



John McDonnell MP

Member of Parliament for Hayes & Harlington

Dear Friend,

Welcome to my first newsletter of 2021. This covers 1st January – 28th February

Firstly, my thoughts remain with those who have been affected by the virus through bereavement and continuing ill health and for those who have faced immense financial difficulties, loss of employment and for those living in uncertainty with what the future holds.

All our local agencies are working hard. The police, Council, Councillors, Fire Service, teachers, our local voluntary organisations, residents' groups and religious bodies, and of course our local carers, hospitals, doctors, paramedics and all those working in our health and social services.

You will understand my repeating this message. Their commitment and dedication are astounding, and I can't thank them enough for their work

The COVID-19 pandemic has created many problems for the residents of Hayes and Harlington.

In many situations, the crisis has made existing problems worse.

As a result, understandably there has been a remarkable increase in the number of constituents' that have sought my assistance since March 2020.

My team are continuing to work remotely during the pandemic.

If you have any issue of concern, then please email mcdonnelli@parliament.uk or lowderh@parliament.uk and we will do all we can to assist or advice you

Claim the Future Project

With the support of the Rosa Luxemburg Stiftung London, I have set up a project called Claim the Future

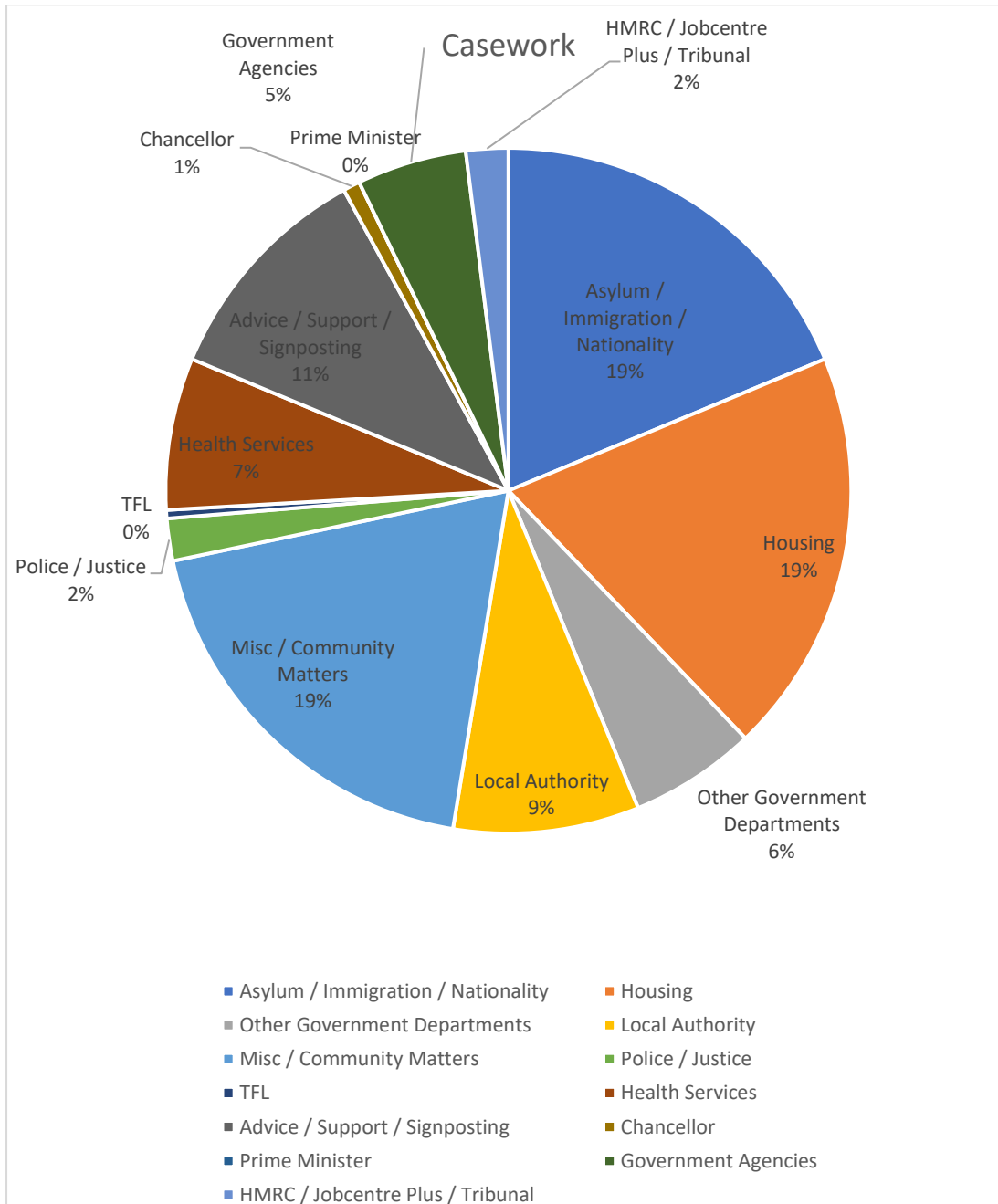
The project aims to ask and answer some of the questions that the pandemic has raised about the economy, the society we want to live in and the future of our planet.

