



# HARRIET HARMAN QC MP MP for Camberwell & Peckham



## **New Secondary School in Peckham Rye**

The funding is in place from the Government and supporters, the students are ready to pick up their pens, but the Council has failed to deliver a site for the new Harris Academy.

It is sad that despite support and willingness from all quarters – most crucially the local community of parents alongside local Councillors, MPs, the Government and sponsors – the site put forward by the Leader of Southwark Council for a temporary Academy site is not safe. It means that the new school that we had all hoped would open in September 2007 won't be ready.

Local Councillors, Tessa Jowell MP and myself are all continuing to do what we can to ensure the best result for the local community.

## **ANNUAL REPORT 2006**

My annual report 2006 is now available on my website:

**[www.harrietharman.labour.co.uk](http://www.harrietharman.labour.co.uk)**

My website also features recent articles, speeches and reports.

## **Southwark Leaseholders: Fight for Fairness**

Thanks to the dedicated work of local leaseholders and Councillors, the 'Southwark Leaseholders: Fight for Fairness Campaign' has forced the Council to investigate the way it treats its leaseholders.

The Council was forced (in March 2006) to agree to an enquiry into the leasehold management. Feet have since been dragged, but I have pushed the Executive Member for Housing to honour the Council's commitment and focus on the problems that Southwark Council has caused its leaseholders.

The Council is restructuring the Housing Department and I will be keeping a close eye on the service that is provided to leaseholders and tenants alike.

## **Climate Crisis**

The Government is leading the way on action on climate change by introducing a 'Climate Change Bill' put this lead into law. In particular the bill will:

- put into law the government's long-term goal to reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 60 per cent by 2050;
- establish an independent body to work with the government on how efforts to reduce emissions should be spread over time and across the economy;
- strengthen monitoring and reporting arrangements to Parliament; and
- create new enabling powers to put in place new emission reductions measures to help meet our goal.

Locally, I called the 'Southwark Climate Crisis Summit'. I have been contacted by many of my constituents about climate change, so I called the "Southwark Climate Crisis Summit" on 30<sup>th</sup> June. I invited Southwark's MPs, the GLA Member Val Shawcross and all Southwark Councillors to join myself, Friends of the Earth, the local NHS Trusts, Chamber of Commerce & many community groups.

The summit called for a Southwark Climate Crisis Steering Group to look at what we can do in Southwark to combat the global menace. And I will be encouraging MPs to look at their 'Carbon Footprint' so they can see how much we each contribute to climate change.

*Harriet at Pilgrim Way Primary School, Peckham*



## Advice Surgery Times November & December 2006

Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road,  
London SE5 8UB

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov 10.00am

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov 6.00pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 6.00pm

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 10.00am

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 10:00am

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm

I hold regular surgeries at the Town Hall. If you've got a problem you can come to see me. Or you can email me on [harmanh@parliament.uk](mailto:harmanh@parliament.uk) or write to me at The House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. There are about 60 people at every surgery. They tell me - and my team - what the problem is and we tell them what I am able to do to help. I then write and keep them informed of the progress on their case. I know my surgeries are important for those I can help - with problems on housing, benefits or immigration, but they also help me meet and keep in touch with the concerns of my constituents.

My House of Commons Action team - Dora Dixon-Fyle, Fiona Brenner and Charlotte Montague are well-known in Westminster as really dedicated and hard-working.



Harriet opening the Child Development Centre on Peckham Road

## Faith Schools

Many constituents have contact me with concerns about the Government's plans to introduce a compulsory 25% intake of non-faith pupils in Catholic schools. Here is a response I received from Secretary of State for Education, Alan Johnson:

*We have...exchanged letters with the Catholic Church setting out an agreed way forward to ensure that up to 25% of places in new Catholic schools for pupil-s from other or no faith would be additional to the demand for faith places. The Church of England has already pledged to deliver the same for its new schools.*

*Consensus was reached with all faith groups to place a new duty on all school governing bodies to promote community cohesion and additionally to ensure that OFSTED inspect all schools on this element of what they do. We will secure this principle by amendments to the Bill. I will also bring all the faith groups together again so we can discuss further measures that we can take to promote inclusion and understanding of each other's faith on the basis of consensus.*

*I have listened carefully to colleagues on this issue and recognise that we all share the same goal for a more cohesive society where faith schools play an important part in building understanding and tolerance of other faiths and communities.*

## Southwark Police 1000 Campaign

The next summit of the Southwark Police 1000 campaign will be in December 2006.

More police, especially patrolling the streets and estates, is one of the top demands people in my constituency make. So I set up the Southwark Police 1,000 campaign in 2002. 1,000 is the number of officers that the Southwark Police say they need to carry out all their duties. The campaign, which I chair, includes local councillors, Tessa Jowell MP and Simon Hughes MP, Val Shawcross, our GLA member, the Police Sector working parties and the Southwark Police Consultative Committee.

**The Southwark Police 1000 campaign is still pressing forward. The latest figures are now in Southwark 890 police, with 165 civilian staff and 36 Community Support Officers to back them up.**