

Message from your MP

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This newsletter is designed to keep you in touch with some of the issues which I think will have a big bearing on quality of life in Ruislip, Northwood and Harefield. It is also a chance for you to come back and tell me what is important to you. In this first newsletter, I want to update you on:

- **The new campaign to Support Mount Vernon**
- **My Private Members Bill**
- **The consultation on the future of Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital.**



Nick Hurd



Nick Hurd MP with Community Voice Chair Joan Davis and Uxbridge MP John Randall

THE NHS wanted to move the Mount Vernon cancer centre to a new hospital at Hatfield in 2012. The collapse of that project means that we have an historic opportunity to save cancer services at Mount Vernon.

We cannot let this opportunity pass because there remains a real risk that it will be moved into Hertfordshire.

The campaign is strictly non partisan and enjoys cross party support. It is backed by patient groups, not least the Community Voice organisation, with whom I will be jointly launching a paper petition in March. Further updates on how to sign this will come in my next e-newsletter.

In the meantime, you can show your support by signing the online petition at:

www.supportmountvernon.com

Please also send the newsletter or the website link to your friends and family as every signature increases the strength of our message:

7 MPs,
1 GLA Member,
27 Councillors
and over
2,000 members
of the public have
signed the online
petition
so far

“LET’S KEEP CANCER SERVICES AT MOUNT VERNON!”

THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES BILL

At the start of each Parliamentary session, MPs put their name in a hat for the chance to introduce their own piece of legislation. I was fortunate enough to come top of the ballot and chose to introduce the Sustainable Communities Bill.



The Bill aims to give us much greater power over the way in which taxpayers' money is spent in our area to develop the community and arrest the decline in local services.

LATEST NEWS

The Bill was debated in the House of Commons on Friday 19th January. It passed its 'Second Reading' by 175 votes to 17, which means the details of the Bill will be debated more fully in a Committee. After a period of time, it will then return in its amended state back to the House of Commons for the 3rd (and final) Reading. If it passes this hurdle, it will become law.

What would you like to see more money spent on in our area? Let me know your views by email at hurdn@parliament.uk or write to me at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA

Find out more at:

<http://www.nickhurd.com/campaigns/sustainablecommunities.php>

HOW COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES CAN BE EMPOWERED TO:

SAVE OUR SHOPS

SAVE OUR POST OFFICES

SAVE OUR PUBS

SAVE OUR COMMUNITIES

SAVE OUR PLANET

Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital



Hillingdon Primary Care Trust has launched a three-month public consultation on the future of Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital.

Members of the public have been invited by Hillingdon PCT to have their say via a dedicated phone line - 01895 452899 or by email on consult@hillingdon.nhs.uk. They can also download a questionnaire, along with other information, from the Hillingdon PCT website at:

www.hillingdon.nhs.uk/consultNPCH.html

The last of the public events held at the N&P Hospital to discuss its future will be taking place on Monday 5th March from 10am to 1pm

What would you like to see happen to Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital? Please let me know by email at hurdn@parliament.uk, or by post at the House of Commons, SW1A 0AA