Bringing together experts in each field, we have drafted policy position papers. Following discussions and online meetings, we aim to link new thinking with campaigning and action on the ground.

Here is the link to the website where you can find policy documents and news about discussion events <https://claimthefuture.today/home>

My Activities and Work

Below is a chart that shows the breakdown of casework my team and I have actioned from 1st January – 28th February 2021



In addition to casework, I received over **13,000 emails** from March 2020 – 28th February 2021 from constituents raising their concerns about policy positions and campaigns.

Below is a list of just some of the issues that constituents have raised recently.

- ✚ Support for visa free work permits for musicians and touring creatives
- ✚ Cancel the 2021 exams
- ✚ Support for better living conditions for those seeking asylum
- ✚ Concern about the funding gap facing local services
- ✚ Ensure parliament has a say in future trade deals
- ✚ Close the schools in January
- ✚ please support motion to protect leaseholders from cladding costs
- ✚ Violence against Indian farmers
- ✚ Sri Lankan government destroying Tamil memorials
- ✚ A pay rise for key workers
- ✚ Please help dying people get the benefits they need
- ✚ Please vote to protect the environment, food standards and animal welfare in the Trade Bill
- ✚ Vaccinate household members - keep people with blood cancer safe!
- ✚ Coronavirus vaccine - Please help prioritise people with learning disabilities
- ✚ Please speak up for animals in laboratories
- ✚ Support for McPartland Smith Amendment – Re cladding
- ✚ Concerns about neonicotinoids and the impact on bees •
- ✚ Vote to strengthen workers' rights outside the EU
- ✚ Support for amendment to the Environment Bill
- ✚ Calls to prioritise people with learning disabilities for access to COVID-19 vaccinations
- ✚ Protection of food standards

Parliamentary Debates

I took part in Parliamentary debates and spoke on the Financial Service Bill, on employment rights, and on the Environment Bill. In addition, I spoke on the Labour Party's motion regarding cladding on 1st February.

Below are the links to my speeches

<https://members.parliament.uk/member/178/contributions>

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2021-01-13/debates/742D7439-7DA3-4816-8005-3582F3863BBE/details#contribution-89387F61-9699-4978-9DEB-24CA571FE055>

<https://parliamentlive.tv/event/index/736cbd87-af24-491f-bfc9-8ed2cda5b324?in=19:01:41>

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2021-01-26/debates/20CFA026-8E78-4D84-82E4-B4236D826AA4/details#contribution-5024233E-CA85-4F27-BC98-73E646F37E78>

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<https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/9d6f61b5-f1a8-4534-84dc-ffaec>

Urgent Question

I asked an urgent question on 24th February to raise my concerns about the data contract with the US data company Palantir

“I think the whole tenor of the discussion today demonstrates a need for greater transparency, as the Minister has said. One way of doing that is by extending freedom of information to include all companies engaged in publicly funded contracts. I am concerned about the data contract with the US data company Palantir, which is notorious for its links with Trump and the white supremacist far right. Will the Minister confirm whether that contract has been the subject of a data protection impact assessment, including a public consultation, and whether Palantir will be able to sell on NHS data at a later stage, even, for example, to the Conservative party for electoral purposes?”

