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The work goes on in Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner.

I hope you and your family had a wonderful summer. This bulletin is part of a regular series that updates you on what I am doing as your Member of Parliament.

HS2

At long last, we have a signed legal agreement with HS2 covering their commitments to reduce their impact on the area during both construction and operation. For more detail and comments click [here](#).

This agreement is in many ways a beginning and not an end. There is still a lot to pin down and press for. Residents and I continue to be very frustrated with the way that HS2 engage with us, and as you will see from my [latest letter to them](#), I am pressing for early dialogue with the contractors that have to deliver the project.

Local Health

Northwood and Pinner Cottage Hospital

Progress at last. As you may recall, I have been pressing the NHS for ages to redevelop this decaying site in a way that respects the past and retains community health facilities. I have been now assured that their preference is to move ahead with a redevelopment that will move the existing Northwood Health Centre into the main hospital site and upgrade it. The rest of the site would be new residential. The intention is to start discussions with Hillingdon Planning before the end of the year. My own preference would be for the new residential accommodation to include an element of sheltered/extra care accommodation because I think we will need it. However, I would be very interested in a community view on this.

Mount Vernon

Many of us worked together to save the Cancer Centre ten or so years ago. We now need to see more investment go into upgrading the cancer wards and in general the wonderful, if quirky, Mount Vernon site needs a more strategic plan to secure its future. Part of the problem is that there are two separate NHS trusts responsible for the site, and for both their priority is their main hospital. I have spent the last two years listening to them blame each other for no progress, and I have had enough. So I am turning up the heat, and will keep you posted.

Police

The Police are under a lot of pressure right now, not least in London. The pattern of crime is changing and of course, the terrorist risk has escalated. Police numbers across London have in fact remained relatively stable, as has the cash that the Met receives. However they continue to have to find efficiencies, and the Mayor /MOPAC are consulting on a new strategy around police stations, which in the modern world are rarely accessed by the public. [Click here for the link](#). The consultation closes on the 6th October. In essence, both Hillingdon and Harrow will be left with one police station each and the intention is to identify other, cheaper local “touch points” for neighbourhood policing teams to use as bases. These teams would still be visible and accessible; and their need for fixed bases reduced by more mobile working, including access to tablets. The surplus property would be sold, with no timetable set. In theory, Pinner would be one of the stations sold, although I suspect that will be very complicated by its listed status.

I have spoken to both Borough Commanders, and my position is as follows:-

1. The current plan is for the main Hillingdon Police station to be in Hayes. Boris and I support the local view that this should be Uxbridge.
2. I will continue to press for response car capacity to be kept north of the A40.
3. I will work with local partners to help the police find alternative bases in neighbourhoods: I don't want them losing patrol time by having to start and end at the main police station.
4. I will work with Pinner Residents Association; Councillors and the Police to make sure that the future of the Pinner Police Station is handled with great sensitivity, given its important position and history in the Pinner landscape.
5. I want to know how Hillingdon and harrow will benefit from any raised by the sale of our local police stations.

As always I would be interested in your views about these proposals and the state of policing in general.

Local Schools

Pinner Wood School

Earlier this year, we faced a real crisis with the sudden need to close this popular school because of concerns about ground safety. In fact, the Council and school community pulled together to find an emergency solution in two phases (split site, and now the school together at the Civic Centre). The good news is that the remediation work on the old site should be concluded by mid-December, and so the school should return in January 2018. I am delighted that Pinner will continue to have this valued community asset and I would like to place on record my admiration for the way that the school; council and parents worked together so well in what was a very fraught situation. I am sure we all want to wish the new head Sarah Marriott every success in her new role.

Role in Government – Police, Fire & Grenfell



Out on patrol with the police in Newcastle

In addition to being your MP, I am a Minister of State in the Government. In July, the PM promoted me and asked me to move to the Home Office and take responsibility for Policing and Fire Service. The Grenfell disaster happened on Day 2 of my watch and has taken up a lot of my time, not least as the PM has asked me to be Grenfell Victims Minister. This means engaging directly with victims and making sure that the system trying to help them understand their feelings and needs.

A number of you wrote to me after the tragic fire, calling for a review of building and fire safety regulation. I wanted to alert you to two important responses from the Government.

The first is the recent launch of the independent, judge-led public enquiry. At the launch, Judge Moore-Bick made it very clear that the enquiry will look at the adequacy of regulation as part of getting to the truth of why that terrible and unprecedented fire happened.

In parallel, the Government initiated in July its own independent review of regulation, led by Dame Judith Hackitt. Click [here](#) for a link to an update on her review, including her call for evidence.

We are determined to make sure that our fire safety system is fit for purpose and that a disaster like Grenfell will not happen again.

Out and about

Local charities



At Michael Sobell Hospice



At RAFT

We have wonderful charities on the Mount Vernon site. It was a great pleasure to visit both Michael Sobell Hospice, and RAFT, who do extraordinary work to help rebuild lives after major trauma.

Supporting young people



With NCS

I am very proud of having led the team that set up National Citizen Service, (NCS) which is funded by Government. This is a wonderful experience for young people aged 15-17, that helps them build their confidence and develop skills that will be very useful for them in life and work. Across the country, more than 275,000 young people have taken part. In Hillingdon, the number has grown to 800 a year from scratch in 2011. It was a huge pleasure to spend some time with the 2017 Hillingdon cohorts and hear their plans for community projects. Congratulations to everyone for stepping up.

For more information on NCS click [here](#).

Supporting the Scouts

I am very pleased to support the 1st Northwood Scouting Centre appeal. The existing Scout Hut is now well beyond economical repair and the challenge is to raise £100,000 in 12 months to build a new scouting centre, for generations to come. At the halfway point of the appeal, an amazing £50,000 has been raised! If you are able, I hope you will also support the appeal as there is still have a long way to go to reach this challenging target. Donating is easy. Simply log on to the BT Just Giving website using [this link](#) and don't forget by selecting the "Gift Aided" your donation will be that much bigger. You can also check on the progress of the fund and other ways to donate [here](#).

Community



At Pinner Village Show

The Pinner Village Show this year was blessed with much better weather than last year, and I was delighted to open it again. The Rotary Club deserve great credit for organizing it and it was good to see such big crowds.



At Heath Robinson Museum

I am a huge fan of the Heath Robinson Museum in Pinner, which has been built by the community for the community with great passion and persistence over the years. It was a pleasure to open the new Waterbabies exhibition, which showcases the wonderful illustration by this great former resident of Pinner for the famous

Victorian novel. Highly recommended.

For more details of the museum click [here](#).

Local Schools

Warrender School

I really enjoyed a recent visit to Warrender School, which involved a tour; assembly and the chance to give badges to the newly elected Head Boy and Girl. I had the best possible impression and would like to congratulate the team there, as I do all those who work so hard to make sure that the area continues to be blessed with good schools.

And finally...

THANK YOU!

If you were one of the 30,555 people who voted for me in the General Election: I really appreciate your support, which I do not take for granted.

If you did not vote for me, then please be assured that my job is to work for all constituents, whatever their politics.

If I can help you or your family in any way, or if you would like to express a view, then please do not hesitate to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.



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