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"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,

I am currently enjoying some sun, but wanted to send out a short newsletter to keep you updated on the latest Tram and Green Belt news, namely that the application for 555 houses at Nuthall has been rejected, as well as to congratulate all of our schools on their outstanding results.

Although I am technically on holiday I continue to check my e-mails and my team on High Road are dealing with urgent queries on my behalf.

as ever,
Anna

Exam success

Congratulations to all of our schools on their excellent results. Bramcote College have beaten all their records in their A level results with 26.3% of students achieving A* or A grades compared to 14% last year. 40% were A*-B. GCSE pupils at

The Bramcote School and Alderman White also achieved great results: 92% of the students gained A*-C in 5 or more subjects.

Chilwell School celebrated an A*-E pass rate of 99%, 33% were A*-B and 75% A*-C. I am currently awaiting confirmation of Chilwell School's GCSE results, which will no doubt also make everyone involved with the school very proud.

At George Spencer a third of students gained A*/A grades or equivalent, and 60% scored a grade B or higher, 86% of students gained a grade C or above. For GCSE students, 100% of students gained 5 GCSE grades at A*-C.

The Kimberley School achieved their best grades ever at A level. A*-C grades have gone up from 63.7% to 67.9% with over 18% of students gaining A*/A grades. At GCSE level, at least 60 per cent of students got five A* to C grades.

Well done to students, staff and parents on their dedication and hard work!



Beeston Muslim Centre Open Day

A big thank you to Beeston Muslim Centre which recently opened its doors to celebrate the addition of a brand new prayer room.

The event was also attended by the Chief Executive and Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council, the Mayor and the local Police Inspector, and it was very good to see the community coming together in support of the centre which continues to do excellent charity work in the area, as well as providing a valuable place of worship.



Sadly, I think it is fair to say that when the centre was opened, it had to overcome considerable prejudice and hostility, but I am happy to see that that is now in the past.

Tramworks Update

Following last week's meeting with residents of Lower and Fletcher Roads, I have written to Cllr Jon Collins with a number of additional issues which I will be able to discuss when we meet again next month. Please click [here](#) to read my letter.

Local resident Allison Dobbs continues to do a sterling job in raising residents' concerns and I will be meeting with Allison and her neighbours again next month, along with the chartered surveyors acting on behalf of residents.

I am glad a number of concerns are now being addressed, and I am grateful to everyone who has contacted me recently to raise their concerns also.



Click [here](#) to read the latest tramworks news on my website



Save our Green Belt - Woodhouse Way Refusal - Timetable and Info on the Public Inquiry

Broxtowe Borough Council has refused the application to build 555 houses on Green Belt land on Woodhouse Way (Planning Ref: 13/00277). The Council has given the following reasons for the refusal:

1. Green Belt
2. Not a strategic release site under the Core Strategy.
3. Conflicts with HS2 preferred route and contrary to para 41 of the NPPF
4. Highways agency concerns not resolved re traffic issues at the A610
5. Absence of ecological data.

This is obviously welcome news for now, but we still have the Aligned Core Strategy Public Inquiry as well as the Field Farm Public Inquiry- so lots to do to protect our Green Belt!

In a recent letter I received regarding Local Plans and the National Planning Policy Framework, the Planning Minister, Nick Boles, stated, "Rest assured, the Government's reforms will protect the green Belt, promote responsible building and bring power in the planning process back to local communities." Now we need to ensure the voices of local communities are heard at the Public Inquiries!

The inquiry or 'hearings' for the Core Strategy will be held at Nottingham Central Methodist Mission, 22 Lower Parliament Street in Nottingham.

As mentioned previously, all statements, for both oral and written representation matters, should be sent to the Programme Officer, Carmel Edwards, by 1pm on Thursday 19th September 2013. These can be sent to: Ms Carmel Edwards, C/O Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG or via e-mail to: programmeofficer@gngrowthpoint.com

Please click [here](#) for my Save our Green Belt page and scroll down to read the latest documents regarding the hearing sessions.