My Record

Follow the links to view the EDM's I have signed, to view the written questions I have raised, how I have voted and my spoken contributions

EDM's <https://members.parliament.uk/member/178/earlydaymotions>

Written questions

<https://members.parliament.uk/member/178/writtenquestions>

To see how I have voted

<https://members.parliament.uk/member/178/voting>

My spoken Contributions

<https://members.parliament.uk/member/178/contributions>

Joint Letters

I work closely with other MP's to raise issues collectively. Part of this is jointly signing letters and statements of support with Parliamentary colleagues. This is in addition to the letters that I have written to Ministers and other agencies on behalf of constituents through lobbies and casework.

Here is the link to my website where you can view past newsletters, joint letters, videos and news

<https://www.john-mcdonnell.net/> or follow me on twitter [@johnmcdonnellIMP](https://twitter.com/johnmcdonnellIMP)

TV Interviews

Sky News

Here is the link to my interview on Sky News regarding the Supreme Court ruling on Heathrow

<https://youtu.be/QjJB86oE50s>

London currently has the highest unemployment rate in the country. My constituency has the highest furlough rate with 1 in 7 currently on the furlough scheme Here is the link to my interview on Politics London regarding the unemployment figures and my continuous plea to the Chancellor to extend the scheme so that employers and employees know where they stand and can plan for the future.

Sophy Ridge on Sunday

This is the link to my interview on the Ridge show. I was asked about the reopening of schools, the cancellation of debt, demands for immediate action for people to be able to survive and our role in opposition

<https://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=John+McDonnell+Today&&view=detail&mid=29BFAF75D94AEC060F8429BFAF75D94AEC060F84&&FORM=VRD GAR&ru=%2Fvideos%2Fsearch%3Fq%3DJohn%2BMcDonnell%2BToday%26FORM%3DV RMHRS>

Sophy Ridge on Sunday

This is the link to my interview where I was asked about what is needed in the budget. This is the report of what I said
"We should be looking at something more radical for the future such as a minimum income guarantee', says Former Shadow Chancellor John McDonnell ahead of the Budget. He adds the furlough scheme should be extended, saying it's the 'common sense approach'. Now is exactly the right time for radical reform of both the tax system & furlough scheme to make them fairer, including a windfall tax on excess profits made during the pandemic, which could be used to wipe out at least debts such as rent & mortgage debt.

<https://twitter.com/SkyNews/status/1365609676755374080>

Peston

I appeared on this programme on the night the Capitol building was invaded by Trump supporters. The programme concentrated on this story,

Universal Basic Income

I was interviewed by Gadfly Productions about Universal Basic Income to accompany the Amazon Prime release of their documentary.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hRDvICSWrV0>

The film can be viewed at www.gadflyproductions.co.uk or <https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B08QRMTMVM/>

Article for Labour Outlook

I wrote an article for Labour Outlook about the growing burden of personal debt and the idea of people's debt write off is now <https://labouroutlook.org/2021/01/31/a-peoples-debt-write-off-is-an-idea-whose-time-has-come-john-mcdonnell-exclusive/>

Local Visits and Zoom Meetings in the Constituency

Due to Covid rules, I am unable to hold face to face meetings. However, I have met with constituents' over zoom to discuss individual cases and held regular meetings with local community groups, headteachers, police, trade unions, local businesses, local councillors, local doctors, nurses and health bodies, care homes, local religious bodies and engaging in wider discussions with groups about general topics at both local and international level that affect my constituents and have been raised by them.

I am also maintaining regular contact with the Borough Commander, the Chair of the CCG, Headteachers, Hillingdon Hospital, the managers of our local care homes, Harlington Hospice, the Mayor for London and the Group of London MP's. This is helpful by way of updates, sharing information and assessing how we can all work together

Since March 2020 and as part of the lock down rules, I have used my daily exercise walk to walk around and inspect different areas of my constituency to monitor the area and report to the appropriate body any issues that I find needing action.

