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NEWSLETTER

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Happy Easter!

I have delayed this email newsletter to include a couple of important meetings this week, notably yesterday afternoons meeting with the Chair of Tramlink, the consortium who will construct and operate the tram extensions through Beeston and Chilwell.

So what follows is a rather large mixed bag of news and updates about my work as your MP. I hope the glorious weather continues to the Bank Holiday but either way, have a good break.

As ever

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Tram – the way forward

The Government's decision to back the tram has disappointed as many people as it has pleased. We should all feel considerable sympathy for the many people who will now lose their home, and in particular the elderly residents of Neville Sadler Court.

I really do believe we now need to draw a line on this long standing issue that has led to considerable blight in Beeston Town Centre and caused much misery to many people on the proposed route.

I believe the tram line through Beeston could have considerable benefits for the Town Centre and it is imperative we all work together and seize the opportunity to make Beeston a great place to both live and work.

Yesterday afternoon (Thursday April 21), I met with Roger Harrison who is the Chairman of Tramlink. www.tramlinknottingham.co.uk.

It was a very good meeting with some welcome news coming from it.

Firstly, I raised the specific concerns of people who live on the route, notably residents of Neville Sadler Court, Lower Road and people in Chilwell who will either lose their home or

part of their garden.

We agreed to work together for a swift resolution on the future of Neville Sadler Court and after the Borough Council Elections, will work with the new administration, residents and Housing 21 who own the complex.

I then raised the concerns of businesses and shops in Beeston (much of this came from a very positive meeting I had with the Chilwell High Road Traders Association). I explained there had been a lack of communication, something Roger is determined to work on and improve. I have suggested public meetings both in Beeston and Chilwell sometime in late June or early July when we have more detail of the timetable of works and Roger thinks this is a good idea.

I suggested a "pot" of money to help businesses affected by the tram works; compensation will be available but only after a businesses or shop has lost income and as the Chilwell High Road traders explained, small businesses can rarely afford any delay. Roger Harrison took the point and has said he will see if an arrangement can be made.

What he could say for sure, is that there will be a free bus provided around Beeston when the work is being done which will have a great benefit to residents, shoppers, businesses and shops.

We talked about job opportunities, the number of apprenticeships that are likely to be created (a lot!) and the possibility of basing them in local Colleges, notably from our prospective, Castle (Broxtowe) College.

Tramlink have some great ideas for integrating public transport systems in the Beeston area and I explained that I thought it was imperative to work on those ideas with as many people as possible and involve residents and traders in the process.

Tramlink are also looking at how to provide one "ticket", like the London Oyster card, for all public transport and again this is an idea I very much welcome.

Finally, the contract with Tramlink will be finalised later this year. The work will begin next March and will take three years to complete. Roger Harrison and I agreed it is imperative to keep everyone fully informed and to involve residents and traders in the decisions about the design and future of the town centre and High Road.

Beeston BID

My former colleague Anne Davies, who now presents BBC East Midlands Today, was kind enough to open the Beeston BID office, this week. You can read the full story on [Beeston People](#)

The outstanding Frankie Martin Help for Heroes Tour, celebrates the end of a year on the road.

It was an absolute pleasure to join a packed Kimberley Miners Welfare for the final gig of Frankie Martin aka Jocky's, remarkable pub tour for Help for Heroes on Tuesday evening. Jocky, who is a Kimberley man through and through, has played in 366 pubs during the last twelve months raising a staggering £140,000 for Help for Heroes. He travelled all over the UK mostly sleeping overnight in his converted transit.

To mark the end of the tour Jocky has released a single, with all proceeds going to Help for Heroes; you can read more about the tour and access the download of the single through the web site <http://www.bndmusic.co.uk/>

We should all be really proud of Frankie/Jocky's efforts over the last twelve months which

he couldn't have done without the love and support of his mum, girlfriend (who was also celebrating a significant birthday on Tuesday evening), the rest of his family and all his friends.

Stapleford Walk-In Centre – a reprieve

The MP for Ashfield, Gloria del Piero and I met with Notts PCT earlier this week to discuss the consequences of Notts County Councils intervention in the future of the walk in centres in Stapleford and Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

It was a bit of a first when Gloria and I attended and addressed the Health and Well Being Committee of Nottinghamshire County Council, to urge them to intervene following last month's decision by the PCT to close both walk in centres.

After an hour of debate, the Committee decided, for the first time in eleven years, to refer a decision affecting health services, to the Secretary of State.

The decision will now be examined at a national level by a 15 person Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP). If they decide the decision should be further scrutinised there will be a six month inquiry with a recommendation to Andrew Lansley, the Secretary of State for Health.

I am disappointed that Labour has been rather negative about this development which was voted for by County Councillors of all political parties. I would to thank Stapleford County Councillor, Brian Wombwell for his speech to the Committee and for seconding the motion proposed by Bruce Laughton.

We should know in about a month's time whether the IRP believes there should be an inquiry. If they do that six month process will involve further consultation and discussion with us all. If however, the decision stands then both centres will close in about 8-9 weeks.

Gloria and I met with the PCT because in the event that we lose our walk-in centres we are going to make sure local people have better access to their GP and practice nurses . From Stapleford's prospective we need to be assured that the QMC has the capacity and facilities to deal with patients that will have to travel there, rather than use the walk-in centre and that all these services are up and running before/if the walk-in centres close.

Bilborough College students' parking – Public Meeting Tuesday May 3rd at Bilborough College.

