



In 2020 my constituency priority is the NHS

King's College Hospital visit and meeting

Visiting the emergency department at King's to hear from patients and meeting with the Chief Executive, Dr Clive Kay and Clinical Director of A & E, Emer Sutherland. Parents have to wait longer in A & E and the shortage of beds at the Maudsley Hospital means that patients in a mental health crisis can often end up in Kings A & E. The Maudsley must have sufficient beds and resources to be able to admit people for emergency care.

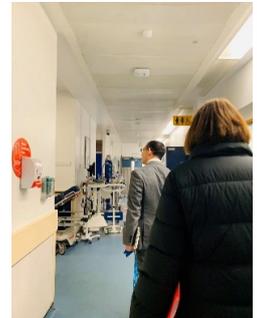


Thanks to the expert [Redthread](#) youth work team at King's College Hospital for their vital work to intervene to help victims of knife crime & domestic violence out of the cycle of violence. I will be [continuing my support of the work of the APPG on Knife Crime](#) pressing the Government to fund more child and adolescent mental health services, youth clubs, police & more housing to help keep young people safe.



People need dignity in old age - social care must be universal public service

A growing number of people in Camberwell and Peckham contact me because they can't get the quality social care their older relatives need. A decade of Tory cuts to local council budgets and more people needing care has strained care services to the limit. This is a priority for Labour. I've co-signed [Helen Hayes MP's Early Day Motion](#) to demand the Government urgently brings forward proposals to Parliament to ensure everyone gets the support they need and can live with dignity with their disabilities or in their old age. We are also pressing Ministers to invest in the people who work in social care. Carers play a vital role in our society, yet they are underpaid and often unappreciated. **Read my Southwark News article [here](#).**



Southwark Peace Garden

A remarkable symbol of peace. Pleased to attend the unveiling of the dove sculpture in the new Southwark Peace Garden at Walworth Methodist Church. Made from knives seized by Southwark Police, it represents the local community's determination to tackle knife crime.



Government staff deserve fair pay & conditions

A constituent working in Facilities Management at the Foreign Office asked for my help because his team have been in dispute with their employer Interserve for months and are on strike. They are asking for sick pay, trade union recognition and a return to monthly salaries not daily pay. All things civil servants they work alongside are entitled to. I've co-signed an EDM calling for Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab, to urgently meet with staff and the employer to bring an end to this dispute and ensure all workers in Government are treated fairly.

Demanding Peckham road safety & cycle extension

Meeting at City Hall with the Mayor's Walking & Cycling Commissioner Will Norman and TfL to press for safety measure at Peckham High Street after 4 tragic pedestrian deaths and for more Santander bike hire ports. It's bad enough Peckham has no tube but we have no bike ports either!



Demanding equal pay for women at work

Pleased to speak at the Fawcett Society Equal Pay event in Parliament. Pay discrimination is about more than the money, unequal pay is a daily insult to women at work. Women need unions to fight for this. The national gender pay gap (17.3%) is a disgrace. But the union I'm a member of, Unite, has a gender pay gap of 28.5%. What does that say to their women members? I am seeking amendments to the Employment Bill to get strong enforcement of equal pay law.



All respect to Samira Ahmed, Carrie Gracie and the other BBC women pressing for equal pay. It's never easy to take an equal pay case. But it's even harder when your employer is a revered national institution as the BBC is. I am a passionate believer in the vital role of the BBC. But there are loud voices in government who are totally opposed to the notion of a public service broadcaster. The new Director General must get the BBC house in order on this, or the love of Strictly might not be enough to save the BBC from its enemies whipping up public anger. **Read my Evening Standard article [here](#).**

I joined over 150 MPs in writing to the Home Secretary, Priti Patel, to urge government to pause the deportation of 50 UK residents to Jamaica on 11th February, until the Windrush Lessons Learned Review is complete. **Read our letter [here](#).**

Comber Grove Primary Visit

So impressed with the pupils at Comber Grove Primary who told me about their great work to make life environmentally sustainable at school. And good to meet parents and staff too!



Holocaust Memorial Day

Auschwitz is not ancient history. Its survivors still bear witness to it. Nor is it in some faraway place. And the hatred that fuelled this horror still lurks. Never forget.

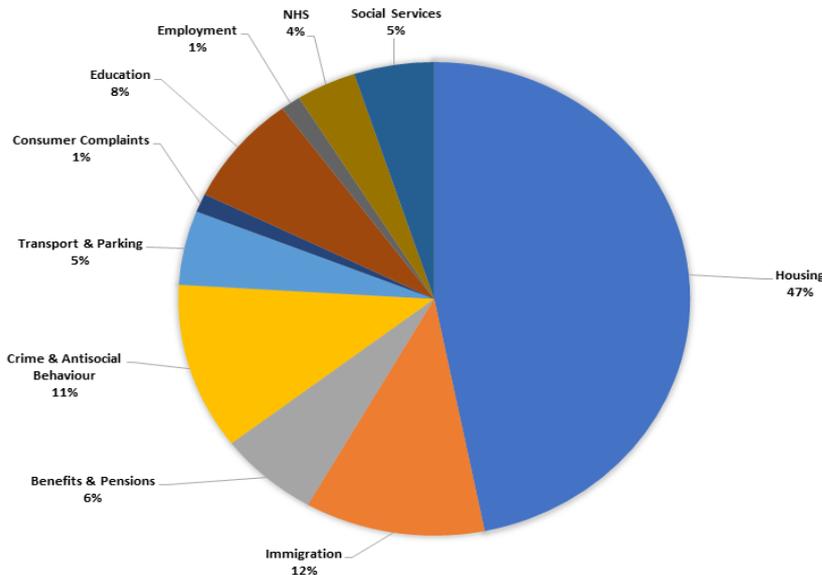


Tackling the housing crisis

Great to visit the site at Meeting House Lane on the Acorn Estate to see the start of 29 new council homes being built by Southwark Council. Much needed new homes for local people. Thanks to Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, Deputy Mayor for Housing, Tom Copley and council leader Peter John for their support.



JANUARY 2020 NEW CASE BREAKDOWN



Policy issues update

In January 503 Camberwell & Peckham residents wrote to me about policy issues.

The top 3 concerns raised were:

1. Save refugee family reunion. I backed this but the Government voted it down.
2. Help clean up toxic air pollution and plastic pollution in oceans. I support this.
3. Concerns over HS2. I support HS2 if certain criteria are met.

Read my full position and more on policy positions [on my website](#).

Helping constituents with their problems

-A concerned grandmother from Peckham contacted me because she wanted her granddaughter to be moved to a school in Bromley after suffering prolonged bullying. I contacted her granddaughter's current and prospective schools and she was soon offered a place at the school in Bromley. I am told she is settling in well and enjoying her new school.

-A Rye Lane resident contacted me as he had accrued over £3000 in fines from HMRC after failing to pay tax that he had not been informed he owed. I wrote to HMRC and asked that their discretion be used in this case to waive the fines and the fines were waived shortly thereafter.

-A father whose son had been selected to represent Great Britain in an international tennis tournament contacted me concerned he would be unable to attend as his British citizenship application had yet to be approved by the Home Office. I wrote to UK Visas and Immigration and asked for his the case to be expedited. My constituent's son was granted citizenship 5 days later and he was able to attend play in the tournament.



-A woman living in Dayak Court contacted me as she was seeking compensation from her landlord, Notting Hill Genesis, after they took over 2 years to repair a leak which left her flat badly damaged. She had been offered £1000 but she believed this was inadequate. I wrote to Notting Hill Genesis and asked that they increase their offer. My constituent was then offered £2500 in compensation.

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