Meetings and Briefings, I have attended

Below are just some of the Zoom call meetings I have organised or attended, addressing local, national and international issues that I have been involved in.

Harlington Hospice Board Meeting

As a Trustee of Harlington Hospice, I attend regular board meetings to discuss the future role and activities at the Hospice.

Vaccination Rollout

I have attended regular meetings with NHS staff and ministers to discuss the roll out of the vaccinations locally and nationally



Friends of the Earth Hillingdon

I spoke at a meeting of local FoE members about the threat of climate change and the policies we need globally, nationally, and locally to address this existential threat.

Weekly London MP's NHS Briefing

I attended an NHS briefing hosted by Lesley Watts, Chief Executive of the NW London Integrated Care System, along with Pippa Nightingale, lead for the vaccination programme. I received an update on the work that is being undertaken in terms of the pressures that our hospitals are facing and the rollout of the vaccination programme

MP Briefing on Issues Facing Frontline NHS Workers in the Second Wave

I attended a briefing hosted by the Doctor's Association UK in which they outlined their concerns in regards to staffing levels, oxygen supplies, PPE guidelines, ITU capacity, delays in planned care, mental health, issues affecting international NHS workers, Covid conspiracy theories and the problems stacking up for the NHS in the future. Their briefing included their recommendations that could work to resolve these concerns

GLA Covid Briefing for MP's

Given how Covid-19 is now escalating quickly in London, I attended the GLA briefing to get an update on Epidemiology, NHS capacity, testing and enforcement

The Excluded

I have held regular meetings with key representatives from FSB, IPSE, and academics working on an analysis of the problem of those 3 million people excluded from government support schemes. I continue to press the government on this.

All Party Parliamentary Groups

APPG Environment and APPG Woods & Trees

I joined this discussion about restoring England's Woodlands for Climate & Nature. Tree-planting rates in England are still failing to meet the levels needed to tackle climate change. Alongside ongoing concerns about how woodlands are being impacted by poorly implemented infrastructure and building projects, the challenges are profound, and I was interested to hear about the next Steps for the Government's Tree Strategy

APPG for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma - Friends, Families and Travellers

I continue to support the APPG concerning issues facing the Gypsy, Traveller and Roma communities

APPG on British Sikhs

I continue to support the APPG on Sikhs and have raised the issue of the Farmer's protests in India. I am seeking a Parliamentary debate on this important issue.

APPG Heathrow

I have been working with the APPG to seek amendments to the recent Air Traffic Management Bill to seek support for an environmental aviation strategy.

Gaps in Support APPG

I continue to work with the APPG to secure support for all those that need it during the pandemic.

Parliamentary Groups

I regularly attend the following Parliamentary groups, PCS Union, National Union of Journalists, Bakers Unions and the Justice Unions Parliamentary Group

Indian Farmers

The widespread protests by farmers in India continues.

Following recent legislative changes by the Indian Government, farmers are protesting to ensure that they get fair prices and to protect themselves from exploitation

Many constituents have contacted me about this issue. I have signed a joint letter to the Secretary of State about this issue. I also raised concerns about the lack of coverage on this issue with the BBC and I also applied for a Back-Bench Debate on this

The Nature Popular Forum

I attend the meeting of The Nature Popular Forum that is a coalition of social movements, academics and parties working on a common agenda to address the Climate Change Crisis and Capitalism

The Future of Financial Services

I spoke in the debate on the Financial Services Bill to highlight the need for more effective legislation to protect investors and pensions and to tackle abuses and tax avoidance.

No 3rd Runway Coalition Meeting

I attended the Coalition meeting and reported on the Parliamentary interventions planned for the coming period to bring a halt to the 3rd runway threat.

Rolls Royce

In my last newsletter, I reported that I had met with representatives of Unite the Union who represent Rolls Royce workers in our constituency to discuss the threat to their jobs.

I also joined members of unite in an online picket line rally for Rolls Royce workers in Barnoldswick. This company is betraying its workers and this community by shipping these workers' jobs abroad, especially after receiving billions in taxpayer support.

I received a briefing from the London Deputy Convenor Discussion to ensure that I was up to date with the situation and to see what support I could give them in negotiations with their manager

The Fight for Jobs at Heathrow Goes On

I am sad to say that this will be a regular slot in my newsletter.