As soon as I have the timetable for the Field Farm Inquiry I will be in touch again.

Hindu Temple visit

It was a pleasure to visit the local temple which I understand is the only place of worship for Sri Lankan Hindus in Nottingham, with local members previously having to travel to Leicester for their beliefs.



Whilst Beeston Muslim Centre has overcome its difficulties (please see above), I am sorry to say that the Hindu Temple is encountering some problems. Although they have "won over" most of the local community (I know it's somewhat sad to have to "win over" people in this day and age), it is clear that they are not receiving the level of acceptance they deserve.

This good and gentle congregation would welcome your support and if you get the opportunity, please do ask to see inside the temple which is incredibly beautiful and reminded me of some of the great temples I saw when I visited India in February.



SMS Success

SMS Electronics of Beeston Business Park has been earmarked for the manufacturing of new satellite technology that will help track the movement of offenders in the community. SMS is working with Buddi as one of four preferred bidders (alongside two international companies) to deliver the contracts.

SMS is a first-rate local business which is going from strength to strength- I recently visited their Technology Drive site to present their AS9100 Quality Management Certificate, which means they now have further opportunities in the Aerospace industry.

The success of the satellite tracking bid is great news for local business and great news for Broxtowe.

Nuthall Grandmother's Charity Contribution Recognised

Congratulations to Jessie Clarke of Nuthall. This remarkable grandmother has raised an amazing £415,000 for Cancer Research; having supported the Charity after her own battle with the disease in the 1980s, 30 years on her work has been recognised with an Honorary Fellowship of the Charity and a Flame of Hope award, which recognises exceptional volunteers.

Stapleford Carnival Parade Update

Further to my meeting last month with various community representatives regarding Stapleford Carnival Parade, I have received a response from Nottinghamshire Police. In brief, it states that, "the responsibility for public safety rests with event organisers and the owners of the land on which the event will take place" and that it would be unfair for Nottinghamshire Police to support some events and not others.

The Force has provided information on the opportunities to train up volunteers to undertake the marshalling of community events that affect the highway and I am expecting further details on this matter. I will keep you updated, but in the meantime, rest assured the Carnival itself is still going ahead and I hope to see you at Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground on Saturday 7th September - please scroll down for full details.

British Heart Foundation Plea

The British Heart Foundation Shop in Beeston is desperately seeking volunteers. Volunteers are at the heart of The British Heart Foundation and the Charity simply wouldn't be able to continue its life saving work without them. To Find out how to volunteer for The British Heart Foundation in Beeston please call 0115 967 8104

What's on in Broxtowe

Friday 23 to Monday 26 August

12:00 - 16:00

Corn Mill Pub Swinney Way Beeston

Corn Mill Pub Cancer Support Beer Festival

All for Charity there will be over 50 Beers and Ciders from local breweries, live music, a BBQ, a bouncy castle and fun for all the family

Saturday 24 August

19:00 - 22:00

Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground

Beeston Proms in The Park

Rounding off with a spectacular Firework Finale

Cost: Free

Sunday 1 September

12:00 - 16:00

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The Gate Inn Main Street Awsworth

Awsworth and Cossall Village Produce Society

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Cost: Free

Saturday 7 September

11:30

Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground

Stapleford Carnival

Fair Ground Rides, Stalls, Food, Classic Vehicles and lots more

[Another Weekend, Another Office Wedding](#)

Last weekend saw my brilliant caseworker Emma Martin wed Benjamin Youd. On their return from honeymoon they will be living in Beeston.



And finally

Congratulations to Beeston resident Charlotte Kemp who, for the second time in 3 years, has had her long hair cut to donate to the Little Princess Charity which makes wigs for children with cancer. Charlotte is also raising sponsorship for Shine – the charity which works with people living with Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Charlotte has raised just over £370 for Shine and would really like to make it £500

To sponsor Charlotte visit www.justgiving.com/deasphodel

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