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Hello again,

My emails tend to be about my work as your MP and not too party political but I can't ignore Wednesday's budget which was very good news for Broxtowe.

We know the number of people claiming unemployment benefit has more than halved in the last five years in Broxtowe, which means hundreds more people in work. The facts speak for themselves - we have record levels of employment, a growing economy and better living standards.

Osborne's budget takes even more of the less well paid out of tax, and continues our work of reducing the deficit and cutting our nations debt. There was also real help for first time buyers and savers. We are on the road to recovery and it would be foolish to change course now.

OK that's enough politics. There's a lot to report back on so please scroll on!!

Enjoy the rest of the weekend (especially if you are of Irish Heritage!)

As ever,

Anna

P.S We still have a few places at the Broxtowe business buffet on Thursday with the Treasury Minister Priti Patel at Haveli. Details in the diary section.

Happy 10th Birthday Attenborough Nature Reserve!

For full details of this weekend's special celebrations please click [here](#) courtesy of Bramcote Today.

New Green Belt threat from Borough Council

Broxtowe Borough Council launched a "public consultation" on plans to remove yet more land from the Green Belt a few weeks ago. A very large amount of Green Belt land has been identified.

However, this so called "public consultation" has been hidden away on the Council's web site surrounded by the usual planning jargon.



I have written to the Council objecting to the miserable lack of publicity for this "public consultation". I have also made my own submission that this a premature exercise given the Council voted last year on a local plan or 'Core Strategy' which set a housing target of 6,150 houses and identified Green Belt land for thousands of houses. Only local Conservatives and I fought against development on our Green Belt land - with success in Nuthall and Greasley. In the run up to May 7th and the General and local elections it is worth reminding everyone that every Labour and Lib Dem Borough Councillor voted for development on our Green belt land.

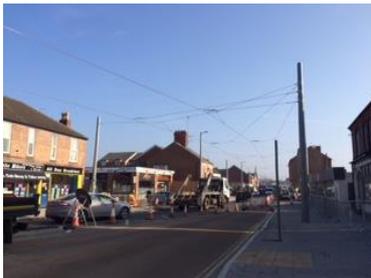
Good news on brown field sites

To its credit Broxtowe Borough Council has upped its game on finding and bringing forward brown field sites. I am pleased to report that my recent letter to D2N2 has prompted a positive reply about the planned development in Beeston Rylands. D2N2 is the Local Enterprise Partnership - a coming together of all the businesses, councils and other 'partners' in our area. N2D2 have replied to assure me they are doing all they can to make sure Broxtowe and the developers reach an agreement quickly or we will lose a lot of money to improve the Trent Vale sports ground.

More good news reached me this week when I met my landlord, Simon Barton and his team about their plans to develop the land behind Barton's in Beeston. For years Broxtowe has refused to back development of this huge brown field site which could provide both homes and jobs. It is really encouraging that things finally are moving on. Simon is working with a developer and the Prince's Trust, on a real community scheme that will hugely enhance this part of Beeston.

Tram shambles updates!

Lower and Fletcher Road



As if they haven't suffered enough residents on Lower and Fletcher Road now face the prospect of trams running from 5am til midnight, when the line finally opens.

Community champion, Allison Dobbs is also taking up a number of concerns especially plans for bin lorries to use the road; the fear is that other vehicles will also be allowed to use the road despite assurances it was to be "tram only".

Despite the tram works we enjoyed a great view of Friday's eclipse!

Chilwell/High Road traffic chaos - traders meeting

You couldn't make it up! They closed off Chilwell/High Road for over eighteen months and just when it was open again for business it's down to one lane with a poor set of lights causing chaos. I held an emergency meeting with a number of traders at their wits end and await action from NET/TWA.

Parking

Am I the only person to think it is the stuff of madness to have overly zealous traffic wardens patrolling when we are trying to bring folk back in to Beeston?

Hardship Fund

My thanks to Nottingham City Council leader Jon Collins for explaining businesses experiencing losses because of the tram works can continue to apply for compensation and money is available. The scheme is now being run exclusively by Bruton Knowles. Rumours the Hardship Fund has run out of money are not true - they have simply changed the system.

Chilwell Creative Corner success

A new antique shop opens next weekend on Chilwell's High Road as part of the successful Chilwell Creative Corner. It's yet further proof of our improving economy locally and nationally.

Supporting Beeston's rejuvenation

Following my meeting with the Beeston BID (the scheme designed to help local businesses and promote the town) I have called on a number of national chains to help get the town ready for the tram.

