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NEWSLETTER



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Hello again,

The forecast is for the temperature to move upwards by the weekend and hopefully our roads and pavements will, at last, thaw out. The temperature is so low that grit and salt has limited use but it is imperative that our local authorities, Broxtowe Borough and Notts County Councils, do all they can to clear side roads and pavements as quickly as possible. I have received a number of emails and enquiries which I have forwarded on to the relevant Councillors and usually with a positive result.

Like many people I am concerned that the elderly and frail will not be able to get out of their homes to shop and may also be suffering given the extreme cold. I would urge you to “keep an eye” on vulnerable neighbours and help them in any way you can.

Kimberley Brewery Site

Contracts were exchanged yesterday afternoon, for the sale of the Kimberley Brewery Site to a small family business based in Leicester and the deal will be completed in the New Year. The sale pre-empted today's planned auction of the works site and two residential properties and does not affect next week's sale of the remaining 14 homes.

I have spoken to the head of the family, Mohamed Vindhani about their plans to develop the site which are still in their infancy. This is an investment and they hope to secure a good return for their shareholders. Current thoughts are to regenerate the site perhaps as a business park, but they are open to ideas and keen to work with local representatives.

I have suggested that Kimberley needs jobs as well as houses and have asked Mr. Vindhani to work with the Town Council as well as the planners at Broxtowe Borough Council. I have explained that the Town Council is looking for community and leisure facilities at the site and have highlighted the fact that the people of Kimberley value the history of the site, as demonstrated by the hard work of SOBS to secure listing of some of the most iconic buildings.

On the basis that the deal is financially sound and Mr Vindhani is as good to do business with as he is pleasant to talk to, then this is very good news for Kimberley.

There has been considerable concern about the Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council and two other Lib Dems Borough Councillors being involved in secret negotiations with another potential developer. I am pleased that Broxtowe Borough Council has been active in trying to secure the future of the site, something some people think should have happened years ago, but it is imperative that there is transparency and trust. I think it is most regrettable

that perfectly competent and trustworthy people, especially elected representatives of the people of Kimberley, were kept in the dark.

Bring Antony Home Fund

There has been considerable media coverage of the sad plight of Stapleford man Antony Giles who is seriously ill in hospital in Thailand. Antony was involved in a crash which caused him various injuries, placing him on a ventilator and heavily sedated in intensive care. Antony is making a very slow recovery, but his family faces mounting hospital bills.

Antony's immediate family is with him in Bangkok; back home friends and family are organising a series of events to raise money to pay his bills and ensure he returns home as soon as he can.

For more information please visit www.bringantonyhome.co.uk

Tuition Fees Vote on Thursday

I would like to thank everyone who has contacted me about the forthcoming vote on the Coalitions plans for the funding of Higher Education. It is with a heavy heart that I shall be supporting the plans given that no-one welcomes graduates being saddled with yet more debt. Please email if you would like to know why I have come to the conclusion there is no credible alternative, especially given that 45% of school leavers enter higher education.

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