

Hello again,

Well it's been quite a week at Westminster. I arrived on Monday afternoon and left late on Thursday after a series of historic events conscious that I was unlikely to experience such a momentous few days ever again. Despite being at the heart of British politics my colleagues and I were less informed about the various comings and goings than anyone glued to the TV. Unable to find a television I resorted to ringing home and providing a commentary to the dozen or so of us desperate to know what was going on. What was good and much appreciated, was the way we were consulted and informed about the negotiations with the Lib Dems to bring about the coalition.

I am delighted we are now working with the Liberal Democrats and have no doubt that for as long as the agreement holds (and I am confident there is a genuine desire to make this work) it will provide the stability we need. I have never had any difficulty working with people from different political parties when there is a common goal and a desire to set aside tribal concerns. As a student I was active in anti-racism campaigns and in defence of the 1967 Abortion Act.

I have had a few complaints about "the deal" – notably on taxation and a few from people who believe that the Lib Dems have had undue influence given that they came third. I understand the concerns but in reality there was alternative than to form a coalition. In any event, I think it's very much for the good, not just because it will provide stability and allow us to sort out the atrocious economic mess we are in, but I also think it is good for "politics". I think a significant number of people want politicians to work together in a meaningful and effective way and this is what the coalition will do. It's one thing to talk about working together with people of various political persuasions with nothing to show for all the good intentions and another to negotiate an agreement and get on and deliver it.

Just a few other matters for now,

#### **BRAMWELL RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME.**

I enjoyed breakfast at Bramwell this morning and met with various relatives to discuss the campaign to stop the sale. I hope that the Conservative group on Nottinghamshire County Council might still be persuaded not to sell Bramwell for a variety of reasons. I think it is more likely that no-one will be able to buy Bramwell because its unique "meshing" of both health and social care which means the NHS/PCT employ the majority of people who work there and the building and site are used by both the County Council and the NHS/PCT. There are many other reasons not to sell Bramwell but it is these practical difficulties that may well thwart the planned sell off.

**The newly formed "Friends of Bramwell" is due to hold its first meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup> they will no doubt be looking for as many supporters as they can find and funds to campaign. Please let me know if you can help in any way and I will pass on your details.** Which brings me to....

#### **HOW TO CONTACT ME**

The work of an MP should be separate and distinct from the organisation of their political party – that's my view and the way I intend to operate as your Member of Parliament. What this means is that I will be closing down this email address and, once it's up and running, sending out my email newsletter using my parliamentary email address.

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Any post should please be sent to me at the House of Commons, London SW1 1AA. I do have a phone number 0207 219 7211 but no desk, no staff and no phone so please bear with me.

We will be sworn in as MP's in the next few weeks and allocated office space; I will shortly begin the process of taking on staff . So bear with me please!

### **CASE WORK**

The previous MP for Broxtowe, Nick Palmer has handed over two case files though I had anticipated more though there may be others. Unfortunately, his team have not given out this email address to people who might want to contact me. If you know of anyone who has a case that needs my attention please pass on my details and ask them to contact me. I am hopeful we can achieve a smooth handover and move on in a positive way.

Finally, please contact me if I can help in anyway or if you want to comment on anything.

As ever

Anna Soubry MP