



In 2019 my constituency priority is the NHS

Opposing No Deal Brexit

Thank you to the 100s who have taken the time to write to me about Brexit. I don't think there's any deal which is better than the one we have now as an EU member. I have great fears for a No Deal Brexit which would cause a national emergency and devastation to those on low incomes, the vulnerable and those who lose their jobs. A people's vote would break the logjam but I would be concerned that it must not have No Deal on the ballot paper. 3 years on from the narrowest of referendum results [revoking Article 50 would certainly be better for the country than No Deal](#).

Supporting domestic abuse victims

Important moment this week as the Government introduced the Domestic Abuse Bill. After years of struggle on DV. I welcome the new definition of domestic abuse, legal duty to provide DV refuges for women fleeing their homes, the new DV Commissioner & extension of the Bill to victims in Northern Ireland. But what happens next is crucial. The Prime Minister will be gone next week. The new PM must commit to taking the Bill forward. I will be seeking amendments to increase government funding for refuges & to stop men who kill their wives or girlfriends evading murder charges by claiming 'rough sex gone wrong'.



Remembering Lakanal: 10 years on

Moving service at St Giles Church for the 3 women & 3 young children who lost their lives in the Lakanal House fire in 2009 & for all those affected by the tragedy. Thanks to Dave Lewis, Sceaux Gardens Tenants Association & local cllrs Ian Wingfield, Radha Burgess & Jason Ochere for their support to the community.



Camelot Primary School

Great to visit committed staff team led by Headteacher James Robinson, parents & children at Camelot Primary School. Congratulations on your Good Ofsted report!



Sacred Heart pupils lobby MPs

Important and powerful case made by Sacred Heart students in Parliament for UK overseas aid to support communities hit by climate change, conflict & famine. I'm backing them all the way on this!



40 years of Select Committees—speech

Parliamentary Select Committees are in the ascendancy, carving out a powerful new role in our Brexit-riven Parliament. Led by so-called 'big beasts' including Yvette Cooper, Hilary Benn & Sarah Wollaston they have grown in authority. This has been an invaluable rebalancing between the Government & Parliament—in Parliament's favour.



Cross-party coalition to end indefinite detention

Hearing from a brave young woman detained in Yarl's Wood with her mum for 3 months at the launch of the new All-Party Group on Immigration Detention chaired by Alison Thewliss MP. MPs from all parties determined to introduce a time limit of 28 days and to end arbitrary indefinite detention.



Pecan Women's Space

Lovely welcoming atmosphere at Pecan's Southwark & Lewisham Women's Space. A sanctuary &

positive help for women who've faced difficulties. Thanks to Pecan for all their work & to Cllr Jasmine Ali & Southwark Council for their support.



Protecting People's Right to Privacy in the Digital Revolution

Everybody needs to use the internet and apps now for everything they need to do including to apply for jobs or get the benefits they are entitled to. As Chair of the Human Rights Committee I'm leading an inquiry into how we can protect people from human rights abuses as companies carry out extensive gathering of people's personal data through their use of the internet. It is unrealistic to expect individuals to know about the risks they are taking, the risks to privacy and discrimination, and what steps companies and government should take to protect them. It cannot be down to the individual to know about this. There has to be a very strong regulatory regime. We will report later this year.

Local Labour Branch Meetings

Really interesting discussions with local members in Old Kent Road, Nunhead & Queens Road and Peckham branches in a turbulent year in Parliament. Lots to talk about including Brexit, support for victims of domestic violence, ending indefinite immigration detention, the need for affordable housing and school cuts. Thanks to branch chairs & secretaries in Old Kent Road: Simon Perera & Hazel Flynn, Nunhead & Queens Road: Vicky Karambatsos & Jeremy Drinkall and Peckham: Malc McDonald & Papa Asiedu and to all the members who came to talk.



Climate Emergency

Impossible to overstate the importance of tackling climate change. Thanks to everyone who came to Parliament to demand action!



Labour women campaign day in Camberwell Green

Thanks to Cllr Dora Dixon-Fyle, Cllr Victoria Olisa & Izzie Niven, our CLP Chair!

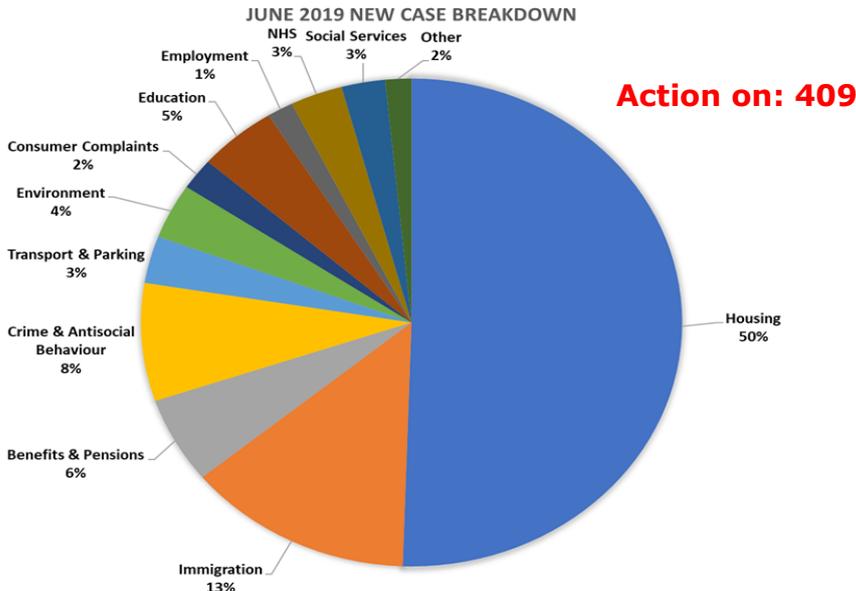


Policy issues update

In June 684 Camberwell & Peckham residents wrote to me about policy issues. The top 3 concerns raised were:

1. Protect rivers from plastic pollution. [I'm backing this.](#)
2. Back steps to tackle the climate emergency. See my demands on government [here.](#)
3. Back a people's vote. I'm backing this, but we must ensure No Deal is not on the ballot paper.

Read more about my position on policy issues & letters to Ministers on my [website](#).



Helping constituents with their problems

A woman from Peckham Rye searching for her long-lost nephew so she could give him his inheritance following her father's death asked for my help because she had no way of contacting him and the Child Support Agency (CSA) said they could not provide her with his address. I wrote to the CSA and they have now been reunited and he has received his inheritance.

A single mother from Nigeria living in Camberwell contacted me because she had applied for Leave to Remain and paid the £2,297 fee to the Home Office but her application was refused a year later alleging 'non-payment of fee'. I wrote to the Home Office and they have re-opened her application and confirmed it will be dealt with as a priority.



A man living in Rye Lane asked for my help because he and his family were facing eviction. His Housing Benefit had been suspended without him knowing so he had accumulated over £1,000 in rent arrears and he only discovered that his benefit had been suspended when his landlord, Affinity Sutton Housing Association, sent him an eviction notice. I made urgent enquiries and he and his family are no longer facing eviction, his Housing Benefit has been reinstated and he has received a back-payment of £3,789.60.

A Russian woman living in Camberwell contacted me because she wanted to change her surname on her residence permit after she got married. She paid £800 for UKVI's one day service but had still not heard back 51 days later. I wrote to UKVI and they issued her new permit within 2 days and refunded her the £800.

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