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Hello again,

Phew! It's been a busy week so straight to business. The Chairman of Hs2, Sir David Higgins has confirmed to me that Toton Sidings is still in the running for the site of the East Midlands hub. Sir David told me it is a choice between Toton and Breaston and no decision will be made until 2016. Sir David was keen to stress that the merits and disadvantages of both sites will be fully explored and considered and the decision will be made accordingly. This is heartening news for Broxtowe and I am very pleased we are still in the mix. A more detailed announcement will be made tomorrow when Hs2 meet various local authorities.

Finally, my thanks to the Indian Community Association in Nottingham who celebrated Independence day with a debate last night. It was very good with much agreement between Nottingham East MP, Chris Leslie and me- but then we didn't debate the economy!

as ever,
Anna

Business boost for Beeston - SMS to make new ZX Spectrum

Beeston based SMS is all set to make the 2015 version of the Spectrum ZX computer which was hugely popular in the 1980's. The new version will be manufactured at SMS using cables made in Chilwell, plastics from Derby and packaged by a Nottingham firm. The Spectrum Sinclair Vega has attracted considerable 'crowd funding' and this is a real success story for a great Beeston business and hopefully it will mean more jobs at SMS.



Councillor refuses to go despite critical vote

Broxtowe Borough Council voted to recommend Councillor Richard Robinson should step down from his cabinet post. Councillor Robinson admitted asking someone to post on internet sites using false names and aliases, in support of his plans to extend the tram to Kimberley. The matter is now to be investigated though I don't know why given Cllr Robinson has been very open about his wholly unacceptable behaviour. You can listen to his admissions during an interview on BBC Radio Nottingham available on [Youtube](#).

I have been contacted by constituents with further allegations involving other Councillors. In the meantime, my understanding is that Councillor Robinson refuses to step down despite the vote! I am sure the good people of Kimberley will not forget this sorry episode come the Borough Council elections on May 7 and we will all remember that every Labour Councillor voted in support of Councillor Robinson.



Tram works on TV - Monday February 2nd

The first documentary about the affect of the tram works on residents and businesses in Beeston and Chilwell will be aired tomorrow at 7.30 pm on BBC East Midlands TV's Inside Out.

Renaming the A453

The number of service men and women killed in Afghanistan during the 13 year operation was 453. My thanks to a constituent and veteran, who has asked me to support his proposal to rename the A453, which is undergoing major improvement, Herrick Way - the name of the operation in Afghanistan. As a Defence Minister I have raised this suggestion with my Ministerial colleagues and we all agree this would be an admirable commemoration of all those who died in service. I am therefore writing to all the relevant authorities.

Haven for community groups

There was a very good turn out at the Haven Church's open day in Stapleford, yesterday. A number of community groups took a stall including the [Stapleford Community Group](#).



It was good to catch up with Combat Bullying's Natalie Harvey and Cllr. Mia Kee. You may remember my support for Natalie's charity which particularly helps children and young people who have been bullied.

Find out more about Combat Bullying [here](#)

Greasley shows the way on planning!

Greasley Parish and Borough Councillors met residents yesterday and asked them for their views on plans for the area. The neighbourhood plan is all about improving Greasley and after contacting every resident there was a good and lively turn out at the Sports and Community Centre.

Greasley is blessed with a great Parish Council which works with their Borough Councillors to represent residents and protect the Green Belt. If only all our communities could have such a good bunch of Councillors.

Read all about the plans on the [Parish Council's web site](#)



With Borough Councillor Margaret Handley at the Greasley consultation.

Would you like to be a Borough or Parish Councillor ?

Parish and Borough Councillors will be elected on the day of the General Election - May 7th. If you would like to stand or are in any way interested, please contact me whatever your political affiliations or lack of them. As your MP I will advise on the process and assist as much as I can. I have no doubt we need to make sure we have Councillors of integrity who represent all their residents.

New White Bull disappointment

The New White Bull failed to open on Friday evening. I have spoken to the new owner at length and the plan is to turn the former pub into a convenience store. However, the new owners are open to discussing selling on to the Blue Monkey Brewery, which, in my view is the preferably option.

