

TATTON MATTERS



News from Esther McVey MP: keeping in touch all year round

Autumn 2017

£1.3 BILLION FOR SCHOOLS

Government puts a further £1.3 billion into education for 2018/19. Esther pushes for a fair share for Tatton
Full story below.

RAIL MINISTER VISIT

In August the Rail Minister, Paul Maynard MP visited Tatton to hear people's concerns about rail services
See back page.

GREEN BELT

One of the biggest issues that fills Esther's post box and email inbox is concerns over the loss of green belt land
See back page.

THANK YOU

It's a real honour to be the new MP for Tatton. Thank you for voting for me and for all the support and encouragement I have received since becoming your MP.

It's been a busy few months getting around the constituency; meeting with residents, community groups and local businesses as well as speaking up in Parliament on matters that affect Tatton - the first of which was on school funding for the area, see article below.

Rest assured as your local MP I will always work hard, be accessible and represent your interests.



Raising your concerns in Parliament on school funding



Knocking on doors over the election period it became clear school funding was a major issue, and I vowed if I became your MP I would fight for better funding for the area, which is exactly what I have done.

First I met with local headteachers, parents and governors to discuss funding implications for their schools. Armed with that information I immediately requested meetings with the Education Ministers and the Secretary of State and made sure my first

question in Parliament was to call for a Minister from the department to come to the dispatch box and give me reassurances that no school in Tatton would see a funding cut.

Days later I questioned Schools Minister Nick Gibb and was told the area would not see a cut and, although pleased, I wanted figures. I also met the Prime Minister's advisor and worked with fellow local Cheshire MPs to apply more pressure and as a group we met with the Secretary of State.

In the end Government listened and prioritised school funding and allocated an extra £1.3 billion for schools in 2018/19 which is coming from savings from existing budgets including spending on free schools.

The Government has said that spending per pupil will rise. At the time of this bulletin being published exact allocations have not been announced - the Minister said schools would find out their funding sometime in the autumn - but rest assured I will continue to fight for the best settlement possible for Tatton's schools.

As a Conservative MP I will seek to support the Government to get its legislation through whenever possible, but my priority is Tatton and I made it clear to the Government I could not support them on changes to school funding if our local pupils would lose out.

Around the constituency in pictures...



Working with local businesses in Mobberley



At Barnton Library meeting with constituents



Wilmslow show with Daphne, a hearing dog



Discussing bus services in Handforth

RAIL MINISTER VISITS TATTON

ANOTHER major issue locally is the public transport links. I'm working with community groups on bus links and I'm bringing the Rail Minister here to push for improvements on the Mid Cheshire rail links.

The railways lines exist, most of the infrastructure is in place but over the years the rail connections have ceased.

Rail Minister Paul Maynard has heard my views on this matter and now he is coming to Tatton to meet representatives from the Mid Cheshire Rail Users Association, local residents and businesses and to see for himself what is needed.

At the meeting we will all set out the case for expanding the rail network across Cheshire, linking Knutsford to the airport and Sandbach to Northwich - vital connections locally - and explain the problems inadequate links cause for the area.

HAS THE CASE BEEN MADE FOR HS2?



Esther meeting with local residents in Lostock Green raising concerns about the impact of HS2

Having met with residents and campaigning groups across Tatton and the North West their answer to the above question is 'No it has not.' In fact, the answer that keeps coming back is that what the

North really needs is a link from East to West - a CrossRail for the North - connecting all the great northern cities; Manchester, Sheffield, Liverpool, Leeds and Newcastle and added to that better connections across Cheshire, particularly if we are to have more homes built here, and if we want our world leading businesses to continue to expand.

Whilst there might be an argument for bringing HS2 to Crewe - rejuvenating Crewe as a great railway hub for the North - just providing a single HS2 line North to South doesn't stack up, practically or financially.

If you'd like to have your say please fill in the "Your Views" section below.

More News..

Meet and Greet: Since being elected I have held a number of informal drop in sessions at Sainsbury's in Wilmslow and Barnton Library. These are not formal surgeries but an opportunity to come and meet with me about issues that concern you. Watch out for more of these near you

Members: Welcome to those supporters who have joined us since the election. Join online www.tattonconservatives.org.uk or give us a call: 01565 632181

Email bulletin: I am setting up a system to communicate regularly via an Enews bulletin. If you want to receive the bulletin sign up by emailing: esther@tattonconservatives.org.uk or write to me at the address at the bottom of the page.

Green Belt...

THANK you to everyone who has contacted me about the green belt and planning issues.

Over the summer I have met with people right across the constituency. They have invited me into their homes, to cafes, even to big public meetings like the one at The Stanneylands Hotel, all concerned about local developments and the impact on the area. I will work with residents to do the best I can to protect our green spaces.

Not only do we need to protect the green belt but I agree with the many local residents who also highlight that the development plans go no way to provide the infrastructure required to support them - from roads to school places, GPs to public transport.

We need to continue to work together, to give ourselves the best possible chance of protecting our green belt from development. We know we are facing an uphill battle but we must do our best to protect our area from over development.

Local Councillors around the constituency...



Cllr Jonathan Farber and Cllr James Power, amongst others, were responsible for Knutsford's first music festival.



Esther out and about in Wilmslow with local Councillors and the action team.



Cllr Hayley Wells-Bradshaw planting bulbs in Wallwood, Knutsford.



Cllr Norman Wright, Cllr Don Hammond and Cllr Lynn Gibbon discussing school funding in Barnton.

TELL ME YOUR VIEWS

1. Which THREE of these local issues do you think should be a priority?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Affordable homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Protecting green spaces/green belt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Broadband connection | <input type="checkbox"/> Road and pothole repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Healthcare provision | <input type="checkbox"/> School place provision |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Speed 2 (HS2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Social services and care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infrastructure to support new homes | <input type="checkbox"/> Street lighting repairs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Public transport/buses/trains | <input type="checkbox"/> Supporting town centre businesses |
| <input type="checkbox"/> School funding | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport and congestion |

2. Which THREE of these national issues do you think should be a priority?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Anti terrorism, crime & policing | <input type="checkbox"/> NHS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brexit | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Economy | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport infrastructure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Employment | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment/climate change |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Animal welfare |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration | <input type="checkbox"/> Overseas aid |

Other comments:

Your name

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