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Hello again,

You may have seen this evening's BBC East Midlands News report about recent events in Kimberley. I have called on Councillor Andy Cooper to resign following shameful comments he has made about a constituent. Full details below.



On a far happier note it was good to pop in to The Gate Inn in Awsworth this morning for the annual produce show which includes gardeners and cooks from Cossall.

It has been a busy few days so please read on.

As ever,
Anna

Kimberley Town and Borough Councillor refuses to resign after offensive racist slur.

Kimberley Town and Broxtowe Borough Councillor Andy Cooper has refused to resign after he used highly offensive and racist language about former Green Party Town Councillor, Katharina Boettge, describing her as "Eva Braun" who was Hitler's mistress. Katharina was born in Germany and has lived in the Nottingham area for 15 years.

As a result of Mr Cooper's description of Katharina, Janet Pearce, who is a member of the same political party as Cooper, became the tenth Kimberley Town Councillor to



resign. Janet gave two reasons for her resignation - her concerns about the Council's finances and Andy Cooper's comments which had been written in an email sent to her, other Councillors and the Town Clerk.

On Friday morning, Kimberley's Town Council clerk forwarded my previous evening's email newsletter to all members of the Council. In it I had described a meeting of the Kimberley Residents Association which was attended by David Kirwan and Katherina Boettge. David and Katharina explained why they had resigned from Kimberley Town Council.

Mr Cooper replied to the clerk and others as follows
"Amazing how Kirwan and Eva Braun can turn up at KRA meeting but go missing for KTC".
Unfortunately Mr Cooper not only failed to apologise immediately to Ms Boettge, he made a very serious situation even worse by trying to make light of it and to justify his comments to the press and in an email to me.

This is a very serious matter and as your MP, I take great care before calling on a Councillor to resign. Andy Cooper picked on Ms Boettge's racial origin and then likened her to a Nazi. It's about as bad as can be imagined and he should go.
Mr Cooper, like Janet Pearce is a member of the Labour Party, but Broxtowe Labour Party has said nothing about this matter. The person who should have resigned on Friday wasn't Janet, but Andy Cooper.

[Click here to read the story in the Nottingham Post](#)

D2N2

I have had a meeting with David Ralph who is the Chief Executive of D2N2 - the not so natively named Local Enterprise Partnership - or in other words the organisation that works with local authorities, businesses, the Universities and others to create, develop or bring businesses and jobs to Notts and Derbyshire. I told him about my vision for Toton Sidings should HS2 come to the area and my fears, should Broxtowe Borough Council get its way and fill most of the land with houses.

We agreed on the exceptional value and benefits HS2 could bring to Broxtowe and indeed beyond. As Parliament returns tomorrow I will now meet the relevant Ministers to make sure we get the jobs and growth we need locally.

Tram works and parking meetings

My thanks to everyone who turned out with two days notice

on Friday evening, for a meeting about the long-standing problems with commuter parking and speeding cars on Dovecote Lane and its neighbouring roads.

I have written to the Leaders of Notts County and Broxtowe Borough Council as a result, and am pleased to report Alan Rhodes from the County has already replied. The excellent meeting was organised by Ros Holden and other residents and I have shared my letter with them.



20 mph limits work on streets in other parts of the County (I spotted the Lady Bay scheme after yesterday's ODI cricket match at Trent Bridge)

In addition to raising the specific problems and solutions around Dovecote, there is a much wider issue of commuter parking in the Beeston and Chilwell area which will be exacerbated when the tram arrives. In short we don't have enough long stay car parking spaces and I have called on both Councils to plan for the problem now not in 12 months time!

I raised the issue at my meeting on Friday morning with the City and County Councils, NET and tram constructors TWA. We discussed a large number of matters and I will email people with details of our discussions.

Fencing - ball in Broxtowe's court

I do however, want to mention the continuing issue of fence heights. TWA made it absolutely clear that this is a matter for Broxtowe Borough Council's planning committee and City Council leader Jon Collins agreed. TWA are following agreed proposals and if residents are to get what they want it is for Broxtowe to allow higher fences. There is a meeting of said Committee in September and we will see who is running Broxtowe - the Leader, Milan Radulovic or his planning officers!

