JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO SAVE OUR SHOPS AND BUSINESSES

We are winning - but we need your support for tomorrow's Action Day

Please use the forward button above to send this on to a friend or neighbour - if they aren't on the internet please print if off for them! Best of all ask your friends and neighbours to sign up for my email newsletter through my website or by emailing me on anna.soubry.mp@parliament.uk



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Hello again.

This morning I was rung by the Nottingham Post - they'd had a call from Nottinghamshire County Council about a press release which seemed to suggest we have won the campaign!

It turns out the County Council has agreed to extend the existing compensation scheme to all small businesses affected by the tram works, which is on the face of it good news. **BUT,** and it is a very important but, the County Council has **not** increased the amount of money available to compensate shops and traders.

In a letter to me last month, (which I have posted on my web site www.annasoubry.org.uk) the leader of Notts County Council, Alan Rhodes made it clear he could not extend the current scheme unless there was extra money to pay compensation. In other words it was clear the £2.55 million in the existing fund was not enough to compensate all the small shops and traders hit by the tram works.

So what's going on? I fear the answer is party politics and Labour run Notts County Council think they can see off the petition and campaign by making a half hearted announcement the day before tomorrow's Action Day.

This is all very silly - the Labour run City Council back my campaign; so does Steve Carr, the excellent Lib Dem Councillor for Beeston North. Sadly, Beeston's other County Councillor, Labour's Kate Foale hasn't even replied to my email asking for her support.

With your support we are making progress but we have not yet won. Notts County Council are almost there with good news today that Tramlink is going to offer advice to struggling businesses and a pledge that the "majority" of the tram works in Beeston will be "substantially completed" by August.

I hope to see you tomorrow (11 am outside Boots in Beeston) to get people to sign the petition and persuade Notts County Council to show us the money and support our great independent, family businesses and shops.

How you can support the campaign

- 1. **Sign the petition on line** it is available on my web site so please click <u>here</u> Thanks you to everyone who has signed so far I fear my web site might crash!
- 2. Join the Action Day tomorrow, Saturday April 12 at 11am outside Boots on High Road, Beeston and help gather thousands of signatures on the petition.
- 3. **Get a copy of the petition** and ask your friends, family and neighbours to sign it. Just email me back and I will send you a petition.
- 4. Forward on this email to your friends, family and neighbours and ask them to sign the petition online and join the campaign.
- 5. **Support our great shops and businesses** in Beeston, Chilwell, Attenborough and Toton who have struggled way too long with the chaos, congestion, dust and disruption the tram works have created. Where ever you live traders in this part of Broxtowe need your support so shop local or make a trip to the south of the constituency.
- P.S If you can help tomorrow you can then enjoy the best of Beeston including the Broxtowe Wildlife Day in the Square (details below).

What's on in Broxtowe

full details of all events are on my web site annasoubry.org.uk

Saturday 12 April

Broxtowe Wildlife Day

10am till 4pm

Beeston Square

Part of the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's 50th Anniversary celebrations

Bramcote Old Church Tower Quiz Night

7.30pm

Bramcote Memorial Hall

Sunday 13 April

Bramcote Crematorium Remembrance Service

2pm

With hymns, readings and other ways to remember a loved ones whose names will be read out during the service.

Beauvale District Scout's annual St Georges Day Service

2.30pm Nuthall Methodist Church

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