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Hello again,

The murder last night of the charity worker Alan Henning has sickened, outraged and saddened us all. Just over a week ago I voted for air strikes against ISIL, precisely because I believe we must do all we can to stop their terror and barbarity. But my thoughts today are with everyone who knew, loved and admired Alan Henning.

There are some very troubling rumours about the future of HS2 at Toton but some good news stories as well and, if you are so inclined, an invitation to join Boris Johnson and I for dinner.

As you know I have been unwell, pretty much since February with two bouts of pneumonia. I am very grateful to our wonderful NHS doctors and nurses who have got me on the mend, but I am under strict orders to have a holiday and rest (something I didn't do this summer). So I am off for a week, I will leave you in the capable hands of Emma and the team.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend,
As ever,
Anna

Fears that Toton will lose HS2 Hub



There are rumours that the East Midlands HS2 Hub may not be sited at Toton. If this is the case, then this is bad news for Broxtowe. If the route of the line is accordingly changed so it avoids parts of Trowell, Nuthall and in particular Strelley Village, that will be welcomed, but, losing the East Midlands Hub would be a real blow. All three political parties on the Borough, City and County Councils have quite rightly backed the original plans to site the Hub at Toton Sidings; it promises huge economic, as well as transport benefits, to Broxtowe and indeed Greater Nottingham.

As you know I have campaigned with groups like SB2020 to make sure Broxtowe Borough Council did all it could to promote Toton as the site for the Hub. We have therefore campaigned against the

Borough's plans to allow a minimum of 500 houses to be built on the Green Belt land next to the Sidings and rejected their plans for second rate economic development at the site as it lacks vision and world class quality.

Both Richard Jackson, the leader of the Conservatives on the Borough Council, and I have said that it has never been certain that the Hub would be sited at Toton and have warned that Broxtowe's plans could scupper the Hub coming to Broxtowe. Our views have been dismissed and derided.

I am told that a report will be published in the next few weeks. I very much hope we have not lost the East Midlands Hub at Toton but if we have, I hope it is not as a result of the Borough Council's plans.

I will of course keep you updated.

Trowell Opencast - Highways meeting

Notts County Council have still to finalise legal agreements with UK Coal after agreeing to allow open cast coal mining between Trowell and Cossall at Shortwood Farm.

This week, the County Council arranged a meeting between myself, County Councillors Ken Rigby and Philip Owen, officers from the County, UK Coal and the Highways Authority (HA). If opencast mining must go ahead, we all want the HA to allow the HGV lorries carting the coal off the site, access to and from the M1 through the Trowell motorway services area. My thanks to Cllr John Wilkinson for arranging the meeting - he has been very helpful.



Unfortunately, the County Council approved the plans which included a route all the way up to Nuthall roundabout on to the M1 and then back down to Radcliffe Power Station. It is a great shame the alternative direct access to the M1 was not fully explored before permission was granted by the County.

UK Coal and Notts will do some work to advance the idea but the HA made it clear they are highly unlikely to change their minds. Meanwhile, I will raise this directly with the Secretary of State for Transport.

Our hospitals - getting better and better



The QMC and City have published some encouraging news about improvements in both hospitals.

£3.7 million has been invested at the QMC on 69 extra beds to cope with the increase demand on emergency services. There will be 12 more cubicles in the Emergency Department and I am assured there is much better working with social care so patients are ready to leave hospital and return home with good support.

The 2014 National Cancer Patient Survey shows patients are feeling they get better care now at the QMC and City, with the Hospital Trust in the top 10 most improved trusts in the country for these patient satisfaction results.

And they are reducing car parking charges!

Finally seven excellent doctors, nurses and other workers from the City and QMC are in the finals of the NHS Recognition Awards.

Our hospitals are able to improve because we have not just protected NHS spending, but we have

increased it year on year. I am very pleased the Prime Minister made it clear that a future Conservative Government will not cut NHS spending. This is in sharp contrast to Labour's plans which would have seen a cut in NHS spending in the last four years; Ed Milliband's pledge to increase spending by £2.5 billion a year should he become PM, is actually less than the extra money put into the NHS by the current Government, last year. Even the Guardian, not exactly known as a Conservative newspaper, recognises the real increases the Government has made in NHS spending and that our plans, if elected next May, would mean more money for the NHS than Labour has promised.

[Click here to read the Guardian's article that Labour will cut NHS spending](#)

[Click here to read more about how the QMC and City are improving patient care and services](#)

Typhoon swoops over Broxtowe

It rattled the windows of my constituency office, put Cllr. Steve Carr off his curry in Chilwell's Havelli, made Emma's dog bark in Beeston and brought lots of you into your gardens for a look in Toton and Attenborough. The roar of a low flying fighter jet on Tuesday evening even promoted a story in the Evening Post. So, as a Defence Minister apparently well placed to find out more, I made enquiries of my team in the MOD who contacted the RAF; they reported as follows

"The aircraft concerned was a Typhoon from RAF Coningsby. XI Sqn aircraft were conducting a practice diversion to East Midlands Airport as part of a Quick Reaction Alert (QRA) training sortie. The pilot made an approach, under radar control, to the airport and followed East Midlands' Air Traffic Control instructions (speed, bearing and altitude) to fly a departure to de-conflict with other traffic as he is mandated to do in controlled airspace. The pilot noted his departure clearance from Air Traffic Control levelled him at c. 2000 feet and, cognisant of the built up area around the airport, requested a further climb for noise abatement reasons which allowed him to climb to c. 8000 feet. The pilot kept his speed low at the required levels for the class of airspace he was in." That's cleared that up then.....

