



Saturday October 16th

Hello again,

Just a few matters before what is going to be an eventful week.

On Wednesday the Chancellor will announce the results of the Coalition Governments Comprehensive Spending Review which will no doubt contain some of the most extensive cuts in public expenditure for decades. It is to be hoped the announcements will be fair and I would urge everyone to remember that these difficult decisions are the result of the deficit the Government inherited rather created.

Burst water main

Severn Trent have repaired the burst main and water has now been restored to the many thousands of homes in Bramcote, Chilwell, Toton and Stapleford many of which were without water for twenty four hours. Of particular concern is the fact that some homes on Ilkeston Road were flooded. I've had a number of complaints that Severn Trent's web site postings were inadequate and the emergency phone line lacking in updates (I think the first message said water supplies in Basford and Clifton had been affected !). I will pass on these complaints to Severn Trent.

Toton Trees

It's not come as a surprise that the owner of the land who destroyed the much loved trees by Toton Sidings has appealed against a Forestry Commission re-stocking notice. The owner has instructed a barrister who specialises in the law concerning trees, which is not good news but contrary to some reports we have a month to make submissions. What is vital is that we concentrate on the grounds of the appeal. The Forestry Commission will tell us what they are and they will give us a "steer" as they put it, on what the appeal committee will be looking to hear in our submissions (and I will of course forward on this information to everyone).

My advice is to wait before making any submission for the FC's advice. But If, you cannot wait then please write to Richard Barker, Forestry Commission, 620 Bristol Business Park, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol, BS16 1EJ.

I will post any updates on my web site. www.anna4broxtowe.com

Cossall open cast mining application/UK Coal meetings tomorrow and Thursday

Just a reminder that the UK Coal "Public Information and Consultation Exhibition" will be held tomorrow (Sunday) at Trowell Parrish Hall (10am -2pm) and on Thursday October 21st

at Awwsworth Parish Hall from 4pm until 8pm .

I have spoken with the MP for North West Leicestershire, Andrew Bridgen where a similar application is still being considered two years on. I have pledged Andrew my full support for his private members bill to outlaw open cast mining within 500m of residential homes.

Again I will post any information or updates on the web site.

Leicester Housing Association

I am very grateful to Councillors Steve and Barbara Carr for informing me about some long standing problems residents of Leicester Housing Association have encountered – notably leaseholders being saddled with what appear to be overly high service charges. If you have a complaint about LHA or have had similar problems with service charges I would very much like to hear from you. Please email me and be assured that unless you indicate to the contrary, your complaint will be dealt with in confidence.

Stapleford Walk in Centre

Many thanks to everyone who has emailed me thus far with their comments on the threat to Stapleford Walk-In Centre please keep them coming. I can assure you this is not a “Tory cut”; Nottinghamshire PCT has made it quite clear that they are making savings of £80 million based on changes to their budget imposed last year.

Many people have expressed their dismay that the LIFT centre in Stapleford is going to continue to cost a huge amount of money whether the Walk In centre remains or goes. This is because it was built using a PFI agreement, something the last Government was keen to encourage. The PCT believe it would be a better use of public money to move the Walk-In facility to the QMC even though the building will continue to cost the tax payer even if it remains three quarters empty!

From a users perspective the walk-in centre is a great service and its loss will be acutely felt by people throughout Stapleford, Bramcote, Toton and Chilwell as I know from the emails I have received.

I will represent your views to the PCT without hesitation and I am meeting Stapleford Town Council on Friday evening to work with them in their efforts to save the centre.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend,

Anna

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