I continue to hold regular meetings with the management and trade unions at Heathrow doing all I can to protect jobs and wages and conditions of employment. I will continue to make representations to British Airways, catering companies and others and will join their campaigns.

The pandemic may continue to impact upon our economy for some time, nevertheless it is a temporary problem and yet many companies like Heathrow Ltd are trying to impose permanent wage cuts on their wages. This is unfair and disgracefully using the crisis as an excuse to increase the long-term profits of their shareholders. This is unacceptable.

Below is Unite the Union's latest press release that outlines the current situation

Heathrow Airport braced for fresh strikes in 'bitter' fire and rehire dispute

[Unite members at Heathrow Airport Ltd \(HAL\) will undertake renewed strike action next month in the increasingly bitter dispute over the company's decision to fire and rehire its entire workforce, which is forcing many workers into poverty.](#)

[The workforce took four days of strike action last December and have now announced that they will take strike action on Friday 5 February.](#)

Different groups of workers will be striking at different times on this date. Unite members recorded an 84 per cent yes vote for strike action and the targeted action will involve: firefighters, engineers, campus security, baggage operations, central terminal

operations, landside and airside operations.

The dispute is a result of HAL firing and rehiring its entire 4,000 strong workforce on vastly inferior contracts, resulting in workers facing pay cuts of up to 25 per cent (£8,000 per annum).

Since the industrial action began, Unite has repeatedly raised concerns about HAL's contingency plans during industrial action and the potential risk to passengers and everyone that works at Heathrow. The union believes that HAL has failed to create a safe working environment but such concerns have been summarily dismissed by the company. In particular, Unite has raised serious concerns about the adequacy of firefighter cover at the airport.

Unite regional co-ordinating officer Wayne King said: *"HAL needs to understand that this dispute is not going away.*

"Our members – who are being forced to move home, downsize their properties or give up their cars because of the cuts imposed on them by Heathrow airport – are determined to keep fighting.

"Our members have worked throughout the pandemic. Even now as infection rates continue to climb, they are going into work, despite putting themselves and their families at risk of infection. That any employer can believe it is ok to permanently cut the pay of key workers at this time is unimaginable.

"The cuts imposed by HAL are all about greed and not need. If this was genuinely about making savings because of the pandemic these pay cuts would have been temporary and not permanent.

"The management at the airport are guilty of using the Covid-19 pandemic to force through long-held plans to cut workers' pay."

RMT Youth Conference

I spoke at the conference and discussed with young RMT members how we combat the emerging threat to their jobs and the campaigning planned.

Meeting with GMB Members Employed by British Gas

Yet another company that is threatening its employees to fire and rehire them on contracts with terrible terms and conditions. I attended a meeting with GMB members to receive a briefing and to show my support for their campaign

Civil Service Pay

The campaign on civil service pay started last autumn. MP's including myself signed a joint letter to the Chancellor to press for reform of pay bargaining and to request a meeting to discuss this. Sadly, the issues raised in our letter have not been

answered which has led to the civil servant's loss of confidence that the Government will address the issues relating to their pay

PCS Payday Rally

I spoke at this rally to support the union's pay claim.

EU Follow Up Meeting

I have maintained close contact with the education union and have received regular briefings on the support teachers need.

PCS Union Briefing on DVLA Staff Ballot

I have supported the campaign to expose the risks to DVLA staffs' health by being forced into work in unsafe conditions.

Brighton University Solidarity Rally

It was a privilege to participate in a solidarity rally with the Brighton University and College Union who are successfully fighting back against staff cuts

Signers Cooperative

Over the recent years we've seen deaf people's access to British Sign Language interpreting services being eroded. Large spoken language agencies are winning government frameworks and, in many cases, using BSL as a loss-leader.

The deaf community aren't getting access to the services they need. Turning up to medical appointments, has become a lottery, where they can't be confident an interpreter will be provided. Something needs to change.

I'm supporting Signalise, a new platform cooperative who want to see the money currently being taken as profit by agency shareholders, instead used to improve access and be reinvested into the community.

