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Hello again,

Just a few matters - there's some potentially very good news for all small businesses in Beeston struggling with the tram works, but we now need Notts County Council to give their support.

My thanks to everyone who came to last week's "drop in" surgery in the Rylands. I will be holding more across the constituency - next week the team and I will be outside Sainsbury's in Kimberley.

Finally, if you saw Question Time on Thursday you will know I am a lot better! Thank you for all the get well messages. Being 'laid up' means I have quite a back log of emails and constituents to see so please bear with me.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend,

As ever,

Anna

City council agrees to extend compensation package for businesses throughout Beeston - now it's up to Notts County Council.

Last week's meeting with Nottingham City Council and others produced a mix of good, encouraging and bad news.

On the positive side the City Council agrees that the current compensation scheme should be extended to include all small businesses in Beeston and other areas affected by the tram works.

If Notts County Council also agree then this is very good news for businesses and traders who are struggling to survive the tram works.

The City has also agreed to put more money into the £50,000 exceptional hardship scheme I secured for businesses on High and Chilwell Road. Again we need to get the full agreement of the County Council.

I don't hesitate to give credit where it is due and City Council leader Jon Collins has clearly recognised the seriousness of the problem and wants to help. I look forward to a similar attitude from the leadership of Notts County Council.

I will do a more detailed tram works email later this week but in short the other important matters we discussed were as follows.



Traffic

The honest truth is this; it's going to be, at best, bad for at least the next 4-5 months. I was given various assurances that important junctions and lights are properly monitored and problems dealt with as quickly as possible. Please don't shoot the messenger! What we can all do is keep NET informed of any problems especially if you do Twitter use the has tags @NETPhaseTwo and @MyNottingham.

Fencing

This is the stuff of madness! Many residents who have lost chunks of their garden to the tram along with their privacy and security want 3 metre high fencing. Jon Collins doesn't have a problem with it but our very own Broxtowe Borough Council leader, Milan Radulovic does. He is adamant residents can only have 2.4 metres with a trellis on top. I have asked Milan to come and visit residents and see the problem for himself. I am hoping Milan, who is essentially a good man, will take up this offer and then agree to these perfectly reasonable requests.

High and Chilwell Roads

I was assured the road will be open for business in July. Jon Collins has agreed to visit traders along with colleagues from the County Council.

Lower and Fletcher Roads

Poor lighting and workers taking residents car parking spaces were just some of the problems almost fixed within hours of my raising them at the meeting

Trent Vale Sports Ground future dominates Rylands "drop in"

Thank you to everyone who attended last Saturday's "drop in" surgery in Beeston Rylands.

The overwhelming majority of people came to discuss plans for up to 250 new homes in the area with 28 more on the Trent Vale Sports Ground. There wasn't any objection in principle to the main site of housing but there was concern about how the existing roads would cope with the extra traffic. However, there was considerable opposition to plans for a two storey Sports and Social Club on the Trent Vale Sports Ground.

I very much support improving sport facilities for the use of everyone in the Rylands. However, I am far from convinced that the former Plessey Social Club (which is a great place) should be moved down to that part of the Rylands.

At this stage it is important residents are properly consulted with. I have met the developers who struck me as reasonable people and my letter to them will reflect the variety of views I have received in the last week or so. My thanks to everyone who has contacted me so far.

Please click [here](#) to see the consultation with links to the plans.

Did I read that correctly?

If you support and follow my campaign to protect our Green Belt from housing development you may well have just asked that question. The answer is yes - over 270 houses in the pipeline on brown field land and no mention in Broxtowe's controversial plans to allow thousands of houses on our Green Belt. As you might imagine I will be asking whether the plans in the Rylands (which I am told could see building start later this year) will mean a reduction in the houses Broxtowe's wants to allow on Green Belt land at Stapleford and Toton

Smoking in cars with children

Unfortunately, my recent illness prevented me from voting in favour of banning smoking in cars where children are passengers; I was very pleased the vote was won. During my time as Public Health Minister I spoke in favour of new laws to standardise cigarette packaging and ban smoking in cars with children present. I am very pleased to see these important measures gaining support.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Saturday 1 March

Boogie Night at Rumbletums

7.15pm - 9.30pm

Rumbletums, 2 Victoria Street, Kimberley

Disco for young people with learning disabilities, their family and friends.

Cost: £3 including snacks.

Monday 3 March

Bramcote CAT Meeting

7pm - 8.30pm

Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote

Tuesday 4 March

Chilwell East CAT Meeting

7pm - 8.30pm

College House Junior School

Wednesday 5 March

Charity Tea Dance In Beeston

1.30pm - 4.30pm

Beeston Youth and Community Centre, NG9 1GL

Please click [here](#) for more details.

Saturday 8 March

Drop-In Surgery – Kimberley

10am til 12pm

Sainsbury's Supermarket, Main Street, Kimberley, NG16 2LY

Your opportunity to meet with me to discuss any issues you may have. I will be situated in the foyer.

WOW Ball – Charity Event

7pm til late!

The Village Hotel, Chilwell

please click [here](#) for more details.

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