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## NEWSLETTER



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*"she has a record of unusually free speech" Simon Carr, The Independent*  
*"the beating heart of the parliamentary Tory party" Quentin Letts, The Daily Mail*

Hello again and I hope you are enjoying the Easter break despite the cold!  
Please read on - there's a real mixed bag of news.  
As ever,  
Anna

### Minister to visit Toton Sidings

Simon Burns, the Transport Minister responsible for HS2, has agreed to visit Broxtowe in May following our recent meeting.

Simon will see for himself the potential impact the East Midlands Hub will have on Toton's Green Belt and the great opportunities it will bring to Broxtowe. I will also take him to Strelley Village and Nuthall.



### Route not determined

The route is far from settled and there will be full consultation including community forums, with final plans not being put together until 2017/2018.

However, preventing blight and compensation to people who may lose their home or part of their property is clearly important and I will write to everyone who has contacted me thus far with more details. But again it's important to remember the route may change after the consultation period.

### Just what is Broxtowe telling HS2 about housing plans at Toton?

Following the meeting I have made a Freedom of Information Act application to Broxtowe Borough Council. I want to know what representations they have made about housing on Toton's Green Belt. HS2 have undertaken to release information by April 23; I have not had a reply from Broxtowe.

### Defend Toton's Green belt from housing - have your say. Deadline Wednesday.

Broxtowe Borough Council is "consulting" on putting the site back into the Core Strategy on the basis it is suitable for economic and housing development. I have no doubt if Broxtowe gets its way - this would give the go ahead for housing development at Toton.

The consultation ends on Wednesday and I would urge everyone who wishes to defend Toton's Green Belt from development to have their say. Please click [here](#) to have your say.

My submission, in short, is to support the East Midlands hub coming to Toton; any development should be to assist business and provide jobs and I remain opposed to any housing development.

Maximising the potential the hub will bring to our existing and future infrastructure, notably the Tram, should also form part of the plans for Toton Sidings. Any development should have a

minimal impact on the Green Belt, protect the SINC, and those areas most valued and used by residents.



### Tram work news

Shops and businesses on High Road and Chilwell Road in Beeston, remain open despite the works closing the road to traffic for a year. Today (Saturday) I was pleased to see a great turn out for the street party to celebrate (and use!) the first rate shops, cafe's, pubs, bars and other businesses.

Congratulations to everyone who helped organise the event, opened by the Mayor of Broxtowe, Margaret Handley. I should declare some knowledge of High Road given my constituency office is in Barton House and have a number of favourite haunts(hence the photo with Julie from Cameron House - apologies Margaret!).

The diversion route was badly signed and the "Open for Business" signs were behind, not in front of the "Road ahead Closed" notices! My thanks to NET and the constructors for sorting out the problem after I emailed them. We now need some rather more distinctive signs.

On Thursday I met with residents of **Lime Grove** who need advice and support from NET and the constructors and I am pleased to report that progress to that end is being made.

Meanwhile on **Lower and Fletcher Roads** Alison Dobbs reports;

"It's fairly chaotic on Lower Road this week with cars being blocked in by the railings; confused delivery drivers and pedestrians and most cyclists ignoring the signs but I guess we'll all get used to it. The workmen have cleaned up a lot of the areas and seem to be trying to work tidier and are cleaning/sweeping up more often. "

There's a **free shoplink bus service** serving Chilwell Road and High Road. The service operates every 30 minutes between 9am and 5pm from Beeston Bus Station to Holly Lane via Station Road, Queen's Road West, Meadow Lane and High Road.

I am acutely that some traders are concerned the compensation scheme does not reflect the closure of High Road and Chilwell Road so I am seeking a meeting with the relevant parties. I think it is fair to say that whatever the compensation businesses and shops need to keep on trading and be able to bounce back once the works are finished to take full opportunity of the tram.

It was great to bump in to Radio Nottingham's John Holmes who is a fan of independent shops and came especially (and anonymously!) to support today's event in Beeston/Chilwell. I gave him a bit of a tour and he ended up in Barton's garage. Now there's a treat!