Meanwhile the Government has agreed that all pubs listed as community assets (like the New White Bull) will not be able to change their use without planning permission. I was very pleased about this decision especially given I had lobbied the relevant Minister very hard on the matter! Unfortunately, I don't believe it will apply to the New White Bull but am making further enquiry.

Hope needs help!

It was good to catch up with Nigel Adams from the Beeston based charity Hope on Friday. Amongst others things Nigel told me they are looking for a warehouse in Beeston for a new social enterprise up cycling household good and furniture, to provide work and training to people in need. So if you happen to have, or know someone who has, a spare 2,000 feet please please let me know!



Working for you in Parliament

On Monday I am taking a Bill through Parliament which will create an armed forces complaints Ombudsman and generally improve the complaints system for our armed forces men and women. The Bill also enables us to pay millions of pounds to support military charities throughout the UK.

Later in the week we will debate a considerably more controversial Bill to allow parents at risk of having a baby with a mitochondria disease to have a healthy child. The Bill is controversial because it allows the parents to use part of another woman's egg.

When I was the Minister of Public Health I had responsibility for this area of the Government's work. I was fully briefed on all the arguments and was completely convinced that this is remarkable research and it is right to change the law.

There have been many inaccurate and somewhat sensational headlines that the resulting child will have three parents (it won't - the DNA will be from the mother and father and only a tiny bit from the donor egg). The donor egg supplies mitochondria which we all need to grow; babies born with very limited mitochondria suffer a number of debilitating diseases which cruelly take their lives whilst they are young. It is an inherited condition and so allowing parents at risk to take part of a donor egg means that the resulting baby will pass on healthy mitochondria.

I will be voting in favour of changing the law to allow parents to have this choice.

And finally

A very special congratulations to Richard and Michelle Daniels who founded Forever Stars to provide support for parents of still born babies after their baby Emily died. I am delighted that their new son Alfie arrived on Friday evening - three weeks early! Mother and baby are both well and so is big brother Findlay. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all much happiness.

Find out more about [Forever Stars](#).

What's on in Broxtowe

Thursday 5 February

Beeston U3A Open Meeting

10am

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.

What's on: Mike Spicer will be giving a talk on Tudor Dance. Full details [here](#).

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Friday 6 February

Nottingham Country Market

7:30am till 11:45am

Where: Wollaton Road Methodist Church.

What's on: Everything is home grown, home baked and hand crafted. The Market runs every Friday Morning.

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Saturday 7 February

Official opening of Madhatters Tearooms' new premises

10am till 4:30pm

Where: 20 James Street, Kimberley, NG16 2LP.

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Tuesday 10 February

Hope Cafe Open Day

12 noon till 2pm

Where: Hope House, Boundary Road, Beeston, NG9 2RF.

Full details [here](#).

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Wednesday 11 February

Development Control Meeting - Decision on the Bramcote Hills Golf Course Planning Application

7pm

Where: Beeston Town Hall.

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Friday 13 February

Beeston and District Civic Society Meeting

7:30pm

Where: John Clifford School, Nether Street, Beeston.

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Saturday 14 February

Tom McConville & The Transpennie Sessions : in Concert

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Road Methodist Church.

What's on: A high energy show, full details [here](#).

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Sunday 15 February

The Print Project Group

10am till 4pm

Where: The Rainbow Gallery, NG16 3DZ.

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Wednesday 18 February

Beeston and District Local History Society - Meeting

7:30pm

Where: Chilwell Memorial Hall.

What's on: A talk by Peter Robinson on Blue Plaques, details [here](#).

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Bramcote Hills Community Association AGM

7pm for 7:30pm

Where: In the hall at Grangewood Methodist Church.

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Friday 20 February

Day trip to London - Natural History Museum

Departing from Stapleford (NG9 8PY) at 7:30am please arrive between 7am & 7:15am.

What's on: Stapleford Community Group are arranging the coach trip. Cost is £15pp please contact Richard on 07740344427.

My surgeries

Please call the office (0115 9436507) to make an appointment at my weekly surgery. For obvious reasons we are not publishing my full surgery details.

"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*

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