



Anna Soubry MP
Working hard for Broxtowe

November 7 2015

Hello again,

I very much hope you will join in tomorrow's acts of Remembrance at war memorials throughout Broxtowe - there is a list in the diary section. My thanks to everyone who will be laying wreaths on my behalf whilst I attend the main civic event in Beeston. Last night I was honoured to propose the toast to our Armed Forces at the Armistice Dinner of the Notts United Services Club in Nottingham.

If you are yet to celebrate Bonfire Night then there are lots of opportunities this evening. Whatever you are doing I hope you enjoy the rest of the weekend.

As ever,
Anna

Is it a lack of finance that's stopping hundreds of new homes from being built? it's certainly not a lack of planning permission!



Broxtowe Borough Council claim they have given planning permission for hundreds of new homes but hardly any are being built.

In Beeston plans for over 800 homes on the Boots site and in the Rylands have come to a halt. In Kimberley the Brewery site remains in a dilapidated state despite plans for a hundred or more homes. The problem appears to be a lack of financial backing. There are claims large developers are holding back, waiting for house prices to rise and smaller developers just can't raise the cash.

I have asked to meet the new owners of the Beeston Business Park, Bridge Venture who have recently bought the site with planning permission for 220 homes and as far as I can see, no good reason not to get on with the scheme. I am waiting for them to agree a date!

I have also asked to meet the owners of the Kimberley Brewery site. I am also seeking updates from Boots on the progress of their successful application which is now almost a year old.

You can be assured I will do everything to advance these schemes - not just because they will provide much needed homes but also because these are brown field sites which should be developed rather than building housing on our Green Belt.



Tram expansion doubts

The leader of Nottingham City Council, Jon Collins appears to have poured cold water on any plans to take the tram to Kimberley.

In a letter to me, Jon says he is "keen to take stock of what we have achieved so far and consider on a conurbation wide basis what

benefits further tram extensions may bring. This includes giving full consideration to the potential implications of an HS2 stop at Toton."

Councillor Collins identifies the shortcomings of a report into a Kimberley tram extension commissioned by the previous administration at Broxtowe Borough Council to the tune of £20,000. I greatly fear the report was a waste of tax payers money.

[Read Cllr. Collins letter here >>](#)

In his letter Jon also says there will be a 'lessons learnt exercise' into the tram extension through Beeston and Chilwell. I will ask for more details and request that the views of residents and traders are fully represented.

I have also spoken to the Chair of the Transport Select Committee who assures me her committee will hold an enquiry of some description in the new year. This is not what was promised and I will not let the matter drop!



*Richard Harrington,
Minister for Syrian
Refugees with Syrian
refugees in Bradford*

Syrian refugees - Broxtowe must play its part

I have urged Broxtowe Borough Council to play its part in helping settle Syrian refugees in the next few months. I had a very positive meeting with the leader, Richard Jackson who is also a County Councillor. Notts County Council has been approached by the Home Office to take a number of families.

I have written to the Leader of the County Council urging him to start work on finding homes and offering my full support if there are any problems. I have already spoken with the new Minister for Syrian refugees, Richard Harrington; I believe there is a real desire locally to accommodate Syrian refugees and am confident that Notts County and Broxtowe Borough will now put warm words into action before Christmas.

[How the Government is supporting Syria's refugees >>](#)



HS2 - fairness for home owners and Toton update

I met officials from HS2 yesterday to discuss the concerns of a number of residents whose homes are on the proposed route. HS2 assure me they are keen to be fair and prevent blight. I will write to everyone who has contacted me so far and to all those who may be affected should HS2 go ahead with the proposed route.

I took the opportunity to express my opposition to plans for hundreds of houses by Toton Sidings and the woefully inadequate plans for economic development on the site next to the proposed HS2 East Midlands Hub. I have asked HS2 (again) to intervene to stop the plans which will not only destroy Green Belt land but also hamper the economic prosperity HS2 will deliver for us all.

Central College visit

It was a real pleasure to pop over the road and meet students and staff at Central College in Beeston yesterday afternoon. I was particularly impressed with the Horizons team and their students. Horizon students face many challenges and it was good to see how Central gives them the skills, support and opportunities they need.



