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Hello again,

I am sorry not to have been in touch considerably sooner; as you may know I had pneumonia in February and unfortunately it has decided to make a return visit. My thanks to the staff at Glenfield Hospital which specialises in respiratory illnesses. I had to cancel our holiday - but it did mean I was here on Thursday when we learnt that almost a thousand houses are due to be built on our Green Belt by the end of the year! Scroll on for more on that and a number of other matters.

My aim is to do a short email before the commemorations next weekend to mark the beginning of the First World War. In the meantime I have included some events in the diary but please email me with any I have left off!

As ever,
Anna

Down but not out! The campaign to defend our Green Belt and HS2 continues

The Inspector has found in favour of Broxtowe Borough Council's plans to build over three thousands houses on our Green Belt. She found that two sites, Field Farm at Stapleford and the land at Toton (both designated Green Belt) should be developed immediately.



Obviously I am disappointed but not at all surprised - it is worth remembering the Inspector backed the Council's target of 6,150 houses half

way through the public inquiry. Mrs Kingaby is also the same Inspector who "advised" Rushcliffe Borough Council to add thousands of houses on Green Belt land to their plans before their public examination had even begun!



The Inspector also supported Broxtowe's plans for the land where the HS2 East Midlands hub is due to be built. These plans include a minimum of 500 houses and a woefully inadequate business park. I take the view that HS2 is about growth (i.e. jobs) not houses and is also about transport connectivity which the Council's plans scupper at Toton.

I am pleased to say that the campaign to defend both Field Farm and the land at Toton continues. STRAG who campaign to defend Field Farm have asked to meet the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles which I am happy to arrange. Legal challenges are also being considered and I shall certainly be raising this (again) with both Eric Pickles and Transport Secretary, Patrick McLoughlin. I have also invited the HS2 Chairman to Toton.

There is growing evidence that Broxtowe is finding brownfield sites for housing development. It is critical to remember that, for example plans submitted for 285 houses in Beeston Rylands were not in Broxtowe's "Core Strategy" and therefore never considered by the Inspector - there are also plans for more than 100 houses at the White Hills Park Federation; again this is land that was not in Broxtowe's plan. There are other examples of brown field sites ready to deliver new homes - this is where new homes should be built.

It has to be said; there is now widespread concern that Broxtowe Borough Council is failing to redevelop Beeston town centre to take full advantage of the tram. This is the same Council trusted with the plans for HS2 at Toton. As one constituent commented "heaven help us!". It is deeply regrettable that Labour Councillors and politicians are celebrating their plans to build thousands of houses on Green Belt land whilst claiming they are following Government policy.

On his visit to Kimberley last month, the Prime Minister said brown field land should be developed before Green Belt land. He also explained economic development and transport connectivity are two critical aspects of HS2. As I have said many times there is a clear disconnect between Government policy which is that Green Belt land should not be developed save for exceptional circumstances and the plans being put forward by local Councils and approved by Government Planning Inspectors.

Broxtowe Borough Council has asked us to stop protesting which I think is shorthand for "shut up"! Er no - this is an issue which will not go away and I for one will take this to the very top of Government whatever the consequences.

Please contact me if you want to join the campaign to save our Green Belt and if you want to make sure we make the most of HS2.
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Beeston Rylands development

After a meeting with residents on Trent Vale I have written to the developers asking them to meet residents and work more closely with them. There are genuine concerns about the number of houses planned for South Road and the plans for the sports ground.

If you live in the Rylands and want to raise your views with the developers or want more details of what is planned please email me on anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk



Opencast meeting

I had a good meeting with Notts County Council about their plans to allow an Open Cast mine at Shortwood between Trowell and Cossall. My thanks to County Councillor Ken Rigby and Philip Owen who also attended. UK Coal is now in the process of selling off their open cast division. Notts County Council have promised there will be rigorous negotiations with UK Coal to ensure they fulfil all their financial obligations, including a bond to make good the land once the extraction of coal and fire clay has finished.

I was assured that the Planning Committee's decision could be re-visited by the County Council if those negotiations or some other part of the permission was proving unworkable. Finally, we all agreed to write to the Highways Agency asking them to reconsider the proposal to allow access to the M1 via Trowell services - thereby avoiding the inevitably dreadful and excessive HGV lorry movements up to Nuthall roundabout and on to the M1. I will make similar representations to the relevant Government ministers though I suspect this is a matter which can only be agreed by the Highways Agency.

Tram works traffic chaos

We were straight on to NET about the appalling traffic chaos earlier this week on University Boulevard / Queens Road. I believe things have improved and of course the schools breaking up will help ease the traffic.

