

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.

STOP MUCKING HAREFIELD HOSPITAL AROUND

Since being elected, Nick Hurd has worked closely with Heart of Harefield to fight for the interests of Harefield Hospital.

Following the collapse of the plans to move the Hospital to Paddington, Nick fully supported the plans for the Royal Brompton and Harefield Trust to achieve Foundation Trust status.



The new scanner at Harefield Hospital

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This would have given it greater freedom to manage its own affairs, and invest £20m in upgrading the facilities at Hospital.

Last month, Nick secured a parliamentary debate in Westminster Hall, where he questioned why the application appears to have been blocked on two occasions, despite the high

clinical and financial strength of the Trust.

In the debate, Nick pressed the Health Minister Andy Burnham to explain why Monitor, the organisation that selects which trusts receive Foundation Status, was blocking the application. Nick was also supported by neighbouring MP John

Randall (Uxbridge).

After the debate, Nick said:

“We wanted to make the point that Harefield Hospital had been mucked around enough over the years. It is time to build on excellence and stop undermining it”

NEW SCANNER FOR HAREFIELD



John Render, Joan Morcombe, Lord Newton and Nick Hurd MP at the unveiling of the new scanner

Harefield Hospital's strong support base of patients, relatives, friends and staff recently celebrated the arrival of a powerful 64-slice CT scanner marking the end of a £700,000 fundraising campaign.

The 64-slice scanner replaces a four-slice scanner which was installed in 1999.

The fundraising campaign was launched in August 2005 and over the past 18-months Harefield Hospital's supporters have participated in

a wide range of activities to raise funds.

The Harefield Fun Runs were very successful with over 1,500 people, including local MP Nick Hurd, taking part and just under £100,000 was raised.

Nick said, "I am very proud to be able to open this wonderful new scanner. Harefield deserves the best and I am delighted to see it getting it, with the support of the community."

NORTHWOOD AND PINNER COMMUNITY HOSPITAL



Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital

The future of Northwood and Pinner Community Hospital was discussed at a passionate public meeting at Winston Churchill Hall in April.

Nick Hurd MP was there to give his view.

Mr Hurd said, "Hillingdon residents should not pay the price for the PCT's financial mismanagement, and patient services should not be compro-

mised. There is a very strong feeling in the community that even if the Hospital is shut medical services should continue on the site, and that the war memorial must be respected."

Mr Hurd also expressed concern that if the site is to be sold, the financial gain should be reserved for spending on health-care, rather than helping to reduce the PCT's

historic debt.

The PCT will consider the results of the consultation at its June board meeting, when a decision will be made whether to close the hospital.

Mr Hurd's response to the consultation can be seen at:

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**Have you signed the petition to keep Cancer Services at Mount Vernon?
Please go to www.savemountvernon.com and urge your friends to do the same**

RAF EASTCOTE REDEVELOPMENT



Residents in Eastcote are concerned that the new 250 home

development at the former RAF Eastcote will lead to massive traffic problems on Eastcote Road.

If current plans are not changed, sixteen traffic-lights will be installed close to the junction of Fore Street, which could cause significant congestion, as well as impacting on the edge of the Eastcote Conservation Area.

Nick Hurd MP has met with

local Councillors, the Director of Planning at Hillingdon Council and the new owners of the site, George Wimpey, to try and find a solution to the problem.

One option of an alternative entrance is currently being considered

Mr Hurd is pressing Wimpey to take up this option, urging them to make the development as environmentally friendly as possible.

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BLUE SKY REGENERATION

Ground Work Trust do wonderful work to keep Hillingdon looking green and attractive.

Nick Hurd was very happy to support one of their innovative projects called Blue Sky which gives landscape maintenance jobs to people coming out of prison. Nick Hurd commented, "I am delighted to support the only company in Britain where you have to have a criminal record to get a job.

Its good for our environment and good for their chances of staying out of prison."



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