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"she has a record of unusually free speech" *Simon Carr, The Independent*

"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" *Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

Hello again,

I am sorry not to have been in touch sooner but I have had pneumonia and it's taking time to recover. My GP has today told me off in no uncertain terms for returning to work a tad too early and I am afraid I am now paying the price. So, this email newsletter is being put together, in the main, by my team and my thanks to them.

There is an important meeting tomorrow about the continuing problems with the tram, which I will attend and on Saturday I have a "drop in" surgery at Rylands Community Centre in Beeston Rylands; given the controversial plans for the Trent Vale Sports ground I'm expecting a good turn out!

As ever,

Anna

Broxtowe's future

Last week I participated in the public hearing sessions for the Aligned Core Strategy which had been scheduled to allow community groups and individuals the opportunity to discuss Broxtowe Borough Council's proposal of a minimum 500 houses on Green Belt land at Toton following my

correspondence with the Planning Inspector.

There was widespread concern about the lack of definition regarding the site proposed by Broxtowe Borough Council which is marked by a red area spreading over Toton Lane, and 500 being a “minimum figure” as well as the Council’s plans for housing possibly jeopardising the potential of HS2.



The Council is due to commence a 6 week consultation in early March on the proposed modifications to the Aligned Core Strategy. As the Inspector requires 4 weeks to consider the consultation responses before producing her report, we can expect to receive the Inspector’s report by the end of May. I will be in touch as soon as I have confirmed details on the consultation.



I was somewhat disappointed that Labour’s Councillor Steve Barber chose to accuse me of leaving the Core Strategy “early” because he assumed I had more important things to attend. Although I sounded like a billy goat that had swallowed a Hoover and according to one Toton resident “looked dreadful” (no offence taken!), Steve didn’t know I was unwell. It was good enough of him to wish me a speedy recovery when he was informed of the facts but it would have been better if he had taken down his unpleasant tweets. This constant rush to make false allegations and score cheap political points is a sad feature of a small number of local Councillors in Broxtowe and I fear it will only get worse in the run up to next year’s General and Borough Council Elections.

You can read a full account of last week’s hearings on the ‘Save our Green Belt’ page [here](#).

Giltbrook housing delayed

I am very pleased that controversial plans for 33 houses on land off Acorn Avenue and Thorn Drive in Giltbrook have been withdrawn. This is excellent news for the many constituents who have contacted me opposing the developments.

There are serious concerns about flooding and I wrote to Broxtowe Borough Council and the Environment Agency to raise my concerns.

HS2 public consultation

I have taken part in the HS2 public consultation which closed at the end of January. You can read my submission [here](#). I have given my support for the East Midlands hub to be built at Toton and called for any economic development on the neighbouring Green Belt to be of a world class standard. I have specifically raised the concerns and opposition from people in Trowell and Nuthall who face losing their homes or who will find themselves next to the line. I also requested an alternative route or deep tunnel to protect Strelley Village. The final route will be announced at the end of the year and my thanks to everyone who took part in the consultation notably I believe, every resident of Strelley Village!



Opencast petition

It's been a pleasure to help gather over 1,200 signatures in Trowell, Cossall and Strelley Village in opposition to the open cast coal mine at Shortwood Farm. I have sent the petition to Eric Pickles.

Transport Secretary Patrick McLoughlin has rejected using Trowell Services as access from the open cast on to the M1. Nuthall County Councillor Philip Owen made the suggestion which would avoid the far longer journey via Nuthall Roundabout. This does not come as a surprise as the Highways Agency had previously made clear its opposition to using Trowell services.

You can read Patrick McLoughlin's response to me as well as my letter to Eric Pickles [here](#).

Robotic breakthrough at the City Hospital

Awsworth resident Allen Fotherby is the first recipient of surgery from a robot at Nottingham City Hospital. The high-tech robotic arms (nicknamed 'the Da Vinci') have received local and national media attention as they allow surgeons to operate with remarkable precision, especially on prostate tumours. The machine cost millions of pounds and is part of our continuing investment in the NHS. Allen's operation has gone very well and I wish him all the best for his recovery.