Cadland Refurb Opening and Forever Stars Ball success

Two great events on Friday which I enjoyed. Congratulations to Andy and his team at the Cadland Pub in Chilwell who celebrated their refurb with an all day opening party! Broxtowe has some brilliant pubs in fact I don't think there is a bad one.



Last night I took a table at the Forever Stars Ball; I reckon over £10,000 was raised for this wonderful Beeston based charity which aims to build a special facility at the QMC for parents who have suffered a still birth. Love and congratulations to Richard and Michelle Daniels who organised the event, compere Mark Dennison from BBC Radio Nottingham, auctioneer Sam Pinkham from Gem 106, and my old pal Anne Davies from BBC East Midlands Today who is Patron of Forever Stars.



[Find out how you can support Forever Stars here](#)



View from my office yesterday afternoon.

Tram works update - the end is nigh!

The roads through Beeston will be open early November. Certainly Chilwell/High Road is well on its way to being opened in the next few weeks.

I had a good meeting with TWA earlier in the week.

Landscaping works, garden reinstatements and installation of the last overhead line poles should be well underway in the next few weeks. I know there are problems so please contact me.

I specifically asked TWA to make sure all roads are properly lit following many complaints not least from my constituency staff working late!

TWA assure me they will make sure everyone on the Chilwell part of the route will get the fence they want and will press the Tram Operators to meet residents as a matter of urgency to sort out ownership and maintenance issues.

I understand some 52 businesses in Beeston/Chilwell/Toton and Clifton are claiming financial assistance and I am very pleased to have persuaded the County and City Councils to include all businesses affected by the tram works. Anyone seeking compensation should email net.enquiries@nottsc.gov.uk. and/or contact me as I have had helped a number of businesses.

Finally, the tram tracks have proved very dangerous for some cyclists who have suffered serious injuries. To their credit TWA fought off opposition from the County Council and have put up warning signs. Meanwhile I am grateful to constituents who have urged me to ask NET to install rubber inserts into tracks where there are no cycle lanes. It is somewhat ironic if not pretty shocking, that in Beeston some of the route is too narrow for cyclists to travel safely, so a new piece of public transport runs the risk of reducing pedal power!

There really is no debate - we simply cannot allow other communities to suffer as people have done in Broxtowe, from this type of badly planned and managed infrastructure project. But what do you think? As well as letting me know your views, you can have your say on the following Facebook pages. Please be warned - a minority of contributors use very strong language and some of the comments are far too personal, but the overwhelming majority of subscribers are good people who have had a thoroughly bad time for almost two years. The clue is in the name

[Click here to join the Tram Ranting Room on Facebook...](#)

[Click here to join the NET Phase 2 Discussion Group on Facebook](#)

You are invited to join Boris for dinner!

I am very pleased that Boris Johnson has accepted my invitation to be a guest speaker at a special Christmas Dinner on Thursday December 11.

This is a fund raising event for my re-election campaign and my colleague and friend, Mark Spencer, MP for Sherwood. Please let me know if you would like to come along and I will send you more details.



Vote for Voluntary Action Broxtowe!



VAB has asked me to ask you to support them in a competition run by Lloyds Bank, which could win them a Community Fund award of £3,000. I have happily voted for them and if you are minded to do the same, then please click [here](#).

Get help with your fuel bill

My thanks to Stapleford Community Group for their advice to anyone needing help with their fuel bill this winter. Please click [here](#) for more details on their great web site.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Sunday 5 October

Kimberley and District Striders 10K Goose Fair Gallop

10am

Where: Race starts at Kimberley leisure Centre.

What's on: The event involves a 10 Kilometre run along roads, bridle ways and path ways. For full details please click [here](#).

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Wednesday 8 October

Dig In - Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany Allotments site, Pasture Road, Stapleford NG9 8HZ.

What's on: Dig In is Stapleford's community allotment, where people from different ages and backgrounds come together to share skills, knowledge and experience of food growing.

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Nuthall and Kimberley Memory Group

10:15 till 12 noon

Where: Rumbletums Café, Kimberley.

What's on: Self-help group meeting to offer support to dementia sufferers and their carers.

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Blue Plaque Unveiling - Beeston Station

11:30am

Where: The Victoria on Dovecote Lane, under the awning.

What's on: Please click [here](#) for more details.

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Friday 10 October

World Sight Day - Notts - Derby Hemlockstone Lions Club

10am till 4pm

Where: Stapleford Care Centre, Church Street.

What's on: Celebrating Lions Sight Awareness Week, in trying to prevent sight loss and helping those people with sight loss and impaired vision. They are hoping to attract companies, charities and people involved with sight problems along to the event as well as the general public.

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Saturday 11 October

Autumn Fair - Attenborough and Chilwell Women's Club

10am till 12 noon

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: Autumn Fair where proceeds go to local charities, there will be stalls, refreshments, raffle, tombola and much more.

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Classical Oxjam

7pm

Where: Beeston Parish Church.

What's on:

A varied evening of Classical music. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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Monday 13 October

"Alfie The Great" - Charity night

6pm till 11pm

Where: Cinnamon Restaurant, 124 Derby Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Alfie is a young boy who was recently diagnosed with leukaemia. Please click [here](#) for the full details. of this event.

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Saturday 18 October

Appointment only advice surgery - Stapleford

10am till 12noon

Please call the Constituency Office for an appointment.

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Friends of Bramcote Old Church Tower - Quiz Night

7:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall.

What's on: Quiz Night and supper. Please click [here](#) for full details.

Oxjam Beeston Takeover

The music festival is in its fourth year. All profits to Oxfam and full details on their web site. Please click [here](#)

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Monday 20 October

Beeston Wildlife Group meeting - Golden Eagle Futures

7:30pm till 9:30pm

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

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