



In 2019 my constituency priority is the NHS

Supporting the Brandon community grieving another young life lost to violence

The Brandon Estate community in Camberwell are again facing unfathomable grief and distress after 18 year old Clinton Evbota, a former resident of the estate, was stabbed to death in the centre of their estate on Grimsel Path on Thursday 10th October. Clinton is the third young man who has been murdered on the Brandon Estate in just 18 months after Rhyhiem Barton, aged 17, was killed in May 2018 and Siddique Kamara, aged 23, was killed in August 2018.



The morning after Clinton was killed I met up with the tenant's association chairs and talked to residents on the estate with Cllr Evelyn Akoto, Cabinet Member for Community Safety at Southwark Council & local councillor Alice Macdonald. For families and the community who live on the Brandon this is not just a newspaper headline, this is their lives, and for Clinton's family, it's their worst nightmare.

It is vital that the longstanding demands of the tenant's association are met. They've been asking for CCTV. It's installed, but not yet operational. And the trees that they've been asking to be cut back are still in full leaf. The TRAs are the heart of the community and know what's needed.

They are holding a community meeting this week and Southwark Council will need to come with clear timelines on how they will meet the demands so the

whole community can feel safer. Council action is one important part of the picture, but the causes of this horrific violence are complex and developing over years. Government cuts have hit every service. There are fewer after school clubs and holiday playschemes, fewer support workers in schools and child and adolescent mental health are under strain. These services are vital, especially for young people who are losing their way and are at risk of getting into trouble. In every area there should be youth clubs, and services for young people to help tackle knife crime and problems such as mental ill-health and school exclusions. Southwark is a great place to live. But too many young people are dying violent deaths. This is a national crisis. We need leadership and more resources from government, and an end to the cuts.



Peckham Portraits return!

#BlackHistoryMonth

Joyful unveiling of the inspirational Peckham Portraits at Mountview Theatre in Peckham.

Congratulations to photographer Franklyn Rodgers, Fraser James and everyone at Mountview and Southwark Council who made this happen.



Launching Southwark Child Mental Health Commission

Quality child mental health services is an equality and human rights issue. A child being able to get the support they need should not depend on how much money their parents have. All credit to Southwark Council and Cllr Jasmine Ali launching the new Southwark Child and Adolescent Mental Health Commission and insisting that 100% of children with mental health problems get the services they need. Thanks to Children's Commissioner Anne Longfield for her backing. I hope other councils and Clinical Commissioning Groups follow Southwark's leadership.



Hearing from [Peckham Citizens](#)



Parents, teachers, school students, faith representatives tell me of public disapproval of shouting and abuse in the Commons Chamber. We must review the rules on MPs' language & tone.

Strengthening the Domestic Abuse Bill

Men who kill their wife or girlfriend are escaping murder charges claiming "rough sex gone wrong". She is dead and can't say otherwise. [Listen to my BBC Radio London interview](#) on the change in the law I've proposed to the Domestic Abuse Bill to end the "50 shades of grey" defence which has strong cross-party support.

Queen's Speech puts spotlight on government human rights record

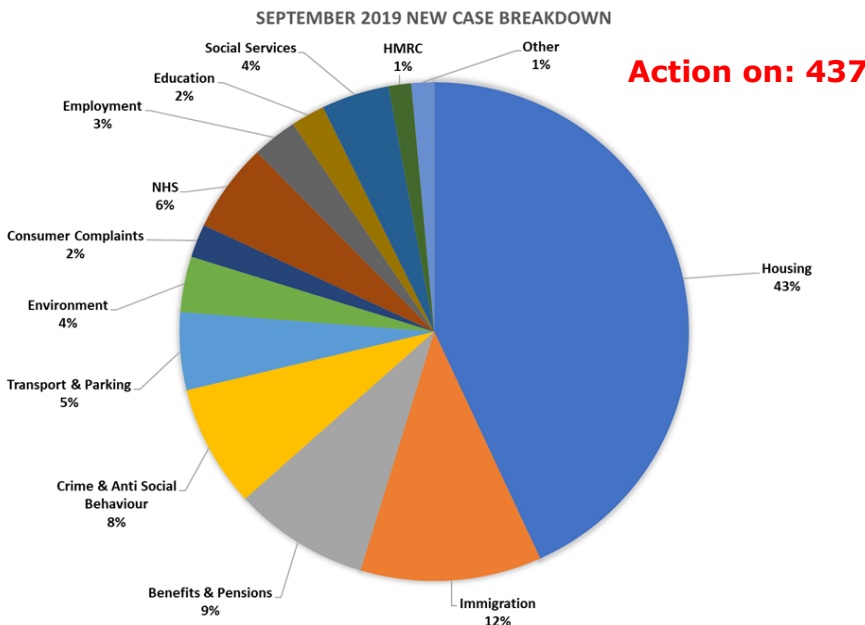
As Chair of Parliament's Human Rights Select Committee I'm [demanding the Government use the Bills](#) they are bringing forward in their Queen's Speech this week to end human rights abuses, including to introduce a time limit on immigration detention in the Immigration Bill. To make the child's human right to family life a central concern when a judge is deciding whether to send their mother to prison, particularly for non-violence offences, in the new Sentencing Bill.

Establish a Citizens' Assembly to tackle climate change

Greta Thunberg and climate protesters across the world have raised global awareness of the urgency of the climate crisis. Their action is a wake-up call to the Government and to all of us as MPs. We can see the science. It is now our responsibility to act. I've co-sponsored Jane Dodds MP Early Day Motion to demand the Government establish a UK Citizens' Climate Assembly to debate climate policy and deliver proposals to government.

Rye Hill Estate visit & surgery

Out & about meeting residents on Rye Hill Estate with Southwark Police, Cllr Victoria Mills & Renata Hamvas. Thanks to Miriam Facey, TRA Chair, for your important work for residents.



Policy issues update

In September 793 Camberwell & Peckham residents wrote to me about policy issues. The top 3 concerns raised were:

1. Act to ensure there's no chance of a No Deal Brexit. I've consistently voted to stop a No Deal.
2. Back a People's Vote. I voted for a second referendum.
3. Stop Boris Johnson's prorogation of Parliament. I opposed the prorogation.

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

Helping constituents with their problems

An Elmington Estate resident, originally from Nigeria, asked for my help because he wanted to return to Nigeria for his brother's funeral but he didn't have his Biometric Residence Permit (BRP). He'd submitted his permit to the Home Office as evidence towards his wife's visa application and it had not yet been returned. He could not travel outside the UK without it. I wrote to the Home Office to ask them to return his permit as soon as possible. He received it 7 days later and was able to travel as planned.

A Cossall Walk council tenant contacted me because his kitchen units were in a serious state of disrepair and despite raising the issue with Southwark Council on several occasions nothing had been done. I wrote to the council to ask them to undertake the work and they installed new kitchen cupboards shortly afterwards.

A disabled woman contacted me because rogue tradesman had coerced her into withdrawing £15,000 in cash to pay for work to her roof that was never carried out. She felt that her bank, Halifax, had not done enough to support her as a vulnerable customer as they did not question the large withdrawals she was making. I wrote to Lloyds Banking Group, who own Halifax, and my constituent was refunded £15,000 and paid £500 in compensation.



A single mother living on the Aylesbury Estate who had been granted Leave to Remain until August 2022 contacted me for help because her Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) had been delayed by 2 months and as a result she had lost out on a job offer. I wrote to the Home Office and asked that for her BRP be sent out to her. She received it a week later.

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