New 510 serving Stapleford, Toton and Attenborough

Thank you to everyone in Stapleford who has contacted me about the new 510 which combine the Stapleford Shopper and the Toton Connect. The Stapleford part now excludes much of Brookhill Street and I have written to Notts County Council to ask them to reinstate this part of the route. I campaigned for the Toton Connect after residents of Lombardy Lodge contacted me. I have also raised concerns about the fate of a number of agency drivers. I will keep you up to date with any developments.

[Click here and scroll down for the 510 timetable](#)



Kimberley war memorial

I met members of Kimberley Town Council last Friday, for a "catch up". There is considerable controversy over some of the Council's spending including the development of the Cemetery Chapel. My main concern is the condition of the War Memorial which I am told requires £100,000 of work. I am more than willing to support any fund raising including applications for public funds. I am bound to say that I hope Kimberley Town Council will make sure it spends tax payers money with caution and public support - after all it's not their money but yours!

Broxtowe Country Park

Off road motor bikes have been causing a nuisance again in Nuthall Country Park. My thanks to various local police officers who responded quickly to emails from my office on behalf of a number of residents who have contacted me. I am assured patrols have been increased - it's really important incidents are reported quickly to the police on 101. My advice is to ask that the matter is "flagged" for the local Inspector, beat manager and anti-social team. Please also contact me so I can "chase up".

Bone Marrow Donors needed

A number of constituents have contacted me about the work of the Antony Nolan Trust and asking me to publicise the need for donors . Please click [here](#) to register and learn more about their work.

Congratulations Tina!

In all the kerfuffle about the re-shuffle you may have missed the following. The new Leader of the House of Lords is our own Baroness Tina Stowell of Beeston. Tina was brought up in the Rylands, and was educated at Chilwell Comprehensive and Broxtowe College. I'm a big fan of Baroness Stowell - so well done Tina. Her PPS (Private Parliamentary Secretary) is Sherwood MP, Mark Spencer who is hugely talented and a good friend. I was sad to see Ken Clarke leave Government; my political hero remains a "Big Beast" in British Politics - out but not down!

Thank you to everyone who contacted me following my promotion in the Ministry of Defence.



What's on in Broxtowe

Today - Sunday 27 July

A Tea Party for Macmillan - By Friends of the Old Church Tower

1pm till 4pm

Old Church Tower, Town Street, Bramcote

Hot and cold drinks and home made cakes will be on sale, all proceeds will be donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.

Tuesday 29 July

Dementia Friends Awareness Session

7:30pm till 8:30pm

Chilwell Road Methodist Church

Find out more about dementia and how you can help those affected. To book a place please call Diane on 0115 922 6175.

Wednesday 30 July

Attenborough Friendship group open day

2:30 till 4pm

Attenborough Village Hall

Attenborough friendship group invite you to their open day where there will be music, stalls and refreshments.

Friday 1 August

Greyhound Racing - Forever Stars

Nottingham Greyhound Racecourse

Event in aid of Forever Stars Charity, to book tickets please email richard.daniels@mac.com

Saturday 2 August

Cream Tea - St Barnabas

4pm till 6pm

St Barnabas Church, Chilwell

Stapleford Remembers WW1

1pm till 9pm

Walter Parker VC Square, Stapleford

Come and join the community to commemorate the WW1 Centenary. Please click [here](#) for full details.

Arletty Theatre - Swan Canaries

3pm

Walter Parker VC Square, Stapleford

The Arletty Theatre is touring with a drama based on the women workers at what is now Chetwynd Barracks, who made half the shells used by the British Army in the First World War. For full details please click [here](#).

Sunday 3 August

Special Service to commemorate World War 1

11am

St Catherine's Church, Cossall

Special service to commemorate the Great War, the service will include a time of silence. Reverend Andy Lord is asking for members of the public to bring any pictures, memorabilia, books or mementos so they can personal be appreciated.

Monday 4 August

Stapleford Remembers WW1

10am till 2pm

St Helens Church Hall, Stapleford

Go back to 1914, there will be a range of activities such as; life in the trenches, war costumes and much more. Everyone is welcome.

Exhibition of Remembrance and Special Service

1:30pm and 7pm

St Mary's Church, Greasley

There will be two events at St Mary's for full details of both the events please click [here](#).

Vigil and Commemoration Service

7pm -7:30pm with service at 8pm

Beeston Parish Church, Middle Street, Beeston, NG9 1GA

Service to commemorate the anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War. The vigil will feature readings and poetry. For more details please call Farther Wayne Plimmer on 0115 925 4571.

Candlelit service of commemoration

7:30pm

St Barnabas Church, Inham Nook, Chilwell

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

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