



Defending the Denmark Hill to London Bridge Link

Network Rail has conducted a consultation which has looked at the future of the South London Line (Victoria to London Bridge via Denmark Hill, Peckham Rye and Queens Road). Part of the consultation looked at whether the South London Line service will be able to go directly to London Bridge in the future, or whether passengers will have to change trains at Peckham Rye.

I am strongly opposed to the proposal to cut the direct service between Denmark Hill and London Bridge. Services should be improved.

On Tuesday 30th October 2007 I held a meeting in the House of Commons with Network Rail, First Capital Connect, Transport for London, cllr Veronica Ward, cllr Fiona Colley and Tessa Jowell MP's office to explain my strong objection to any service cuts.

I stated clearly in the meeting with Network Rail that my Camberwell constituents must not in any way be disadvantaged by changes to transport services in South London and that I am strongly opposed to the direct service between Denmark Hill and London Bridge being cut. I have also raised my concerns with Ruth Kelly MP, Minister of State for Transport.

I shall be fighting against these proposals. If this is an issue of concern and you would like to be kept informed, then please write to me at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA or at harmanh@parliament.uk

Harriet meets with pupils at the new Walworth Academy

On the first day of the school year I met with pupils at the new Walworth Academy to wish them and the new Head Teacher, Devon Hanson all the best. I asked the pupils what they thought of the services available for young people in Southwark. The pupils said they wanted more leisure and music facilities.



Harriet meeting with pupils at Walworth Academy

Celebrating 25 years as MP for Camberwell and Peckham

This is my 25th year serving as Member of Parliament for Camberwell and Peckham. It is a privilege being your MP and I am proud to represent such a diverse and thriving constituency in parliament.

Harriet introducing the Prime Minister to local councillor Althea Smith.



On Thursday 8th November 2007 many of my constituents, community leaders and local organisations celebrated the success of the area over the years and we were joined by other Members of Parliament and the Prime Minister, Gordon Brown.

Saving Southwark Pensioners Centre

I have been contacted by many of my constituents about the possible closure of the Pensioners Centre on Camberwell Road. I am due to meet with users of the centre next week.

In the meantime I will be working closely with the London Borough of Southwark Council. I am insisting that they ensure the centre stays open.

If you are concerned about this and would like to be kept informed then please contact me.

Harriet Congratulates Learners at Southwark Muslim Women's Association on their Achievements

On Friday 8th November 2007 I visited the Southwark Muslim Women's Association (SMWA). The SMWA provides Muslim women of Southwark with the skills, confidence and qualifications to enable them to enrich their lives.

The women told me they see an improvement in their lives after they complete the learning programme. In many cases they go onto further educational establishments and many of the women integrate with the mainstream education system as well as gain employment.

I talked to the women about their lives and what support and services best helps them and their families. I gave out certificates to learners who had completed courses and passed exams such as childcare and healthcare.



Harriet presenting a member of SMWA with her certificate

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On my website you can read about the work I have been doing locally and nationally, recent articles, speeches & reports and you can join me on my blog.

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December 2007

Friday 14th, 9am

January 2008

Tuesday 8th, 5pm

Friday 18th, 9am

February 2008

Friday 1st, 9am

Friday 15th, 9am

Tuesday 19th, 5pm

Maudsley Hospital

Emergency Services for Mental Health Users

On Thursday 8th November 2007 the Board of Southwark Primary Care Trust decided that mental health commissioners can now ask the South London and Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust (SLaM) to close the remaining services located at the emergency clinic at the Maudsley Hospital and move the service to Kings College Hospital. I will be meeting Mee Ling Ng, the Southwark PCT chair, for her to report to me the board's decision. It is essential that the users of the emergency clinic feel confident that any changes mean that their care is better - and certainly no worse - than they get at present.

Harriet Celebrates with Southwark Credit Union on their 25th Year Anniversary

On 15th November 2007 I met with members of Southwark Credit Union to congratulate them as they celebrated their 25th Anniversary and launched the publication "The Development of Southwark Credit Union 1982-2007". Southwark Credit Union is London's oldest and largest "community bank". Over the past 25 years it has fought poverty, over-indebtedness and financial exclusion and is one of the leading credit unions in the country.



Harriet congratulates Southwark Credit Union on 25 years