](#) and scroll down to the attachments. I have also included a link to the NET web site which also includes important tram works news. The promised residents meetings are now up and running and communication seems to be improving.

Finally, a quick thank you to the Toton resident who fired off an angry (rightly) email this morning about the traffic chaos caused by the lights on Stapleford Lane. I have been promised that from tomorrow they will operate between 9am and 4.30 and for the first and last hour they will be manually controlled to make sure the traffic flows more freely.

BTW this is an area where Broxtowe Borough Council believes 850 new houses should be built!

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