Local deaf people and interpreters are working together in Merseyside, along with frontline workers to come up with an online booking system that will be a real game changer.

Signalise can rebalance the system in favour of its users and workers and in creating a platform will make BSL provision fit for the future.

London Labour Students Policy Workshop

I joined the London Labour Students at their workshop as they were working on policies to submit to Sadiq Khan's manifesto



Community Wealth Building Conference

It was a pleasure and privilege to speak at this conference.

Community Wealth Building is about creating a resilient and inclusive economy for local people. It reduces the wealth flowing out of the local economy so that it can be shared more widely and recirculated for the benefit of local people and businesses.

Below are two links, the first is the link to the document Preston Council produced to showcase their community wealth building model. The second is the link to view the discussion

https://www.preston.gov.uk/media/5367/Community-Wealth-Building-2-0-Leading-Resilience-and-Recovery-in-Preston-Strategy/pdf/CommWealth-ShowcaseDoc_web.pdf?m=637498454035670000

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qs1jQyZxRLY&feature=youtu.be&ab_channel=LancashireBusinessView

Truth Enquiry

Dr Justin Schlosberg, senior lecturer at Birkbeck College and co-founder of TruthDefence.org, invited me to a discussion about the latest report on disinformation during the 2019 general election. You can read the report now - www.truthdefence.org/disinformation The panel discussion can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJLrIsk0Jt0>

Fighting Back in 2021

I have spoken at a number of meetings like this to encourage the campaigns against the government's ongoing austerity policies.

People Before Profit

I attended this informative meeting at which there was a series of workshops. This included fighting redundancies – fighting for climate jobs, defending services – resisting austerity – opposing the pay freeze, Covid – the battle for safety at work, the battle for education under Covid, no to scapegoating and campaigning for welfare and housing. Following this, I spoke at Waltham Forest People Before Profit and Coventry People Before Profit.

National Rent Strike

I met with a group of students' campaigns who are demanding action to lift the burden of rents off them during the pandemic.

Meeting with Miatta Fahnbulleh

I met with Miatta Fahnbulleh regarding Claim the Future Report New Economics Foundation

Julian Assange

I attended a meeting to discuss the Julian Assange case and the next steps to prevent his extradition, which the courts have judged to be a risk to his life.

Solidarity with Hong Kong

Solidarity with Hong Kong's rally to protest against the arrest of 53 pro-democracy lawmakers, organisers and trade unionists under China's National Security Law and build global solidarity with our Hong Kong comrades' struggle.

The "crime" of those arrested was participating in primaries to select pro-democracy candidates for the elections to Hong Kong's Legislative Council – from which the pro-democracy candidates have also been banned!

The arrests and wider wave of repression they are part of are nothing short of an attempt to intimidate any and all opposition into silence and submission. They are an assault on both the right to democratic representation and on grassroots advocacy and organising.

Local Schools

I have been in regular contact with local headteachers to offer whatever support and I can throughout the pandemic and to hear from them the issues and questions they want me to raise with the government. I have also written to them all to thank them for the tremendous work they and their staff have undertaken to support our children.

Hillingdon Hospital and Local NHS

I met with the Chair of Hillingdon Hospital and with the Chair of the local Clinical Commissioning Group to discuss the impact of the pandemic on the local NHS and see what further assistance is needed from the government. I asked them both to pass on my thanks for the tireless, dedication of our local NHS staff.

Heathrow Education Hub Meeting

I attend regular meetings with Unite the union which launched the Heathrow Hub project to provide educational and training opportunities, especially for Unite members and their families impacted by the Covid crisis. This is an online response which will greatly help them in pursuing career opportunities. It is a great initiative for our area. Unite Learning Hub offers hundreds of free courses for members, their families and communities. Check out the courses on offer by clicking on the link, whether you are in work or not <http://learnwithunite.org/heathrow/>

Cladding / leaseholder

It has been over three years since the Grenfell tragedy. This disaster highlighted the use of flammable cladding, insulation and other materials that have been used in

buildings. There have been inordinate delays in identifying the buildings with

dangerous cladding and the removal of such materials. This has left hundreds of my constituents' living in fear as they could be residing in unsafe buildings. They are unable to sell their properties or re mortgage due to not having a safety certificate. Leaseholders also face an anxious wait to hear if they will be charged for any safety checks and the work to remove the material. On 1st February the Labour Party put forward a motion to prevent the costs of making buildings safe fall on the shoulders of tenants, leaseholders and shared owners and owners. It is the developers and builders who are responsible and who should pay.

