

## Harriet Harman - MP for Camberwell and Peckham

Monthly Report—June 2016

### Jo Cox MP 1974—2016

Jo's death is an absolute tragedy. She was dynamic and fearless. Elected only a year ago she was a beacon among the new generation of young Labour women MPs. So full of promise for the future, so committed to progressive politics. Jo's politics were always about bringing people together and never about creating divisions. She put into practice her belief that politicians must be amongst the people they represent and she was, in every town, village and community in her constituency. We were immensely proud of her and are devastated by her loss. Her children will now have to grow up without their mother but we will make sure that they know what an amazing, progressive and principled politician their mother was and how much we admired her. My deepest sympathy goes to Brendan and to Jo's family.



### EU Referendum Results

The U.K. has voted to leave the EU and there will now be economic and political turbulence.

I am deeply disappointed by the result of the referendum.

- I campaigned hard for us to remain in the EU.
- The overwhelming majority of Labour supporters backed the UK remaining in the EU and
- 73% of Southwark residents backed remaining in the EU.

But we have to acknowledge the result and strive for the best future for this country in the circumstances which now face us.

The leaders of the Leave campaign promised that:

- There would be no shock to the economy and that it would grow
- People will not be hit by price increases
- That pay will go up for low paid workers
- That they'd invest more in the health service
- That they'd have a fair immigration policy
- That they would not unravel the rights at work that the EU guarantees

They must be held to account to deliver on those promises.

We, in the Labour Party, must ensure that the burden of the economic problems which the country now faces does not fall hardest on those who can least afford it.

We must not let the Tories allow the poorest regions to fall further behind.

And in London, all politicians, both MPs, GLA members and councillors, must work together to support London's economy and services.

And we must banish the intolerance and hatred which was engendered by the leadership of the Leave campaign and which must be no part of the politics of our democracy.

### Jeremy Corbyn Statement

It is with great regret that I call on Jeremy Corbyn to stand down as leader of the Labour Party. Jeremy has many great qualities but he is not a leader. The party and the country needs a strong united Labour Opposition at this immensely challenging time. Jeremy earned the right to take up the leadership of the party with a big majority. But he has failed and he has no right or mandate to stay in office despite his failure and take the party down with him. Leading the party is a privilege not a right. You earn the opportunity to lead by being elected, to lead the whole party, our voters, members, councillors and MPs. But winning the leadership election does not give you the right to continue in post if you fail. If Jeremy goes now, he will earn the respect and admiration of the party. If he stays he will be responsible for damage to the party on the gravest scale. No-one has the right to do that. Being leader of the Opposition is an immensely difficult task. Much harder than it looks. The starting point should be to support the leader and help them succeed. And that is what I have done over the past 3 decades and with 6 leaders through thick and thin. But I have no right to stand by and let our party collapse in disarray. That is what has happened under Jeremy and that has to stop. I urge Jeremy to stand down.

## Solomon's Passage—Wandle Housing

85 families who live in Solomon's Passage, overlooking Peckham Rye, heard the devastating news that they'll all have to leave their homes because of fundamental defects in the blocks built only 6 years ago. 2 blocks will have to be refurbished and the residents will have to move out. And 2 blocks are so badly built they'll have to be demolished. Families face months of uncertainty.

I've met with Wandle and residents of Solomon's Passage. Peckham Rye Councillor's Renata Hamvas, Gavin Edwards and Victoria Mills have also pledged their support. It's clear that the residents' confidence in Wandle has collapsed. It's clear Wandle really need to work to rectify this. I've met with Wandle to propose:

- They support a new Tenants and Residents Association
- That Wandle board to visit and meet the residents
- That a senior Wandle official and Wandle board member be identified to liaise with residents
- Individual contracts for each resident setting out Wandle's commitment for their future housing
- Fair valuations for those with shared-ownership
- Compensation for past problems on repair/maintenance
- Full transparency on all documentation and reports (except where between Wandle and their lawyers)

If necessary, the Homes and Communities Agency and the Department of Communities and Local Government must help Wandle deal with this terrible construction failure.

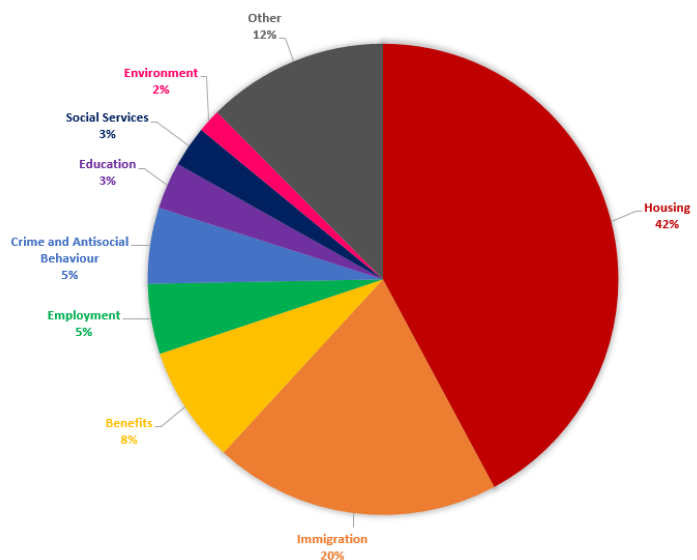


## Casework Update

### In May & June :

- Action on 521 cases
- Including 228 new cases
- 3 advice surgeries
- Attended by 73 people
- Average reply time: 10 working days

BREAKDOWN OF CASEWORK ISSUES -MAY AND JUNE 2016



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