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## Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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### **HS2 says Toton is almost out but we're not down!**

As I forecast some weeks ago, today's report from HS2 has said Toton is no longer the site of choice for the East Midlands hub.

The Transport Secretary, Patrick McLoughlin has made it clear to me that Toton is still a possibility but alternative sites are now being actively explored.

It goes without saying that I am disappointed as I believe the Hub should be at Toton; it will be a once in a generation opportunity for jobs and better transport connectivity for all of us in Broxtowe.

However, an alternative route to the west of Broxtowe may mean we would avoid the HS2 line completely - which is good news for Strelley Village and parts of Trowell, Nuthall and Stapleford.



As you know, along with Conservative Councillors and the campaign group SB2020, I have warned that Broxtowe's plans for a minimum of 500 houses at Toton and a second class economic development plan was in danger of scuppering our chances of securing the East Midlands Hub. I was derided by Labour and some Lib Dems. Broxtowe Borough Council's plans certainly have not helped and it concerns me greatly that they and the City Council are proving not to be able to deliver HS2 at Toton. It is also very important to remember Broxtowe's plans to allow at least 500 houses on Toton's Green Belt wherever the Hub is sited!

I am meeting the Chairman of HS2, Sir David Higgins to discuss his report, on Thursday. I will continue to make the case for Toton but I want to know the implication, if the route changes, on places like Strelley Village, Nuthall and Trowell. I have also requested an urgent meeting with the leaders of Broxtowe Borough, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire County Councils.

It is important to note that wherever the East Midlands hub is sited there will be huge economic benefit within a large radius. I would ask you to read today's report from Sir David - and as ever I am keen to know your views.

[Read today's report by clicking here](#)

[Get involved with bringing HS2 to Toton](#)

## Attenborough Station survey

East Midlands Trains have shared their survey of passengers using Attenborough station, where bad and inconsiderate commuter parking has been a real problem.

EMT say "We identified that 80% of Attenborough customers come from postcodes we would more expect to use Beeston Station. 15% of Attenborough customers would be expected to use Long Eaton and 5% Local Areas to Attenborough."

It seems that traffic chaos caused by the tram works isn't helping but that will ease. It is thought that more parking at both Beeston and Long Eaton stations would make a difference. I will accordingly hold another meeting with all relevant parties. We do not want to jeopardise the future of Attenborough in any way but we do need to find a solution to the parking problem. I will keep you updated.

## Oxylane - Borough Council backs controversial development

Broxtowe Borough Council's cabinet has voted to join with developers Oxylane to apply for planning permission for a giant leisure and retail site on Green Belt land near Kimberley. Two previous applications for the same site were narrowly turned down by Broxtowe's planning committee. This new threat to Broxtowe's Green Belt comes just weeks after the Council voted through its plans to build over 6,000 houses in the borough with the majority on the Green Belt.

Broxtowe will now submit a joint planning application for the site; there will be another public consultation and a decision is expected early in the New Year. I will of course keep you updated.

## Tram work shambles

I am told the tram will be running on December 22nd for testing purposes. I am bound to say that those of us who live or work on the route are somewhat cynical given all the broken promises. I well remember in July being told the roads would all be open on September 15. Now we are told it will be the end of November.

On Friday, the Chancellor, George Osborne on a visit to Beeston told the Nottingham Post that the City Council's management of the project had been "incompetent"; he was right.

I am still waiting for a reply from the constructors, TWA, as to why High/Chilwell Road is still not open and why businesses and residents were not properly informed. Severn Trent water are adamant they are not to blame and indeed the works outside my office are now being done by TWA.

[Read the Nottingham Post on George Osborne and the tram works by clicking here](#)



### Name a tram

We are all asked to suggest a local name for a tram. My suggestion, at the moment, is Lance Corporal Walter Parker VC especially as it is the one hundredth anniversary of the start of World War 1 and Walter Parker won his VC in 1915 at Galipoli, which we will commemorate next year. Walter Parker was a Royal Marine who spent his final years in Stapleford and is buried in the town. Please send me your suggestions.

## Immigration debate

Thank you to everyone who has emailed me their views on immigration and so far I have had a wide variety of opinions. I want this to be a genuine reflection of all views, so please join the debate and email me your thoughts.



## Dinner with Boris

Tickets for the Christmas event with Boris Johnson on December 11th are selling fast. If you would like to come along to this fund raiser for my re-election campaign, please let me know and I will send you all the details.



## Working for you in Parliament

This evening Parliament will debate a number of amendments to the Recall of MPs Bill. I will be following the debate with interest and listening to the arguments before deciding how to vote. The debate will be available in Hansard tomorrow which is available online.

[Click here for Parliament's web site](#)

## *What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details*

### **Tuesday 28 October**

#### **CAT Meetings**

All 7pm till 8:30pm

Stapleford South East - The Meeting Place.

Beeston Noth - The Children's Centre, Beeston Fields Primary.

Beeston West - Beeston Town Hall.

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### **Thursday 30 October**

#### **Stapleford North CAT meeting**

7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Washington Drive Community Centre.

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### **Friday 31 October**

**Halloween party fundraiser for Combat Bullying**

4pm till 6pm

Where: The Village Hotel.

What's on: Children's Halloween party in aid of Combat Bullying. Full details [here](#).

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### **Saturday 1 November**

#### **Autumn Craft Fair for Christian Aid**

10am till 12noon

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Craft stalls, a raffle and refreshments. Cost is £1, all proceeds are in support of the Christian Aid.

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#### **Grand re-opening of Greenfingers**

10am

Where: Greenfingers, 178 High Road, Chilwell, NG9 5BB.

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#### **Scouts Fireworks and Bonfire night**

5:30pm

Where: Hemlock Scout Camp, Access via Common Lane, Bramcote.

Cost is £6 for adults and £3 for children (under 5s are free).

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### **Thursday 6 November**

#### **Beeston U3A open meeting**

10am

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.

What's on: George Buchanan talks about growing up at Hodstock Priory and find out more about Beeston U3A [here](#).

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### **Friday 7 November**

#### **College House Junior School Fireworks Spectacular!**

6pm

Where: College House Junior School, Cator Lane, Chilwell.

Full details [here](#).

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### **Saturday 8 November**

#### **Greasley Commemoration Coffee Morning**

10am till 12pm

Where: Greasley Parish Hall.

What's on: Exhibition of 1914-18 archive material, sights and sounds and the opportunity to place a poppy on the remembrance board.

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#### **Fireworks Display**

7pm

Where: Attenborough Cricket Club.

What's on: Food, fireworks, bar and a great night for the family.

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### **Remembrance Sunday 9 November**

There will be services taking place all over the constituency; Awsworth, Beeston, Cossall, Greasley, Kimberley, Nuthall, Stapleford and Trowell. The Civic commemoration is in Beeston with a parade starting from the RBL to the War Memorial at 10:30am followed by a service.

Please call the office or email if you would like to see me in my regular constituency surgery.

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"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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