Here is my speech in Parliament on 1st February on the cladding debate

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2021-02-01/debates/1FCA1A68-0CCF-42BF-889D-EDD2CA92165F/details#contribution-5F1FF8B6-9F0D-4513-9E3C-EB05DAC2DBE4>

Here is my speech in Parliament on 25th February on the Fire Safety Bill

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2021-02-24/debates/B4494BB1-F6D0-4BE1-A1BA-26761AE51C8D/details#contribution-E5B0E471-65DA-4467-8C55-0BA231725EE1>

Housing

We have an ongoing housing crisis in our area with homelessness, overcrowding, high rents and an overall shortage of genuinely affordable accommodation. Although we do all we can to assist families this problem will not be overcome without a large-scale council house building programme and rent controls. I am working with the London Renters Union and Acorn, another renter's body, to campaign for an end to

evictions during the pandemic and the scrapping of Section 21 which allows landlords to evict tenants without reasonable grounds. This was promised by Boris Johnson but has not been delivered. If anyone is interested in helping set up a local branch of the Renters Union, please contact me.

River Colne and River Frays

For some time, I have been contacting the Environment Agency about the lack of maintenance of the rivers Colne and Frays.

The wet weather in the autumn saw a rise in water levels which flooded properties in the vicinity. I visited the area to record the extent of the flooding and spoke to constituents' who were anxious about the situation.

With the recent snow and rain, water levels have risen again which has caused considerable distress to my constituents' residing in West Drayton and Longford who are fearful of being flooded again.

I have written to the Environment Agency again. I have also pressed Hillingdon Council for support for the residents. I will continue to work with our West Drayton councillors, Stuart Mathers, Janet Duncan and Jan Sweeting, who have launched a petition on behalf of the residents

Hayes Canal Partnership

I continue to work with the local Canal Partnership that I helped to found. We have been focussing on improvements to the towpaths, securing residential moorings in Hayes town centre and ensuring developments along the canal in Hayes and West Drayton open up the canal to local residents and improve the overall environment.

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Harmondsworth Moor and Saxon Lake

Over the past few months, residents have contacted me about littering, anti-social behaviour which has led to significant damage to parts of Harmondsworth Moor and around Saxon Lake

The land is owned by BA. The park wardens who are employed by BA do a great job in ensuring the area is safe. However, since they have been furloughed, the area has deteriorated. I contacted the CEO, Mr Sean Doyle to arrange a zoom meeting with him, the local police and the residents.

Unfortunately, Mr Doyle declined and so I will be in contact with him again to seek this meeting so that we can move forward together in protecting the moor and lake

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Cranford Park

I am the Chair of the Friends of Cranford Park. We are a group of residents who came together to see how the park could be regenerated, what activities could be arranged and to look at the protection of the historical artifacts on site.

I am also on the Cranford Park Steering Committee, working in partnership with the council.

I am delighted to report that Cranford Park was awarded £2.28 million from the National Lottery Heritage Fund which will help pay for essential repairs to the stables, the garden walls, the ha-ha and landscaping and regeneration of the orchard, woodland and meadows.

In addition, there are plans to open the vaulted cellars, to build a café, install circular cycling and walking trails, play areas and an informal football pitch.

There are also plans for an educational programme of archaeology, horticulture and orchard and river management

This is such an exciting and invaluable project. Here is the website link should you want more information about our meetings and events. www.cranfordparkfriends.org



Intermission Youth at the London Short Film Festival Progressive International

I attended to support this charity, which provides young people with opportunities in drama and film making.

Petitions

Ricky Reel Campaign

Many of you will remember my constituent Ricky Reel. Ricky was a 20 year old student who was last seen on 15th October 1997. He was on a night out with his friends in Kingston when they were attacked.