Cash office closures

Broxtowe Borough Council has decided to close its 'cash offices' saving council tax payers £130,000. The offices in Beeston, Stapleford and Eastwood enabled rate and rent payers to take, in person cash or cheques to settle their bills. It is a very long time since utility companies stopped similar schemes encouraging customers to pay by direct debit, at the Post Office or post in a cheque. I am very surprised it's taken so long for the system in Broxtowe to change!

Have Your Say On Broxtowe's Future

Broxtowe Borough Council's new administration is developing its budget for 2016-2020 and asking residents to contribute. Have your say by clicking the link below.

[View details >>](#)

Bennerley benefits

Congratulations to the Bennerley Viaduct Project on an award of £40,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This grant will help the project 'interpret and manage the heritage of the Bennerley Viaduct and raise awareness of its importance and ensure its survival into the future'.

The disused railway viaduct from Erewash Valley through to Awsworth will be restored and incorporated into a newly formed cycle-path.



Christmas comes early to St Michael's

It was a great treat to open this morning's Christmas bazaar at St Michael's, Bramcote. It is the first of many similar events around Broxtowe and if you would like to advertise yours in the What's On section below please let me know.



What's On in Broxtowe

Saturday 7 November

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Bonfire Night - Beeston Marina

6:30pm

Where: Beeston Marina, Riverside Road, Beeston, NG9 1NA.

What's on: Bonfire night with fireworks display, BBQ, hot and cold food, licensed bar and much more.

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Fireworks Extravaganza!

6pm till 10pm

Where: George Spence Academy, NG9 7EW.

What's on: Licensed bar, hot food, fairground rides, tombola and raffle. Further details [here](#).

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Bonfire and Fireworks Display - Kimberley

7pm till 9pm

Where: Kettlebrook Lodge, Eastwood Road, Kimberley, NG16 2HX.

What's on: 2nd Kimberley Scouts annual bonfire night and fireworks display.

Sunday 8 November

Remembrance Sunday

What's on: There will be services taking place all over the constituency; Awsworth, Beeston, Cossall, Greasley, Kimberley, Nuthall, Stapleford and Trowell. The Civic commemoration is in Beeston with a parade starting from the RBL to the War Memorial.

Monday 9 November

Public Consultation for Stapleford/ Toton HS2 proposals

2pm till 8pm

Where: Coronation Hall, Portland Road, Toton.

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

Wednesday 11 November

Remembrance Day

10:45am

Service in Beeston Square.

Thursday 12 November

Broxtowe EnergyFest

1:30pm till 4pm

Where: Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston.

What's on: Broxtowe Citizens Advice is holding a series of events around the Borough, full details [here](#).

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Autumn Years Friendship Group

10am till 2pm

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

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

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Give Blood event - Stapleford

1:15pm till 3:15pm then 4:45pm till 7:35pm

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

Friday 13 November

Beeston and District Civic Society - AGM

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

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2pm till 8pm

Where: Greenwood Community Centre, Toton.

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

Saturday 14 November

Christmas Craft Fair

11am till 3pm

Where: Stapleford Methodist Church, Easton road, NG9 7EA.

What's on: Organised by the Helpful Bureau, please click [here](#) for all the details.

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Christmas Fayre - Chilwell

12 noon

Where: Southfields Court, Chilwell, NG9 4GA.

What's on: There will be assorted stalls.

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Dig In - Stapleford

12 noon till 2pm

Where: Community Allotments, Pasture Road, Stapleford.

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

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Classical Oxjam

7pm till 9:30pm

Where: Beeston Parish Church.

What's on: Evening of Classical Music with all proceeds going to Oxfam.

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Kimberley Unsung Heroes night

7pm till midnight

Where: Kettlebrook Lodge, Eastwood Road, Kimberley, NG16 2HX.

What's on: Kimberley Town Council is hosting an Unsung Heroes night if you would like to nominate someone who has worked for the community or given up their free please do so before the 31st October. £5 per ticket or £6 on the door, to book and or nominate someone please call 0115 9381733.

Sunday 15 November

Walled Garden Winter Market

10am till 4pm

Where: The Walled Garden, Beeston Fields Drive, Wollaton Road, NG9 3DA.

What's on: What's on: Winter market with food, wine, Christmas inspirations and much more.

Monday 16 November

Public Consultation for Stapleford/ Toton HS2 proposals

2pm till 8pm

Where: The Meeting Place, Stapleford, NG9 8AA.

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

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