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Hello again,

I have had a number of meetings today about the future of our Green Belt. It is clear from the recent election results that Broxtowe Borough Council's Conservative Councillors and I have a strong mandate to defend our Green Belt from development.

I am concerned to hear from some Councillors, that officers at Broxtowe Borough Council have taken the view that the matter is over and are advising democratically elected Councillors that they must accept the decisions of the previous Labour/Lib Dem coalition.

On the other hand I am told it is open to our Councillors to amend the "Core Strategy" (the local plan) to protect our Green Belt. The matter needs resolving and so I have written to the new Secretary of State for Local Government, Greg Clark for guidance. I will be meeting with the new Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council, Richard Jackson and the Chief Executive in the next few weeks and will be urging them, as you might imagine, to take a robust and courageous stand. I can assure you I will!

Tomorrow is the Hemlock Happening and I hope you will come along (details in the diary).
Have a great weekend.

As ever,
Anna

Open cast access road

I have met the new Transport Minister Andrew Jones to discuss the access to the planned opencast mine at Shortwood. With the support of local Councillors I believe there should be a direct access road from the site on to the M1 via the Trowell Services.

Unfortunately, Notts County Council gave planning permission for the opencast without securing this alternative route. Instead, up to 8 HGV journeys per hour will go all the way across Trowell Moor up to Nuthall roundabout and on to the M1. The destination is Radcliffe on Soar power station, with the lorries returning to the Shortwood site using the reverse route.



Tram update

I am very concerned that businesses adversely affected by the tram works are not receiving the compensation they are due. Shops and traders on pedestrianised parts of Beeston are being told they are not eligible for the scheme despite assurances to the contrary. I am also reliably informed that the formula to calculate how much compensation a trader or business is owed is wrong in many cases. These are serious matters and I am seeking a meeting with the City Council as a matter of urgency. I will keep you updated.

Fencing fiasco continues!

Despite TWA's assurances at the end of last year that residents' fencing would be put up as soon as possible, there are still large areas of the Chilwell route without any fencing. This matter should have been sorted a long time ago and residents are rightly frustrated that trams are now being tested feet away from their back gardens without any privacy or protection from noise.

I've contacted NET asking them to sort this problem once and for all.

Oxylane farewell at last

I understand that Oxylane/Decathlon have decided to abandon their attempts to build a sports retail and leisure complex off the A610 on Green Belt land. The application was highly controversial and opposed by many Kimberley residents, Nuthall Parish Council, local Conservatives and myself.



George Spencer Academy - "outstanding" verdict

Congratulations to George Spencer Academy for their "outstanding" Ofsted result. George Spencer has an excellent track record and this assessment is a great testament to the continued hard work and dedication of Susan Jowett (Executive Principal), Fraser Mitchell (Principal) and their team. And of course, all of the pupils at George Spencer.

Park improvements in Attenborough and Watnall

Broxtowe Borough Council have joined forces with communities charity WREN to fund £98,000 worth of improvements to local parks in Attenborough and Watnall. Works at Long Lane Recreation Ground, Attenborough and Watnall Green will include new, modern play equipment for children and new wildlife features. This much-needed improvement is excellent news for these two parts of the Borough and follows on from extensive consultation with local residents last year.

Peatfield Road campaign

I was disappointed to receive a response to my letter from Notts. County Council stating that they are not currently considering a one way system for Peatfield Road. They do not believe that the current situation warrants one, based on injury accident statistics. I had however, pointed out that the new layout is far more dangerous than the old layout, which is where the statistics were gathered from. They regrettably feel that one way systems can generate other dangers, and that there are significant

costs involved in processing the necessary legal orders.

Residents will, however, be pleased that their local Borough councillors, Richard MacRae and John Longdon, are working with local County councillors, Stan Heptinstall and Jacky Williams, to produce a petition. I fully support this and would urge residents to sign it.

Bramcote roundabout - what a waste of your money!

I have written (again) to Highways England about the state of Bramcote Island. A poor job means they are having to spend yet more of your money on trying to sort out the mess. Earlier this week brambles and other weeds were cut back; they are already spurting back into growth. A reasonably able gardener would have done a better job in the first place.