### "Desert Rats" HQ at Chetwynd

I am very proud to be able to welcome the 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade or "Desert Rats", as they are more famously known, to Chetwynd Barracks as part of the Government's restructuring of the armed forces. The Brigade will continue to be based around the country, their headquarters will be based at the Barracks, and I am sure they will be a welcome addition to Chilwell's military heritage.



### No more Page 3

On Wednesday I met Bramcote resident Lisa Clarke who is at the forefront of a campaign to persuade The Sun newspaper to abandon their page 3 photographs of young women in their underpants.

Please check out the "No More Page 3" web site by clicking [here](#) and let me know whether you agree they have got the tone pretty much right and advance some very powerful arguments; if you are so minded please add your name to their petition.

### Dates for your diary and surgery details

#### Saturday 6th April:

**Save Field Farm** Campaign group STRAG are protesting to save Field Farm from development at the car park by King George's Park in Bramcote at 11am. Demonstrators are urged to wear something green or yellow.

#### Saturday 20th April:

**Surgery** Please call the office or send an email for an appointment.



### Knit and Natter in Stapleford!

Everyone is invited to a new "Knit and Natter" on Mondays at Montrose Court Community Centre (off Melbourne Road) in Stapleford. It sounds great fun and you can get more details from Richard MacRae on 07740344427 or by emailing

[staplefordcommunitygroup@gmail.com](mailto:staplefordcommunitygroup@gmail.com)

P.S The excellent Yarn shop remains open for business on Chilwell Road, Beeston despite the tram works!

### 105 extra places planned at Roundhill Primary, Beeston

Notts County Council have announced plans to expand Roundhill Primary School in Beeston by 105 places.

There is a meeting about the proposals at the school on April 23 at 5pm.

Leaflets explaining the plans and full opportunity for everyone to have their say by May 10.

Please let me know if you would like any more details.



### Out and About

#### Poles together

It was an honour to meet with representatives of Myshkow in Poland at a Broxtowe civic dinner on Tuesday evening; Broxtowe has been twinned with Myshkow for a number of years now.

I was keen to make the point in my short speech that Polish people have been settling in the UK for many decades and continue to contribute to our economy and enrich our culture.

I have met Polish Health Ministers on a number of occasions and we share many common problems, notably the abuse of alcohol. As you may know, I support our continuing membership of the EU and I think it is worth remembering that the overwhelming majority of the EU residents who come to the UK come here to work, not to claim benefits.

#### Call for action on better stroke care

I met with members of Notts Stroke Association in Beeston and my thanks to everyone who attended. A number of matters were raised, which included praise for the support and care some stroke patients receive, but there were also a number of complaints all of which I am taking up with Nottingham

University Hospital Trust.

### **QMC visit**

I had a fascinating visit to the QMC including meeting a new group of Advanced Nurse Practitioners working in Accident and Emergency. I had been invited by Bramcote resident Martin Christian a consultant in the children's kidney unit to see the great work being done in his department.

I also met with workers in the Children's Hospital. I am very biased to the QMC given my brother works there and I have been a regular over the years! But trying to be unbiased they have made real progress in areas like A and E and the renal and urology paediatric unit is a regional centre of excellence.



**From Parliament**  
**Pay Day Loans / trip to Parliament**

### **Pay Day Loan action**

It has been an important but one of the least publicised matters raised in Parliament. The payday loan "industry" has expanded at an alarming rate and involves many people, often in vulnerable circumstances, taking out short term loans with extortionate and unmanageable rates of interest. After a recent review by the Office of Fair Trading uncovered widespread irresponsible lending the top 50 payday loan companies now have 12 weeks to improve their business practices or risk losing their licences.

After a number of complaints from constituents I have asked for a meeting with Wonga. If you have a complaint please let me know.

### **Spare seats on Moorgreen trip to Parliament**

Moorgreen Residents Association have booked a tour of Parliament on 24<sup>th</sup> April. One of the organisers, Paul Tordoff tells me they have 9 places left. The bus leaves Moorgreen at 6am and tickets for the return journey are £16. Please let me know if you would like to join the outing; the tour of Parliament is free and my team and I are very keen to help anyone or any group come to Westminster. So let know if you or a group would like to come down.

### **and finally...**

Congratulations to Kimberley School student Alex Cargill who has been elected to the National Youth Parliament to represent Broxtowe.

### **Contact Anna Soubry MP**

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