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Hello again,  
Apologies but this is a long email newsletter and yes it does include an explanation about the photograph on the right!  
Please scroll down for  
A453 work starts in weeks/ Green Belt protection/ UK Coal Open Cast application anticipated/ Neville Sadler Court Closure/ the White Mountain of Watnall/ Assisted Suicide Debate/£50,000 for Alderman Pounder School/ Pasty tax/ Kimberley School in Parliament/ and much more!  
I am away for Easter so would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful Easter break.  
As ever,  
Anna



### Some very good and some very bad news

The Government has brought forward the dualling of the A453. Considerable credit goes to the Notts and Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce for their tireless efforts and to Nottinghamshire County Council for their determined effort and the money they found with Rushcliffe Borough Council to help fund this long overdue project. The preparatory work will begin within weeks and the new A453 will open at the end of 2014/early 2015. I am sure everyone in Broxtowe will welcome the news as it will not only bring considerable benefit, especially to the Enterprise Zone at Boots in Beeston, but will help ease the congestion at Junctions 25 and 26 on the M1.

The very bad news is that UK Coal seem likely to make an application to Notts County Council for an open cast mine between Cossall and Trowell. UK Coal have asked to meet me, which I have agreed to. I will of course report back in full and keep you up to date.

### Tram Works Update

I have written in support of Beeston's application to become a "Portas Pilot". The bid for expert help and money will be used to support the High Road campaign "Open for Business" during the tramworks. I have suggested some of the money could be used to erect screening showing what the final outcome will look like.

Meanwhile, Housing 21, the owners of Neville Sadler Court in Beeston have decided to close it. It is at last a decision though perhaps not the one we had hoped for. I have already started to make sure residents are rehoused and properly compensated.

Beeston Square Car Park closes tomorrow and Wilkinsons



on April 14th; they will both be demolished. Please check out my web site [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk) for updates on the tramworks.



This white "mountain" was snapped from the M1 at Nuthall and is the "mound" of gypsum at Fernwood. Thank you to everyone (especially Cllr. Jill Owen) who has contacted me about this growing problem. I have written to Fernwood and asked for an urgent meeting. I know the mound does not break any rule or regulation but it is causing real concern and needs reducing asap.

### Lottery Funds for Rylands Canal Side Heritage Centre

Congratulations to the Canal Side Heritage Centre in Beeston Rylands who are on their way to securing over half a million pounds from the Lottery Fund.

The Heritage Fund has endorsed the Centre's bid to renovate and restore the four cottages at The Beeston Cut – where the Nottingham Canal meets the River Trent for use as a heritage and education centre.

The project now has up to two years to submit full proposals to compete for a definite award but they are clearly on their way and congratulations to all their dedicated volunteers and supporters.

### Surgery details

#### Saturday 21st April:

##### Advice Surgery

Please call the office on 0115 9436507 or send an email to [anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk) for an appointment at the Temple Centre, Nuthall from 10am until 12pm.

#### Saturday 28th April:

##### Drop In Surgery

Kimberley from 10am until 12pm. Venue details to be announced later.

### Out and About

#### Alderman Pounder celebrate £50,000 from the MoD

I went to Alderman Pounder School in Chilwell to celebrate a cheque for £50,000 from Defence Minister Andrew Robathan towards the refurbishing of a new building. The School has been given a bungalow in their grounds from Notts County Council which they plan to turn into extra space for pupils and teachers as well the local community. It will include a video facility for children from service families to speak to a parent serving overseas. They now need to raise another £50,000 so please contact me if you can help in any way.

#### Notts and Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce

I was a guest of the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Chamber of Commerce annual dinner. It was a good opportunity to hear firsthand how small and medium sized businesses are coping in these difficult times. Quite rightly, the Chamber doesn't shy from criticising the Government when we don't do enough to cut regulation and get the banks to work for, not against business. But there was also a lot of positive news about how more jobs are being created in the private sector than are being cut in the public sector.

#### Work Programme visit

I visited both Ingeus and A4e in Nottingham who between them provide a variety of

support and programmes for people who have been unemployed for more than twelve months. Both organisations struck me as positive and full of energy and determination to help people back into work or into work for the first time. I think it is “unfortunate” that critics of the work experience programme described it as “slave labour”. Beeston Job Centre Plus tells me of the 40 placements they have arranged 7 have resulted in employment which strikes me as a success.

### OTC Dinner

My thanks to everyone at the Officer Training Corp. whose Mess is based in Beeston, for an excellent evening. The OTC operate in both our local Universities and it was a real pleasure to meet and chat with some of their excellent members.