I had a lengthy meeting with the Principal of Bilborough College, Chris Bradford after I had met with residents of the development next to the College. Residents are, quite rightly, fed up with the consequences of students parking in a residential area with overly narrow roads and not enough space for residents' cars, never mind vehicles used by parents and pupils. Chris Bradford and I have explored a number of ideas to ease the situation if not solve it, and so are holding a public meeting at the College at 7pm on Tuesday May 3rd. The precise venue has yet to be decided – I will let residents know once it has been confirmed.

Chetwynd Barracks Development – almost done!

The work has almost finished on making good the roads, pavements and all the other outstanding work. I am told there are still a few sticking points but it seems likely the Borough Council will move to have the roads adopted next month.

Notts County Council is not taking up their option to build a school on the remaining open space. This means that the land will, in effect revert back to the administrators of the developers who went bust. The administrators are legally bound to realise this valuable

asset on behalf of the developers' creditors. I will keep you informed when I have confirmation of their plans for the land.

Physiotherapists meeting/ NHS reform.

I want to thank the four physiotherapists who came to see me to discuss the Health and Social Care Bill which has provoked considerable controversy. The meeting came the day after I had returned to London to discuss with Health Ministers, the plans for further consultation, following the announcement a few weeks ago that there is to be a pause in the legislations progress through Parliament.

There is a considerable amount of mis-information being put around about the Bill and it was good to be able to have a really informed and frank discussion with this group of physio's, all of whom live in the constituency.

They quite properly raised their concerns about a number of issues, including their desire to be involved in the commissioning process when it passes from PCT's to GP consortia (a good idea).

I was able to give them an assurance that the NHS will continue to be funded by the tax payer, free at the point of delivery and based on need not the ability to pay. We discussed how the last Government introduced the private sector into the NHS and how the new Bill will undo the advantage given to the private sector by the previous Government. I also explained how the Coalition is increasing the amount of money given to the NHS by £11.5 million over the next four years – something Labour opposed as they planned to cut the NHS budget.

I will now take back to the Department of Health all the matters they have raised as part of the consultation process.

In the next few days I will be sending out my NHS email newsletter and if you would like to receive it then please let me know.

Bramcote Litter Pick – Saturday April 30th

Bramcotes' Borough Councillors have organised a litter pick in the village, meeting at the King George Fields Car Park at 2pm on Saturday April 30th. This came about after a resident emailed me to complain about the amount of litter in the area and along the side of the A52. I suggested a litter pick and contacted the local Councillors. I am grateful to Cllrs Watts, Hepinstall and Tyler for getting the roadside tidied up and for organising the litter pick. I hope to see you there!

Cameron and Clegg bring business to Broxtowe

I was delighted that the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister came to Boots to announce the first Enterprise Zone will be established on the site, a large chunk of which is in the constituency.

Enterprise Zones are not without their critics as there is the risk of sucking new investment in which might have gone just down the road; but on balance this really is good news and should be welcomed. Having had a number of meetings with Boots, I know that they have been keen to explore a number of options for the site and this is just the sort of boost we need to bring new business and therefore new jobs into Broxtowe. I am waiting to hear from the Borough Council of any consequence on future housing development on the site; though I was informed that large parts of the area were not suitable for housing. I think

most people are familiar with my view that it is better to build on brown field sites as opposed to our green belt!

Pothole money.

The Government is giving Nottinghamshire an extra £2.8 million to repair potholes caused by two severe bouts of winter weather. I very much hope that after May 5, all the newly elected Borough Councillors will make sure Broxtowe gets its fair share of this extra money. I think every ward has an over abundance of roads in desperate need of repair and I will continue to work with residents and Councillors to make sure the work is done as quickly as possible.

Thank you for the invitation!

Army Cadet Centre Toton.

I had a really interesting morning at the Army Cadet Training Camp and Centre at Chetwynd Barracks, the other week. My thanks to everyone I met and in particular to those local youngsters who are making the most of their time as an army cadet.

Clayfields Secure Unit Stapleford

I am familiar with Clayfields having practised as a criminal barrister for many years. It is one of the few secure places of detention for young people over the age of 11. It is a remarkable place, requiring a high ratio of staff who do a very difficult job, caring for, in the main children with profound difficulties who have committed serious offences. There are no soft options at Clayfields but there is a considerable amount of care and support as well as rehabilitation work. Until you have met and understood the backgrounds of these young offenders, it is perhaps difficult to appreciate why they need to be locked up in a secure setting – not so much for public protection and punishment but for their own safety and well being. Many of these youngsters have suffered from a level of abuse and deprivation we cannot imagine; my concern is that too many are released back to the very place which brought them to Clayfields. My thanks to everyone I met who have my full support.

ICE (Institute of Civil Engineers), East Midlands meeting

I was one of two guest speakers at an ICE meeting in Nottingham which discussed the importance of flood relief in housing developments. Yes I appreciate this may not sound terribly exciting (!) but it was an important event. My contribution related to the need for planners to work with professionals like civil engineers, politicians and ordinary people to make sure developments improve our environment and do not assist flooding.

Surgery news

During the parliamentary recess I have had a number of surgeries at the constituency office on Chilwell High Road and thank you to everyone who has come along.

I will be in Trowell next Saturday (April 30th) and Nuthall on May 14th please contact me if you are a local resident who would like an appointment. I am holding my surgeries throughout the constituency so that people don't have to travel too far.

TV and Radio appearances

I was invited again onto the Saturday morning Radio 4 programme the Week in Westminster

to discuss the Health and Social Care Bill with Labour's Ben Bradshaw MP. I am also one of the regulars on ITV Central's, The Lobby which will next be broadcast on Thursday May 12th.

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