Toton's Tesco gets new community room

I was delighted to open Tesco's new community room in Toton yesterday morning. It is a great idea - a flexible space, with a row of computer terminals, wi-fi and other facilities. Tesco will be hiring it out to community groups for free. To book or for more details call Community Champion, Tracie Basra on 07907373504.



Working for you in Parliament

Puppy and Kitten farms

My thanks to everyone who has emailed me about a debate on Thursday about puppy and kitten farming. The motion calls on the Government to "review existing legislation to



ensure that it is consistent with its own guidance that prospective owners should always see the puppy or kitten with its mother, and to ban the sale of puppies and kittens from retail centres such as pet shops, garden centres or puppy supermarkets".

I particularly support the following part of the motion;
"further calls on the Government and welfare organisations to work together to raise awareness among the public about choosing a dog responsibly from only ethical breeders or by adoption from legitimate rescue organisations, and to consider further steps to end the cruel practice of irresponsible and unethical breeding of puppies and kittens in the UK."

It is a criminal offence to cause unnecessary suffering to an animals and local authorities already have extensive powers in relation to dog breeders. However, I anticipate the motion will generate support and will follow the debate with keen interest.

What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details

Monday 1 September Bramcote CAT meeting

Time: 7pm till 8:30pm

Where: Bramcote Memorial Hall. This meeting will discuss the controversial plans for new school buildings at White Hills Park Fed. The Head Teacher is coming along with the plans.

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Charity Fashion Show and Clothing Sale

Time: 7pm

Where: Kettlebrook Lodge, Kimberley.

What's on: Tickets cost £5 including a refreshment, please click [here](#) for the full details.

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Wednesday 3 September Open Consultation Event

Time: 6pm till 8pm

Where: The Quadrant, Nuart Road, Beeston, NG9 2NH.

What's on: Meet with other local businesses owners to network, discuss issues and ideas. Please click [here](#) for full details.

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Trowell CAT meeting

Time: 7:30pm till 9pm

Where: Trowell Parish Hall.

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Saturday 6 September DKam – Dads & Kids in the Morning

Time: 10am till 12pm

Where: Pastures Community Church, 166 Pastures Road, Stapleford, NG9 8GQ.

What's on: The event is aimed at children and their dads, granddads, step-dads

and male carers. For the activity details please click [here](#).

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Stapleford Carnival

Time: 11:30am – official opening 12:30pm

Where: Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground, Stapleford.

What's on: Charity carnival organised by Notts, Derby Hemlockstone Lions Club, there will be entertainment, attractions, stalls, fairground rides, classic vehicles and much more.

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Monday 8 September

Athletics Club

Time: 4:30pm till 5:30pm

Where: The Pearson Centre, 2 Nuart Road, Beeston.

What's on: Athletics club for primary school children aged 5 to 11. £3 per session, please call 0115 925 4112 for availability.

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Wednesday 10 September

Stapleford Jobs Fair

Time: 10am till 2pm

Where: The Meeting Place, 22-26 Nottingham Road, Stapleford, NG9 8AA.

What's on: This will be Stapleford Community Group's fourth Jobs Fair. For details please click [here](#).

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Thursday 11 September – Sunday 14 September

Heritage Open Days

Where: Attenborough, Beeston, Bramcote, Chilwell, Stapleford, Toton and Wollaton.

What's on: This year's Heritage open days are set to be jam packed. For the full line up please click [here](#).

WE ARE JUST FINALISING SURGERY DATES AND VENUES UP TO THE END OF THE YEAR. I ALSO SEE CONSTITUENTS WHENEVER YOU NEED TO, SO PLEASE JUST CALL THE CONSTITUENCY OFFICE FOR AN APPOINTMENT.

"a decent Conservative" *Kevin McGuire, Daily Mirror*

"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*