Work in Parliament

**Green Belt Protection/ Brain Tumour Research/ Pasty Tax- not !/ Kimberley School/ Assisted Suicide/ Tiffin Curry Nomination/ Polish Visit**



### Save our Green Belt

On Tuesday the Government published its planning guidelines; the National Planning Policy Framework makes very clear that Green Belt land remains specially protected. I will place a copy on the web site. You will see for example in Paragraph 83 “**Once established, Green belt boundaries should only be altered in exceptional circumstances**” and at Paragraph 87 “**As with previous Green belt policy inappropriate development is, by definition, harmful to the Green Belt and should not be approved except in very special circumstances**”.

Following the announcement the Minister, Greg Clarke took a large number of questions from MP’s after he published the new National Planning Policy Framework. I asked him the following question and include his response.

**Anna Soubry (Broxtowe) (Con):** In Broxtowe, a Labour-Lib Dem council is planning to build 4,000 houses on green-belt land. People throughout this country love and value our green-belt land. Will this framework continue to protect our green-belt land? Will it strengthen, weaken or diminish the existing protection that our green-belt land has?

**Greg Clark:** Again, one of the points of abolishing the regional bodies is to take away the threat to the green belt that they introduced. They will be removed, and decisions will be taken locally, with national protection for the green belt.

The Minister went on to give similar assurances to other colleagues and I would ask you to read the various exchanges in Hansard at;

<http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201212/cmhansrd/cm120327/debtext/120327-0001.htm#12032752001091>

The relevant section begins at 1337 timed at 12.33pm.

Unfortunately, the policy and repeated assurances from the Government that Councils should abandon the last Government's targets and should protect our Green Belt seem to have fallen on deaf ears at Broxtowe Borough Council. At a meeting on Wednesday evening the ruling group seemed determined as ever to hand over Green Belt land at Field Farm, Stapleford and to the north of Toton, to the developers.

Unless we all stand up and make our views heard I very much fear that we will lose a considerable amount of our Green Belt. Meanwhile hundreds of new homes could be built on brownfield land at the Boots site in Beeston and the Government has said brownfield land should take precedence; yet again Broxtowe's Labour and Lib Dem Councillors are not listening.

**Keep up to date with my campaign to protect our Green Belt on [www.annasoubry.org.uk](http://www.annasoubry.org.uk)**

### **Supporting research into Brain Tumours**

Friday was "Wear a Hat Day" – a national campaign to raise awareness of the need for more research into brain tumours. Locally Headcase (please check them out on <http://www.headcase.org.uk/>) is doing just that and raising thousands of pounds to fund research at Portsmouth University.

With a number of other MP's and the Speaker I did my bit earlier this week – hence the photograph!



### **Pasty Tax?**

In the Budget the Government announced we would be ending a loop hole in the current rules that allows big supermarkets and chains like Greggs to sell hot take away food free of VAT whilst small chip shops and take aways have to pay VAT on the same type of food. So you pay VAT on a Pukka pie if you have the good fortune to visit Meadow Lane but not on a Greggs sausage roll (which are very good).

I don't have a problem with the same rule for all shops, supermarkets and take aways.

### **Kimberley School prize trip to Parliament**

It was a real treat to meet the team from Kimberley School who were honourable runners up in a schools question and answer competition organised by the BBC and Parliament. I was a guest panellist when Kimberley and other schools came to Westminster yesterday as part of their prize. The team were an real credit to their families and school and I am very proud to be their MP.

### **Assisted Suicide**

I took part in what many say has been the best debate in Parliament for a very long time, on the guidelines covering when someone should or should not be charged with assisting another to commit suicide. It was a highly informed and at times very moving debate which I would urge you to read in [Hansard](#). My grateful thanks for everyones emails on the subject and in particular the forthright views of Guido Papp from Attenborough. He got an anonymous but hopefully honourable mention; Guido and others have convinced me we need to change the law to allow people to die with dignity.

### **Tiffin Cup**

I have nominated Haveli in Chilwell for Parliament's annual Tiffin Cup on the basis their food has already won awards and they haven't even been open six months. I am no expert but I have eaten there a couple of times and reckon they stand a good chance in the competition for the best South Asian Restaurant. I promise similar restaurants in the constituency will get their chance at the cup in the next few years!

### **Last minute Polish guests in Parliament**

I got a last minute call from the Borough Council to take a delegation from Myskow in Poland around Parliament on Monday. I gave them a tour and secured a dozen tickets in the Public Gallery for the statement on "cash for access" - goodness knows what they thought but Labour Councillor Milan Radulovic enjoyed every moment!

Please contact me on [anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk) if you would like a tour of the Houses of Parliament and tickets for the Public Gallery. I really enjoy showing constituents around Westminster so please drop me an email and "come on down"!

### **and finally...**

Congratulations to new Councillors Halimah Khaled who will represent Toton and Chilwell Meadows on Broxtowe Borough Council and to Dr. John Doddy who will represent Chilwell, Toton and Chilwell Meadows on the County Council. In John's election the Conservative share of the vote went up from 43% to 49% which was a remarkable achievement. Well done to them both and thank you for everyone who voted.

### **Contact Anna Soubry MP**

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