

# ANNA SOUBRY MP

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## NEWSLETTER



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Hello again,

I've been prompted to write following some nasty and untrue stories about me and last weeks debate in Parliament on the need to ban wild animals in circuses, though on the positive side it is also a good opportunity to tell you about my work in the last week!

I am very pleased Parliament has finally decided to ban wild animals from circuses. I signed a motion supporting the ban but it was not chosen for debate by the Speaker. The motion that was chosen included a deadline for the Government to introduce the ban. That motion went through without the need for a vote because it attracted widespread support .

As regular readers will know I spoke out against these horrible circuses some weeks ago and called on people to boycott the circus off Bardills roundabout in Stapleford because it used wild animals. I also welcomed the Governments new strict regulation of these outdated and unpleasant circuses. At that time I was undecided about the need for a ban but was persuaded by constituents who emailed me and I'd like to thank everyone who contacted me.

I am also very pleased the Government has heeded the calls from myself and others not to halve the sentences of people who plead guilty. I was interviewed on the subject on Channel 4 News last Tuesday evening (I also appeared on Friday evening's The World Tonight on Radio 4 commenting on the Milly Dowler murder case).

I spoke out in Parliament and in the media against the halving of sentences and the recently published Sentencing Bill now makes no change to the existing law. I have been asked to sit on the Bill Committee so I will be particularly busy through to the end of July!

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### **Toton gets recognised at last!**

Thank you to everyone I met on Saturday at Tesco's for my second "drop in" surgery. People were delighted that Toton has finally been recognised in the areas post code, regaining Toton's identity. Borough Councillor Marilyn Hegyi and I began the process many months ago and our long hard campaign has finally paid off. Thank you for your support. On a separate subject Borough and County Councillors and I have asked for an urgent meeting with Premiere buses to find an alternative service to the **Toton Connect** which will finish in the next few weeks.

### **Kimberley Police Station**

I have given my full support to the Town Council who are, to put it mildly, very cross that they have not been consulted about plans for the future of Kimberley police station. In difficult financial times tough decisions have to be made but they must be made in consultation with local communities. I have written to the Chief Constable this evening asking her to ensure senior officers work with locally representatives and the people on Kimberley.

### **Women's refuge (Midland Women's Aid).**

I have been campaigning for some time now to secure the future of the refuge in the constituency which supports women and their children, and have already organised a meeting between the charity which runs it and the Minister, Nick Hurd. Today (Monday) I asked a question of the Home Secretary as follows

*Anna Soubry (Broxtowe) (Con): What steps is the Home Secretary taking in these difficult times to support the work of women's refuges, such as the one in my constituency, in their important work?*

*Mrs May: I am very happy to tell my hon. Friend that the Home Office has, of course, protected £28 million over the next four years for specialist support services in relation to domestic violence and violence against women. At a meeting on 14 June, the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government and I heard from stakeholders, including the providers of women's refuges, about the funding issues that they face. We have discussed with local authorities, mainly through the Department for Communities and Local Government, how local authorities should continue to support women's refuges in their important work.*

I will now contact Notts County Council to remind them of the Government's view and ask how they intend to secure funding for our refuge.

### **Awsworth Wind Turbine**

I was surprised Broxtowe Borough Council approved plans to build one of the highest wind turbines in the UK on the edge of the village despite considerable opposition from residents. The committee was divided so the casting vote, in favour went to the Chair, Cllr. Steve Barber who represents Beeston Rylands where the University plans to site a controversial wind turbine with two more within the City boundary.

### **Dangerous driving**

It was a pleasure to support the Labour MP for Hull, Karl Turner in his campaign to raise the maximum sentence for dangerous driving from two to five years. Please read the debate in Hansard and I hope you agree with us. [click here](#) to read the debate.

### Thank you's !

Thank you to everyone who organised the **Caribbean Question Time** at the Albert Hall in Nottingham. Almost 100 people turned out to ask questions and we enjoyed a healthy and lively debate.

I visited **Gilthill Primary School** last Friday and my thanks to the staff and pupils for a thoroughly enjoyable morning. Gilthill is the most modern school I have visited in the constituency with outstanding views over the fields to Greasley . I spent a lot of time with year 6 pupils answering their difficult questions about my work and views as their MP and then some equally tough questions from the staff about tuition fees and pensions. Gilthill is a great school we can all be proud of.

### Surgery dates

My next surgery is this **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July at Greasley** (please call the constituency office for an appointment though we are almost fully booked).

Afterwards I am accepting a large petition in support of the MUGA which is a sporting and leisure facility for mainly young people in Greasley. I am very concerned that a much smaller number of residents have complained about noise from the MUGA which has somehow led to the removal of the breast screening unit at the site. I have offered to chair a residents meeting to help find a sensible resolution to this long standing problem. Details will follow when the date and venue has been settled.

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