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"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*



Hello again,

Thank you to everyone who came to today's drop-in surgery at the Nurseryman on Derby Road, Beeston.

Next week's drop in is a "Meet the Team" at Greasley Parish Hall (strictly the Community and Sports Centre) from 10am til 12pm. Residents from Giltbrook, Moor Green, Newthorpe and Greasley are especially welcome.

Following last Saturday's drop in surgery in Attenborough I have written to Notts County Council, Network Rail and East Midland Trains requesting a meeting to solve the serious problem of car parking. No-one wants to stop anyone from using Attenborough station but travellers are using the village as a car park.



I spent much of this morning at Hope in Beeston which is a remarkable project offering a food bank, mentoring and work schemes, health and benefit advice and a cafe. My thanks to Director, Nigel Adams for a thoroughly informative and lively discussion! I will be doing a more detailed report in a later newsletter.



Scroll on for more news about my work as your MP.  
Enjoy the rest of the weekend,

As ever,

Anna

[Click here to read my letter to Notts County Council about the parking problem in Attenborough.....](#)

### **Hardship scheme success - but Notts must match the City on helping all businesses affected by the tram works**

Notts County Council has agreed to add £25,000 to the exceptional hardship scheme to help struggling businesses in Beeston affected by the tram works. This matches £25,000 from the City Council and will be hugely welcomed. But, Notts County Council has yet to agree with the City and extend the current scheme to all qualifying businesses and traders.

I have been calling for the scheme to be extended; yet another business has contacted me this week to say they are on the brink of going under unless they get help. Like others they can prove their substantial cut in profits is due to the tram works.

Meanwhile BT has denied claims they are to blame for the tram works being behind schedule. I spoke to BT yesterday and they have agreed to make further enquiry given I have been told in no uncertain terms that BT are holding up the works on Chilwell/High Road.

I will let you know the outcome and continue to press for everyone to work together and get this project back on schedule!



### **Save Toton's Green Belt update**

Broxtowe Borough Council has published its plans to allow hundreds of houses on Toton's Green Belt. I am meeting South Broxtowe 2020 (the community group campaigning in favour of HS2 and world class economic development at Toton Sidings) next week. The Borough Council's consultation ends on April 30. As ever, the relevant



documents are designed for planners and developers not ordinary folk!

I will work with SB2020 and other groups, to provide a proper guide and advice so you can have your say - so watch this space!

[Click here for Broxtowe Borough Council's plans...](#)

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***What's on in Broxtowe and surgery details are on my web site [annasoubry.org.uk](http://annasoubry.org.uk)***

***Organising an event? Send me the details and I will publish them on my web site and in my email newsletter.***

## Can you help Shakeela?

Shakeela Ahmed came to my regular Friday surgery to discuss the terrible disease that has afflicted all three of her children. Lafora is a very rare and fatal condition that has killed her eldest daughter at 18, and now affects her son who is almost 18 and her youngest daughter. It is difficult to imagine the unbearable grief of losing one child but to know you will lose all your children is truly terrible.

There is no cure for Lafora and Shakeela, who lives in Beeston is campaigning for more support for research being conducted in Canada. I have given her my support and accordingly have contacted the Department of Health.

I would urge you to learn more about Lafora by clicking [here](#) and if you can help in any way please be so good as to contact me.

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