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"If only all ministers answered questions like Anna Soubry does." *David Aaronovitch, The Times*

"she has a record of unusually free speech" *Simon Carr, The Independent*

"part of the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" *Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

Hello again,

Can I begin by thanking everyone of all political opinions and none for their support following last night's Question Time and my comments on Immigration. You can watch what I said by clicking [here](#).

I welcome a full and frank debate on Immigration and that includes recognising that the vast majority of people who come to our country not only come from outside the EU, but come to the UK to work. Like the vast majority of British citizens, these are good people who work hard and contribute to our economy.

Of course there is a need to make sure that we have a fair visa system and I have no time for illegal immigrants or people who come merely to take advantage of our public services (the Immigration Bill will go a long way to tackle these problems). It is also worth noting that net migration has fallen by a third since 2010.

I specifically referred to a UKIP leaflet distributed in Broxtowe which made wild and unpleasant claims about EU migrants from Romania and Bulgaria. As I say, I am all for a frank debate which means that we should not strike false fear, nor peddle prejudice and phoney figures.

In tough times it is all too easy to blame the "outsider" and despite the threats from UKIP supporters to "kick me out" I will always stand up for what I believe to be right.

It's been a busy week so please read on!

As ever,
Anna.

Green Belt campaign

I spent most of yesterday at the Public Inquiry in to Broxtowe Borough Council's plans for future development in the constituency. I gave evidence in support of our Green Belt and against development notably on Field Farm. I asked that brown field sites should be brought forward first for development and criticised the lack of Town plans for Stapleford, Kimberley and Beeston.



The Inspector who chairs the Inquiry has already said she believes the overall housing target figures for Greater Nottingham are "sound" which is very concerning.

Congratulations to those Stapleford and Greasley residents who so ably spoke up for their communities.

[Click here to read more on my web site](#)



Mason and Mason success

Thank you to everyone who came to the "drop in" surgery in Mason and Mason last Saturday. It was great to see so many people and to hear a mix of problems, issues and concerns. The tea and cake was pretty good too!

My next "drop in" is on Saturday November 16 at The Village Hotel in Chilwell Meadows. I also continue to hold appointment only surgeries so please call the office on 0115 9436507.

Defence Discount Service

In the run up to Remembrance Sunday I was pleased to promote the Defence Discount Service and the Blue Light Card. Broxtowe Borough Council was one of the first local authorities to sign the Community Covenant and as a result, many local businesses offer discount to service personnel and their families.



[Click here to read how you can sign up to the Defence Discount Service or get a card...](#)



Sri Lankan protest over human rights

I received a petition from Stapleford resident John Manivannan and friends urging the Prime Minister to boycott the Heads of Commonwealth summit in Sri Lanka.

I have undertaken to write to the PM and send him their petition. This week David Cameron met human rights activists from Sri Lanka and has promised to raise their concerns at the summit directly with the Sri Lankan President.

[Click here to read more on the Prime Minister's undertaking ...](#)

Peatfield Court Update

On Monday night, Broxtowe Borough Council held a public meeting at Peatfield Court in Stapleford to discuss their plans to redevelop the site. You may remember that I met with residents in March and subsequently wrote to the Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council to share my concerns at the lack of proper consultation involved. I am pleased to see that the Council is now involving residents in the process.

It is important that this level of communication continues and that residents, who will undoubtedly be greatly affected by the proposals, are listened to. Therefore I shall be writing to the Borough Council to ensure that this happens and to get an update following the meeting.

Youth Mayor and Deputy Youth Mayor

Congratulations to Broxtowe's new Youth Mayor, Harroun Kinoucha and his deputy Jade Cox.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Sunday 10 November

Remembrance Sunday

From 10.30 throughout Broxtowe

Thursday 14 November

Free Dog Micro-chipping event in Beeston

10:30 – 13:30

Beeston Fields Park, Central Avenue, Beeston
Broxtowe Borough Council are hosting this free event

Friday 15 November

HS2 Information Event - Long Eaton

12:00 - 20:00

West Park Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton, NG10 4AA
Information event on HS2, organised by HS2 Ltd as part of the ongoing consultation route.

Village Ventures Presents - The Tell Tale Heart

19:30 start

Chilwell Arts Theatre, Chilwell School NG9 5AL
Tickets from the School £8 (£6 Con) please call 0115 925 2698 or 0777 205 3412

Saturday 16 November

Drop-in surgery - Village Hotel, Chilwell Retail Park

10:00 – 12:00

The Village Hotel, Chilwell Meadows
Your opportunity to meet with me to discuss any problems, any issues and any concerns

HS2 Information Event - Long Eaton

10:00 – 17:00

Westpark Leisure Centre, Wilsthorpe Road, Long Eaton NG10 4AA
Information event on HS2, organised by HS2 Ltd as part of the ongoing consultation route.

Monday 18 November

Beeston Wildlife Group - Talk about British Butterflies

19:30 - 21:30

Trent Vale Infants School, Trent Road, Beeston Rylands NG9 1LP
Dr Tim Melling will give an educational talk about Butterflies, their life style, their names and show you the 58 species that can be found in Britain. £2 on the door, includes light refreshments

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