



MESSAGE FROM YOUR MP

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HOW SAFE ARE OUR STREETS?

Few things matter more to my constituents than the need to feel safe in their homes or on the street. So this was a good time to visit our Borough Commander, Carl Bussey, and represent a few concerns that constituents have put to me.

Specifically:

- London Police resources are stretched. So can we rely on there being full strength Safer Neighbourhood teams in Ruislip Northwood? The answer appears to be yes: there was a political commitment made and it will be honoured
- What about the location of those teams? Northwood residents will be delighted to hear that Carl has no plans to close Northwood Police station. What's more he intends to move the Eastcote team out of their current location in Northwood Hills so that they are based in the ward.
- Controversially, the Police moved all their cars down to



Nick Hurd MP with Carl Bussey

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.

We are aiming to deliver this newsletter to you at least every other month. I look forward to any feedback or comments you may have.

one base in Hayes. Many constituents were concerned about what this would mean for police response times in Ruislip Northwood.

Carl has undertaken to share with me the response times so we can see for ourselves; and he assures me that at least one car is dedicated to the North of the Borough in each shift.

Do you think the Safer Neighbourhood Teams are doing a good job? Have you called the Police to an emergency recently? What kind of service did you get? I would like to know.

HOW'S BUSINESS?

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Our community needs our local businesses to be doing well. They are good for the local economy and help form the character of our high streets. Each year I survey our local businesses to take the temperature. Most of us appreciate that these are difficult times if you are a small business but I was very struck by the gloom that is out there.



I received hundreds of responses from businesses across the constituency. The overwhelming message was that the Government needs to do something to reduce the burdens on local businesses in terms of tax burden and red tape bureaucracy. A worrying 61% of business owners felt they were already feeling the effects of the 'credit crunch' and are anticipating things getting worse in terms of unemployment, profitability and tax increases. It appears that there is a lack of understanding between the Government and business owners with 64% of respondents against the introduction of a supplementary business tax locally.

MT. VERNON UPDATE

I was happy to welcome the Shadow Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, to visit Mt. Vernon and Hillingdon Hospitals in April to see first hand the exceptional work being done there.

The Shadow Secretary of State was also joined by Chairman of The Community Voice, Joan Davis who pressed the case to keep cancer services at Mt. Vernon.

Commenting, Andrew Lansley said "Mt. Vernon Cancer Centre provides a centre of excellence for cancer services for some two million people across Middlesex and Hertfordshire. Together with my colleagues who represent neighbouring constituencies, I am determined that we should give Mt. Vernon and the staff who work there the confidence and stability for the future."



Andrew Lansley MP visits Mt. Vernon

This remains a crucial time for the future of cancer services at Mt. Vernon. I am delighted that Andrew was able to see the quality of work done and the major recent investments in the new Radiotherapy Wing.

PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS



Primary care trust meeting

All three Hillingdon MPs meet regularly with the leadership of our Primary Care Trust who play such an important role in delivering healthcare in the community. Our concern in the past was that the financial crisis at the PCT would result in service cuts for our constituents.

I am delighted to say that the PCT now seems to be on top of the financial problems and is looking forward to fresh investment. I continue to hold them to account on their commitment to replace the Northwood Pinner Cottage Hospital with a modern community health facility that respects the war memorial.

NO TO THIRD RUNWAY

I have been working closely with other London MPs in the campaign against a Third Runway at Heathrow.

My opposition is based on my view that it will have a very negative impact on Hillingdon and will make a mockery of our strategy to counter the risk of climate change.

The issue has generated a genuine debate and I was delighted to be invited in to Warrender school to thrash out the arguments with some well informed students.



Visit to Warrender School to discuss third runway at Heathrow

ENCOURAGING LOCAL SCHOOLS TO GO GREEN

In schools we have the opportunity to shape new attitudes to the environment even if it is just encouraging children to not drop litter.



That is why I want to encourage local schools to participate in the Eco-Schools award programme which provides a framework for teachers and students wishing to adopt 'green' principles and actions into the heart of school life.

As a Governor of Coteford Junior school, I am delighted to join a special committee set up to help the school in that initiative.

I am also delighted that Northwood School accepted my suggestion of setting up a Green Club when they came to visit me in the House of Commons.

CLIMATE CHANGE BILL



Many constituents have written to me about the Climate Change Bill which is now going through Parliament.

Having served on the Joint Parliamentary Committee that scrutinised the draft Bill I am now serving on the Committee of MPs that are scrutinising the detail of the Bill.

I hope that the result of our labours will be a groundbreaking law that will make a difference to how we cope with the challenge of climate change.

JOIN THE GREEN TEAM



Nick 'litter picking' on the streets of Northwood Hills

In the last edition I told you about my plans to launch 'Green Teams' in Eastcote and Northwood.

My idea is simple. Many of us want to play our part in protecting the environment. We should not just leave it to Government. The Council does a good job with limited resources but we can all help.

In Northwood Hills, Harefield and Ruislip Gardens I have seen the good work of volunteer litter groups who help keep the streets clean.

The Green teams will build on these principles and work with the Council to keep the area looking green and green.

MESSAGE FROM NICK HURD MP



Do you worry about what we are doing to the environment?

Do you want to help keep your ward 'clean and green'?

If the answer is yes to both questions, then please contact me.

I am setting up a 'Green Team' of volunteers. People who want to play their part in making sure that their ward remains clean and green.

You decide how much time you give. Interested?

Please contact me on hurdn@parliament.uk or 01923 822 876.

I look forward to working with you.

ACTIVE IN PARLIAMENT

Since the last edition there have been key votes in Parliament on a number of emotive issues. For the record I voted:

- Against the use of hybrid animal human embryos in the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill
- For a reduction in the abortion limit to 22 weeks in the same Bill
- Against increasing detention periods without charge to 42 days
- Against a Planning Bill which will create a new national agency to speed up strategic planning decisions
- I abstained on all votes on MPs' salaries and expenses as I do not believe we should decide our own remuneration



Nick debating in the House of Commons

Over the past few months in Parliament I have:

- Served on the Climate Change Bill Committee
- Served as a member of the Environmental Audit Committee that holds the Government to account for its environment policy
- Passed the milestone of responding to 2,500 constituents since being elected in 2005

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