Harriet Harman - MP for Camberwell and Peckham
Newsletter - July 2014

Listening to parents at the school gate
Summer is a good time to meet parents, carers and teachers at the school gate as they drop their children off. Together with local councillors I have done ‘school gate’ meetings at Camelot Primary in Peckham & Hollydale Primary in Nunhead.

Parliament & Equality
It’s important for our democracy that Parliament is properly representative of the people in this country—women, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities and the LGBT community. You can read on my website the full text of the ‘Speakers Lecture’ which I gave at the invitation of John Bercow, the Speaker of the House of Commons.

Campaigning for the return of the missing Nigerian schoolgirls
It was a privilege to meet Nigerian Finance Minister, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, when she came to speak in Parliament at a meeting convened by the UN Special Envoy for Global Education, Gordon Brown, on the Nigerian schoolgirls who were abducted from their school almost 100 days ago. It is essential not just for each child, but for Nigeria’s economic future, that all girls in Nigeria go to school. We must keep up the pressure and support the Nigerian Government’s efforts to bring all the girls home safely.

Challenging the Government on their failures on the NHS
All around the country people are having to wait longer at A&E. I challenged the Deputy Prime Minister Nick Clegg in Parliament about the increase in waiting times. I also met with Southwark Clinical Commissioning Group to discuss the problem of GP waiting times.

Work experience for local students studying for their GCSE’s
It’s important for young people to get work experience. I was pleased to welcome three young people from schools in my constituency to undertake work experience and training as part of their GCSE studies: Blessing Ayenge, Oluwatomiwa ‘Tomi’ Sanyaolu and Hanz Espino.

Supporting local Head Teachers
The transition from primary to secondary school is one of the most important periods in a child’s life. I’m working closely with local Head Teachers and the Council to improve the transition process for children, parents and schools.

Campaigning in Camberwell Green
In the run up to the General Election, we are going to be campaigning in all 9 wards in C&P. I joined local Councillors Mark Williams and Radha Burgess along with local Labour Party members for a ‘door knock’ in Sceaux Gardens estate in Camberwell.

Bonamy Estate advice surgery & walkabout in Livesey
Thanks to Pat Hickson and Kiri Pieri from the Residents’ Association, Clrs Richard Livingstone and Evelyn Akoto, and Council officers Ifeanyi Onabu, Robertson Eguye and Michael Mann for a very useful walkabout and advice surgery on the Bonamy Estate.

p.s. These are just some of my activities. For further information about my work in the constituency, as Deputy Leader of the Labour Party and Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport please see my website www.harrietharman.org
Are parents in Camberwell & Peckham getting the choice of secondary school they want for their child?

Many parents in my constituency are concerned that they can’t get the secondary school they want for their child. It’s an important issue which I report on, on an annual basis, and my latest report shows that:

*Out of the 9 schools that serve children in Camberwell & Peckham, 7 are undersubscribed - Kingsdale, Walworth Academy, ARK All Saints, Harris Boys, Harris Girls, Harris Peckham & St Thomas the Apostle - and only 2 are oversubscribed - Charter School and Sacred Heart.

*Of particular concern is Harris Peckham - parental 1st choice has fallen 12% to 27% despite good GCSE results

I’m discussing what can be done about this with the Council, Head Teachers, Education Ministers & parents

You can read the report on my website: www.harrietharman.org/speeches_and_reports

**Newsflash!** Lib Dem Bedroom Tax U-Turn – Nick Clegg says he now wants to axe the Bedroom Tax. They should never have backed it and should now vote with us to abolish it.

**Newsflash!** David Cameron’s false claims

At PMQ’s on 16/7/14 David Cameron claimed that I called for a tax increase on middle income earners. This is a false claim, a pathetic and desperate misrepresentation, and he should apologise. If we win the General Election, we will cut the taxes for low income earners with a new 10p lower rate and we would restore the top rate by increasing the rate for those earning over £150,000 from 45% to 50%.

**CONTACT HARRIET**

**BY POST:** House of Commons
London, SW1A 0AA

**ONLINE:** harrietharman.org
@HarrietHarman

**BY PHONE:** 0207 219 4218

**BY EMAIL:** harmanh@parliament.uk

**MY ADVICE SURgeries ARE NOW AT**
Walworth Methodist Church ‘Clubland’
54 Camberwell Road, SE5 0EW

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Fri 18 Jul</th>
<th>9am</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tue 29 Jul</td>
<td>5pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 8 Aug</td>
<td>9am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 29 Aug</td>
<td>9am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 5 Sept</td>
<td>9am</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tue 30 Sept</td>
<td>5pm</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Getting to Clubland: Bus Routes:** 468, 148, 171, 45, 68, 176, 12

**Casework Update July 2014:**

Since my last report in June:

- Action on 369 cases
- Including 120 new cases
- 3 advice surgeries
- Attended by 69 people
- Average reply time: 8 working days

![Number of cases graph]