Awsworth postbox request

My thanks to Awsworth Parish Councillor, John Mortimer, for contacting me about the lack of a post box in Awsworth. I have raised John's concerns with Royal Mail's Executive Team and explained that residents would greatly appreciate an easily accessible post box. I have been assured that this will be considered urgently.

Small business challenge



It's a real pleasure to be the Minister for Small Business Industry and Enterprise. I am particularly keen to concentrate on the small business part of the portfolio especially as we have so many excellent small businesses in Broxtowe! Reducing regulations and cutting red tape is a priority so I am asking all local businesses to send me their ideas and "wish lists" before I go national in the next few months.

What's on in Broxtowe

Saturday 6 June

Freedom Parade - Eastwood

10:30am

Where: Eastwood Town Centre.

What's on: Special parade to honour serving soldiers and veterans of 70 Infrastructure Support, Engineer Group. There will be around 150 soldiers from the group which are based at Chetwynd Barracks.

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Hemlock Happening

1pm till 10:30pm

Where: Bramcote Hills Park, Bramcote, NG9 8JL.

What's on: Free fun packed day of family entertainment, activities, music, dance, sports, fireworks and much more. Further details [here](#).

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Beeston Cabaret Club Gig

8pm till 11:30 (doors open at 6:30pm)

Where: Royal British Legion, Beeston.

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Tuesday 9 June

Open evening, treasure hunt and BBQ

6pm

Where: Attenborough Village Hall.

What's on: 2nd Attenborough Scout Group are holding an open evening as well as a BBQ and treasure hunt.

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Wednesday 10 June

Wednesday mornings with Dig In, Stapleford

10am till 12 noon

Where: Albany allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford, NG9 8HZ

What's on: Come and help your local community allotment and learn new skills. Please click [here](#) to learn more about Dig In.

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Thursday 11 June

Autumn Years Activity Club

9am till 4:30pm

Where: St Helen's Church Hall, Frederick Road, Stapleford.

What's on: Resource Centre for the over 60's, full details for this weekly event [here](#).

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Stapleford Community Surgery

10am till 11am

Where: Washington Drive Community Centre, Stapleford, NG9 8PY.

What's on: This month's community surgery will see the amazing Combat Bullying join them to talk about bullying.

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Friday 12th June

Attenborough Cricket Club race night

8pm (the first race)

Where: The Strand, Attenborough.

What's on: Please come down and support the club's first fundraiser of the summer. The bar and hot food will be on offer beforehand. Full details [here](#).

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Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June

Beeston food and drink festival

10am till 4pm

Where: 30 stalls running from the Square to Broadgate Park. Including cooking demonstrations at Wollaton Road Allotments.

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Saturday 13 June

Cantata summer concert

7:30pm

Where: Catholic Church of the Assumption, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

What's on: Come and enjoy music and songs from the west end shows and more with the popular Cantata Ensemble. Full details [here](#).

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Broxtowe Community Celebration

11am till 4pm

Where: Roundhill Primary School, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

What's on: This free event will feature music, and dance performances, group activities,

African drumming, dance workshops arts and crafts and much more.

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Chilwell Military Wives Choir in Concert

2:30pm

Where: Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell Road.

What's on: Chilwell Military Wives Choir and the Nottinghamshire Band of the Royal Engineers. Full details [here](#).

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Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 June Attenborough Scarecrow Festival

10am till 4pm

Where: Various locations around the village.

What's on: As well as the many scarecrows on display there will be stalls, cream teas, home-made cakes, a bric-a-brac stall at Attenborough Cricket Club, Clubhouse and much more.

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Beeston and Chilwell Garden Trail

1pm till 5pm both days

Where: Various locations.

What's on: There are 13 gardens open this year including 4 new ones, which will be supporting a range of local and national charities. Full details [here](#).

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Sunday 14 June

Cossall open gardens and Scarecrow competition

1pm till 5pm

Where: Various locations

What's on: Full details [here](#).

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Bramcote open gardens

1pm till 5pm

Where: Gardens 6 & 10 Moore Lane, Bramcote

What's on: Part of the National garden scheme, there will also be plants on sale. Admission is £4, children are free.

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