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Hello again,

Nottingham City Council has promised to revisit the compensation scheme for businesses and traders on High Road and Chilwell Road in Beeston.

Despite at first denying me a meeting and then saying he wouldn't change the scheme, City Council Leader Jon Collins says they will now look at raising the cap and, along with Notts County Council, will consider a special hardship fund for shops and businesses particularly hard hit by the complete closure of the road.

At yesterday afternoon's meeting Jon Collin's officials and NET offered to work with the Chilwell based car dealer, Pentagon and the City Council will offer advice and assistance to shops on both roads to help those businesses in this difficult time.

There is also good news for residents on Lower and Fletcher Road who are not only living in the middle of a huge construction site but have discovered mortgage providers will not lend rendering their homes 'unsellable' to anyone but a cash buyer.

The City Council has agreed to offer personal advice and support to home owners in the situation which they are confident will be resolved in 3-4 months time when Compulsory Purchase Orders are lifted

My thanks to everyone who attended last night's residents meeting at the Fire Station - many matters were raised over and above those discussed in my meeting with the City Council (see below).

I also raised a large number of other constituent's complaints and the detailed agenda I provided to the meeting is on my web site. Please click <u>here</u> for the page and scroll to the documents at the bottom.

NET and the City and County Council have agreed to look at all matters notably the severe affect the tram works have had on traffic in the Beeston area.

I am very pleased to hear tonight that there is nothing to stop 2.7 metre high fences where residents have requested them, something I specifically raised at the meeting and to which I had a positive response. Based on what I have seen tonight I see no reason why residents who want 3m fences to screen the tram at the back of their houses shouldn't have them.

As promised I have followed up the meeting today with a letter to Jon Collins (again posted on my <u>web site</u>) and in a separate letter will specifically raise those matters from last nights residents meeting at the Fire Station.

Yesterday's meeting was very positive and Jon Collins and his various teams have asked for another meeting in a months time to report on progress on the various issues I raised on behlaf of constituents. It is fair to say there was genuine surprise at some of the poor communication and the appalling affect of the tramworks on people in Beeston and Chilwell.

I believe there is a genuine desire to make amends and learn from the recent past.

I hope I am not proved wrong in four weeks time! As ever,

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