Whilst his friend was fighting the attackers off, Ricky disappeared. His body was found in the Thames a week later. At the time, the police thought that it was an accidental death.

After two investigations, neither established exactly how he died. For 23 years, his family have been campaigning to get justice for Ricky. They have now launched a petition to demand a new police investigation, including a review of all forensic evidence.

I support the call by the family of Ricky Reel and the Justice for Ricky Reel Campaign for the police to review the case of Ricky Reel afresh including a review of forensic evidence in the light of recent technological advances.

The link to the petition is here <http://chnq.it/MnqqMkLvwH>

Stop The Deportation Of Vulnerable Autistic Man Osime Brown!

Osime Brown is 22 years old, he is profoundly autistic and developmentally younger than his peers. Osime is also learning disabled, dyslexic and due to his time in care has since been diagnosed with PTSD, and suffers with depression.

Osime was jailed in 2018 over the theft of a phone in a street robbery, despite a witness for the defence stating Osime had not taken the phone and had in fact asked the other teens carrying out the robbery to stop. He got 5 year's in prison under the Joint Enterprise Law, it was also ordered that upon his release he be taken to a detention centre and be deported to Jamaica.

As a result of this campaign and an appeal by his solicitor's Osime was not taken to the detention centre upon his release due to his ill health, he is now home, yet still awaits deportation.

Osime is extremely stressed, suffering meltdowns, self-injuring, has developed a heart condition which has meant he has had to endure two operations, resulting in a recording device being placed into his heart. He is extremely worried about the possible deportation to Jamaica - a country he left at age 4. He has no family network there and is vulnerable to negative influences, peer pressure and bullying. If sent there, he will arrive at the airport on the other side with nothing and no one and he is highly vulnerable.

Osime was in 28 care home placements we ask that you do not send Osime back, that you allow him to stay in the UK where he can get support and assisted living.

<https://www.change.org/p/home-office-stop-the-deportation-of-vulnerable-autistic-man-osime-brown-2f671100-bd95-423c-a547-c8b04da2a75a>



Whilst it is wholly unacceptable that foodbanks are needed in 2021, until there is long term change, people will still have the need for this support.

Below are the details of the foodbanks in our area, should you wish to donate or if you are in need of support

St Marys Church Hall, Church Road, Hayes UB3 2LR

St Marys set up this foodbank before Christmas. Such is the need in the area, they have decided to continue to provide this service.

St Anselms Church

Open: Wednesday 12pm – 2pm
Station Road / St Anselms Road

Hayes

St Edmunds Church

Open: Saturday 10am – 12pm
Edmunds Close (off Yeading Lane)
Hayes
UB4 0HA

Bell Farm Christian Centre

Open: Tuesday 10am – 1pm and Thursday 10am – 1pm / 2pm – 4.30pm
01895 444406
Bell Farm Christian Centre
South Road
West Drayton
UB7 9LW

West Drayton Com Café

Open: Wednesday and Thursday 1pm – 3pm
01895 252 224
Com Café
62 Byron Way
West Drayton
UB7 9JD

Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank

Open: Monday 2pm – 4pm and Friday 12pm – 2pm
St Matthew's Church Centre
High Street
Yiewsley
UB7 7QH

I extend my deepest gratitude to the staff and volunteers who run all the foodbanks in our community and to those who assist with their donations

Shout Out

Numerous business, including pubs, the hospitality industry and the performing arts are suffering due to Covid-19
At this time, I would ask that wherever possible, try and buy local to support our local economy.

Our local theatre has also struggled. It is not just a theatre; it is a community hub. The Beck Theatre team support as many voluntary groups and initiatives as they can, and I would like to send my thanks and to give a “shout out” for their new programme of events for 2021.

<https://becktheatre.org.uk/Online/whatson>

Please do keep in touch and don't hesitate to contact me if you need my assistance.

Because of the high volume of work at his time I will always do my best to respond promptly but hope that you will appreciate that sometimes we are a bit stretched because of the high volume of work at this time.

Stay well and stay safe and as always thank you for the support you give me and my team.

Best wishes,
John McDonnell MP