Boots offered to provide one of their Town Teams some time ago but Broxtowe Borough Council were not keen. The BID is - and I have written to Boots to call in this valuable favour. I have also written to the Chief Executives of Tesco's and Sainsbury's, and requested advice and support from D2N2.

If we all work together we can build a great Beeston to take full advantage of the tram.



Beeston's Chilwell/High Road is blooming marvellous!

Voluntary Action Broxtowe

My thanks to Minister for the Civil Society, Rob Wilson who visited Voluntary Action Broxtowe this week. Rob was particularly interested in the "Move It" project which is a bring an ethical house and waste removal service. It was so good to meet two of their key workers who have been helped back into work through this great project. My only regret was that the lovely Linda Button wasn't there to meet Rob - she has a badly broken arm. My best wishes to her for a speedy recovery and thanks to everyone at VAB for their outstanding work - especially the volunteers.



Find out more and support VAB [here](#)

Angry residents meet in Nuthall and Kimberley

Over 200 people from Nuthall attended a meeting this week to voice their concerns about plans for a residential children's home on Roland Avenue. People are particularly concerned about the lack of consultation. Children with problems who can't live at home need safe places that will give them the care and support they need. But I do question whether it's a great idea to accommodate city based youngsters in secure homes in places like Nuthall. Not far enough away from the city - so it's all too tempting to slip off back to Nottingham.

Over a hundred people attended a meeting of Kimberley Residents Association on Thursday evening.

Top of the agenda was the refusal of the Town Council to consider



a petition of over 800 signatures opposing the Town Councils plans for the Cemetery Chapel. The controversial scheme was discussed last week at a meeting of the Town Council which one resident described as "disgraceful bullying" of Councillor Kat Boettge.

There is a report of the meeting in the [Kimberley and Eastwood Advertiser](#).

Midlands Women's Aid winners

I am very pleased to report that our women and family refuge has received £100,000 to continue their excellent work. The money is Government funding and is the full amount they applied for. It comes after the Women and Equalities Minister, Nicky Morgan visited the refuge.

Got a community event or meeting? Let me know if you would like it added to my "What's on in Broxtowe" diary.

What's on in Broxtowe

Sunday March 22nd

Attenborough Nature Centre 10th Birthday

11am till 3pm

Where: Attenborough Nature Centre, Barton Lane, Attenborough, NG9 6DY.

What's on: Join in with Attenborough Nature Centre's 10th birthday celebrations.

Wednesday 25 March

Pensioners Easter Lunch

12 noon till 3pm

What's on: The lunch is free of charge, to book a place please call 0115 9382773.

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Charity Tea Dance

1pm till 4:30pm

Where: Beeston Youth and Community Centre, West End, Beeston, NG9 1GL.

What's on: Peggy Payne will be the event in aid of the Mayor's chosen charities. For tickets please call 0115 925 9580.

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Thursday 26 March

Stapleford WI

7:30pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford.

What's on: A friendly group of women with a varied programme of events throughout the year.

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Business Networking event with Priti Patel MP

7pm till 10pm

Where: Haveli - Fine Dining Indian Restaurant, Chilwell.

For details on how to book your business a place please email me.

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Friday 27 March

The Ghost Bus - Visual Adventures

7pm

Where: The Gallery, Bartons Plc, High Road, Chilwell.

What's on: ACT Group in association with Bartons Plc are thrilled to announce the world short films premier, for details on this free event please click [here](#).

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Saturday 28 March

Local Focal

12:30pm till 3:30pm

Where: Beeston Library.

What's on: Local art collective 'ABCAT' will showcase their work and carry out some creative demonstrations.

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Jumble and Bric a Brac sale

10:30am till 1:30pm

Where: St John's Church, Grylands Road, Bilborough, NG8 4FD.

What's on: Come along to grab a bargain, in aid of All Saints Church Strelly.

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Bounce in Stapleford

1pm till 3pm

Where: The Meeting Place, 22-26 Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8AA.

What's on: Bounce is a fun programme of workshops and resources showing you how to make small changes in you life. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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Spring into Summer Charity Ball

7pm for 7:30pm start

Where: Nottingham Belfry Hotel, Mellors Way, Nottingham, NG8 6PY.

What's on: Summer Charity Ball and Civic night hosted by the Mayor of Broxtowe Borough Council, Stan Heptinstall MBE. Tickets cost £32 and can be ordered from the civic office on 0115 917 3210.

My surgeries

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"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." *David Aaronovitch, The Times*

"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*

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