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## **News Up Date**

**from Anna Soubry MP**



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Hello again,  
Just a few short matters.

### **Open Cast Mining Public Meeting in Awsworth**

The meeting is on Friday evening in the Parish Hall at 7.00pm and everyone opposed to UK Coal's application on Green Belt land between Trowell and Cossall, is welcome.

### **Broxtowe's new Mayor**

Congratulations to Councillor Margaret Handley who will be installed this evening as Broxtowe's new Mayor. Unfortunately, I am unable to attend the annual Mayor Making as we are voting right up to 7pm and Midland Mainline, in its current state, will not get me to Beeston until after the ceremony! Margaret has represented Greasley for many years and despite being the biggest group on the Borough Council Margaret will be the first Conservative member to become Mayor in a very long time.

My thanks to out going Mayor, Councillor Jackie Williams who I know has thoroughly enjoyed her term of office, and has always gone to great lengths to include me in her work . Fellow Stapleford Councillor Iris White becomes Deputy Mayor; my congratulations to Iris on her swift promotion after just a year as a Councillor. I am sure Margaret and Iris will make a great team and I look forward to working with them.

### **Field Farm**

Thank you to everyone who helped to deliver 2,000 leaflets in Stapleford and surrounding parts of Trowell and Bramcote at the weekend. I delivered in Trowell at the back of Field Farm and met a number of residents who are appalled at the now very real prospect of 450 houses on Field Farm, which is Green Belt land.

As a result of the leaflet and my last email newsletter Stapleford's Richard MacRae has been dealing with a mass of texts and calls and we all owe him a huge thank you for his work in building the campaign to save Field Farm (and thank you to everyone who contacted Richard).

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There is considerable anger as people feel they have not been consulted with, and where

they have, their views have been ignored.

After last weeks decision by Broxtowe Borough Council to put forward Field Farm for development people wanted to know what they can do **now** to protect it. I made it clear in my various communications that the official “public consultation” on what’s called the “Core Strategy” (Broxtowe’s plans for 6,150 houses) starts on June 11 and we are waiting for the details which I will of course send once we have them.

In the meantime I suggested people opposed to development on Field Farm, write now to Broxtowe Borough Council clearly marking their envelope “Core Strategy” and with the assurance that I would ask the Chief Executive to make sure those views form part of the consultation.

I am sorry to report that Broxtowe seems set on a rather bureaucratic and somewhat technical process and my fear is that the straightforward objections of ordinary people will be lost in jargon based form filling. It seems you **must** wait until June 11<sup>th</sup> before you can have your say! A busy schedule has meant the Chief Executive has not been able to speak to me. I would be somewhat shocked if any letters sent in the last few days “don’t count” (which is the threat!).

What I can promise you is that as your MP I will continue to represent the many people of Stapleford and Trowell who are opposed to development on Field Farm. They have been, in my view, badly let down by their Councillors who positively voted for development on this lovely piece of Green Belt land.

I am profoundly concerned that yet again your views are in danger of not being properly taken into consideration. I will continue to fulfil my duty as your MP and speak out against development on Field Farm and in defence of the Borough’s Green Belt and represent your views both locally and nationally.

### **Tram Works**

My constituency office on High Road Chilwell/Beeston was without the Internet for six days – however, once we were back on line amongst the huge back log of emails was quite a lot of information about the tram works. We have posted information on the web site so please check it out by clicking on the Tram Works tab on the Home Page on [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)

As ever and let's hope the lovely weather stays for the weekend!

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