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Anna Soubry MP working hard for Broxtowe

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Hello again,

I have some important news for people in Trowell who oppose plans for an open cast coal mine near to the village and some encouraging news for all of us who want the positive benefits of HS2.

I attended Holocaust Memorial Day in Bramcote today with the Mayor of Broxtowe, Cllr Iris White, the Leader of the Borough Council, Milan Radulovic and a very good turn out of people from throughout the constituency. Please read on for that and other news.

As ever,

Anna

Beeston business forced out by the tram works

Greenfingers, a well established business on the Chilwell end of High Road is moving out of the Beeston area because of the tram works. Greenfingers owner Sharon Breedon wrote to me as follows;

"After 18 years of trading we are having to re-locate before our business finishes altogether, as you can imagine we are gutted.

We just hope our loyal customers will continue to support us.

I feel so sorry for all the businesses trying to hold it together and I pray they succeed. Although my head tells me there will be very little left of the thriving Beeston we used to know."

Greenfingers are relocating to Cossall.

The tram works are well behind schedule; the recent traffic gridlock has made an already dreadful situation on our roads even worse. I am seeking an urgent meeting with NET, the

City and Borough Councils for assurances that the works will finish on time, proper traffic management systems are in place and all businesses throughout the Beeston area are contacted as a matter of priority to help anyone struggling. Without this sort of proactive approach Beeston and Chilwell will not be able to take advantage of the benefits promised by the tram.

Yes to HS2 Hub - no to hundreds of homes

I have tonight spoken to the Chair of HS2 Sir David Higgins about Broxtowe Borough Council's plans for a minimum of 500 houses at Toton Sidings - the site of the planned HS2 East Midlands hub.



Sir David expressed his surprise and made it clear that the site at Toton must allow full connection to the tram terminus and other transport links. I also gave my view that a project of this importance needs a capable and visionary planning authority - which I regret to say is not Broxtowe.

I will now write to the Inspector and Sir David asking that HS2 is called to the re opened Inquiry to give evidence.

There was a good turnout for yesterday's meeting in support of positive sustainable development at the planned HS2 East Midlands hub at Toton Sidings. Congratulations to Michelle Patel and Mia who organised the meeting on behalf of South Broxtowe 2020. The majority of people oppose Broxtowe Borough Council's decision to allow a minimum of 500 houses on the site and support the sort of economic development that HS2 promises.

We all agree there must be no decision to allow any housing on the Green Belt land at the Sidings until we know whether the HS2 Hub is coming to Toton. That decision will be made by the end of the year.

Join the campaign for positive and sustainable development from HS2 by emailing info@sb2020.co.uk or by calling 07732 402 283.

Hovis sell off



Premier Foods, owners of the Hovis bakery in Watnall, have sold 51% of Hovis to the Gores Group (an American private equity organisation). In return there will be £45 million investment into the Hovis brand.

This is obviously worrying but the huge investment is good news for our Watnall bakery which I visited a few weeks ago. I was told then that new investment would make an already great bakery even better.

I have made enquiries with Premier Foods, and understand that there will be no job losses at Watnall and that all current staff are expected to transfer to the joint venture, following a brief consultation period.

Trowell

Thank you to everyone who attended Saturday's "drop in" surgery in Trowell. I was particularly pleased to meet campaigners battling to stop the planned Open Cast coal mine at Shortwood Farm.

A petition has been organised which everyone in Trowell is being urged to sign. There are copies in the newsagents, Post Office, Festival Inn, Parish Hall and Dr John Dobby's surgery in Stapleford. The petition supports my request to Eric Pickles to "call in" the decision taken last month by Notts County Council.

We also want to visit every house in Trowell with the petition. If you can help please email Lyn Harley on lyn.harley@ntlworld.com or call Noleen Potts on 0115 9194242.



Holocaust Memorial Day

Children from St John's Primary C of E school in Stapleford joined two hundred people in the Bramcote Memorial Garden to mark Holocaust Memorial Day. We were joined by Holocaust survivor Bob Norton and Amdani Juma who survived the genocide in Rwanda; both spoke with great dignity as they told their terrible story.

6 million Jews were murdered in the Nazi Camps as were thousands of other people because they were disabled, or gay or a gypsy.

Prejudice, ignorance and fear if left unchallenged and unchecked can become hatred and discrimination and if tolerated lead to the sorts of genocide we remembered today.



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