Bramcote Today competition marks First World War

Congratulations to the winners and indeed everyone who took part in this years Bramcote Today competition. The task was to write a newspaper reflecting the sacrifice of local families killed during the First World War. The competition involved pupils from The Bramcote School and Alderman White and my fellow judges were local historian Val Bird and Cllr Stan Hepinstall. The overall winners were Ethan Gaunt, James Firkins, Emily Scott and Jessica Page.

[Click here to read the winning entries!](#)

First World War commemorations

A number of constituents and community organisations have asked me for assistance in remembering and marking the start of the First World War. The excellent Stapleford Community Group has already started distributing poppy seeds and are keen to explore

other ideas to commemorate events between 1914 and 1918.

Borough and County Councillor Stan Hepinstall has had an excellent idea to mark the work of the "canary girls" - the women who worked in the ammunitions depot at Chetwynd.

Funds and ideas are all available from national sources. So if you or a school you are involved with or a community or church group you belong to, would like any assistance then please let me know. As your MP I can help projects with funding and access support.

Forever Stars appeal

Richard and Michelle Daniels of Beeston are currently fundraising in memory of their daughter, Emily, who was sadly stillborn in December 2013. Richard and Michelle hope to raise £25,000 in order to help the QMC to pay for the appropriate equipment and support materials they need for future parents who experience stillbirth, and to help to fund a party at a local children's hospice on what would have been Emily's 1st Birthday.

Please visit <http://www.foreverstars.org/> to read more about Richard and Michelle's story and to see how you can support this excellent cause.

Bethany Topley fundraising appeal

Two-year-old Bethany Topley, from Stapleford, was diagnosed with Rhabdomyosarcoma - a rare form of cancer which targets less than 60 children in the UK every year - last year. She has had to travel to the USA with her family for vital treatment and although the majority of Bethany's care is being funded by the NHS, I understand that not all costs are covered and her family need all the help they can at this incredibly difficult time.

I have been contacted by Stapleford Community Group who have set up a webpage to help with fundraising for Bethany. I know that any donations would be greatly appreciated by Bethany's family and if you would like to help with Bethany's cause please click [here](#).

Updates on how Bethany is getting on can also be found on the Stapleford Community Group website, [here](#).

Local Rowing Champion

Kyra Edwards, 16 from Chilwell has excelled in rowing ever since her first experience at George Spence Academy. She has since become the fastest girl of her age in the East Midlands.

Kyra is wanting to go to the Rowing Junior World Championships next year, and is looking for sponsorship to help fund her transport, equipment and competition fees can you help? Please contact Kyra on kyraedwards.rowing@gmail.com for full details on how to assist her.

Broxtowe's "Green" table tennis stars !

Connor Green from Toton continues his winning ways. The seven year old won the Under 9's event at the Nottinghamshire Schools Table Tennis Championships.

Connor's twin sister Erin, aged 9, won the U9's girl's event and his other sister, Anna who is aged 7, came runner-up.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Thursday 20 and Friday 21 February

Jack and the Beanstalk

19:15 - 21:15

Queens Road Methodist Church, Beeston

Cost: £5, Juniors £3 which include refreshments.

Please call 0115 925 3470 or 0115 985 4659 for tickets.

Saturday 22 February

Meet the Team - Drop-in Surgery - Beeston Rylands

10:00 - 12:00

Rylands Community Centre, Leyton Crescent

your opportunity to meet with me and your local Councillors to discuss any problems, issues and concerns you may have.

Tuesday 25 February

Beeston North CAT Meeting

19:00 - 20:30

Children's Centre, Beeston Fields School

Thursday 27 February

Fashion Show/Sale

18:30 for 19:00

The Kimberley School, Kimberley NG16 2NJ

The Kimberley School's P.T.A presents a fashion show and sale. Tickets are available from the school office and cost £2.

Friday 28 February

Paradiso Cinema Presents: RUSH

19:00 for 19:30

Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School NG9 5AL

Please click [here](#) for more details.

And finally

Congratulations to Jon Eley, Jack Whelbourne and Charlotte Gilmartin from Broxtowe, who are all representing team GB in the winter olympics in Sochi.

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