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Dear Friend,

I hope you and your family are well.

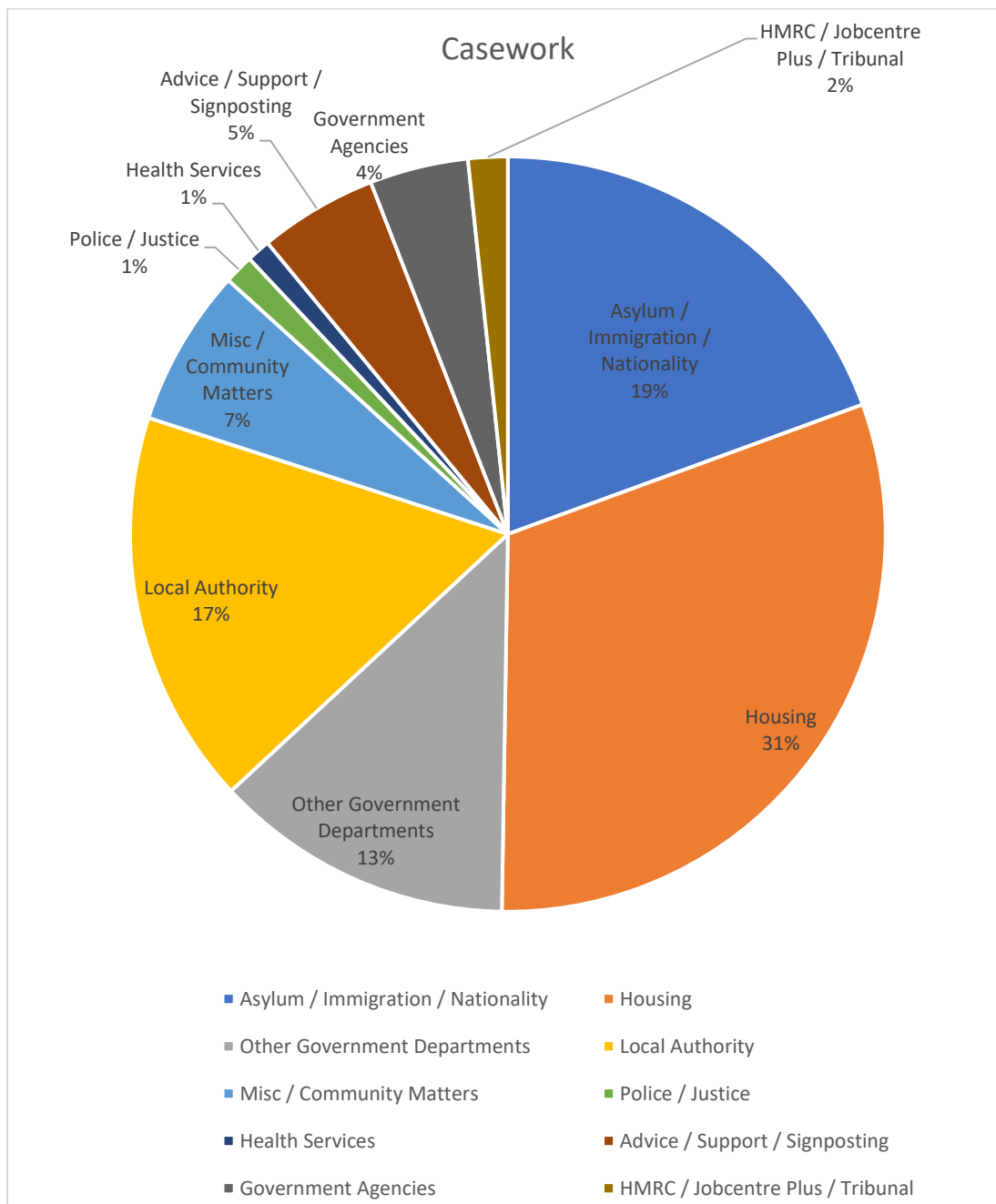
Welcome to my latest newsletter. It has been an intense month in Parliament and of course as a team we've been working hard in the constituency.

Just as reminder, if you or anyone you know has any issue of concern that you wish me to assist with, then please don't hesitate to email me on mcdonnellj@parliament.uk or lowderh@parliament.uk and we will do all we can to assist or advice you.

Just a Flavour of the Volume and Types of Local Constituency Casework

Below is a chart that shows the breakdown of casework my team and I have actioned in May 2023 and gives you a flavour of the work our team deals with.

In addition to casework, I received a large number of emails from constituents raising their concerns about policy positions and campaigns.



Local Visits and Meetings

I continue to meet with constituents, local community groups and statutory agencies. This is helpful by way of updates, sharing information and assessing how we can all work together

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.

Royal College of Podiatry

I met with local representatives from to discuss workforce issues within Hillingdon NHS Podiatry services, the impact upon patient outcomes and how best to address this. I am seeking a debate in Parliament on behalf

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. On 28th May I attended the Hayes Canal Festival. There was music, canal cruises and family activities which was enjoyed by all.

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.

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

Rosedale Tennis Courts

I was pleased to support the opening of the refurbished Rosedale tennis courts in my constituency with Hillingdon's mayor & local councillors & the promotion of park tennis in the area by the Lawn Tennis Association.



Rosedale Bowls Club

I attended the open day of the Rosedale Bowls Club, of which I am the patron. I am concerned that the council has cut the grant for the upkeep of the club and lawns. I have raised my concerns with the council and to ask that they review this decision

Harmondsworth Moor

I convened a meeting of residents and representatives from British Airways to discuss concerns about anti-social behaviour taking place on Harmondsworth Moor. After a productive discussion, it was agreed to revamp the friend's group who will work with BA on measures and improvements that can be made to deter the behaviour on site. I organised an inspection of Harmondsworth Moor with local residents, BA representatives and the park wardens. A formal meeting will be arranged in the next few weeks

Heathrow Expansion

I spoke in the Westminster Hall debate about Heathrow expansion. It was obvious the 3rd Runway proposal will never be permitted and so I urged Heathrow PLC to concentrate on improving the existing service for passengers and start treating its workers decently with better pay & conditions. I was pleased to join other supportive MP's for a photo in support of the ongoing campaign against the expansion of Heathrow Airport.

[John McDonnell MP on Twitter: "In debate on Heathrow expansion this week it was obvious the 3rd Runway proposal will never be permitted & so I urged Heathrow plc to concentrate on improving the existing service for passengers & start treating its workers decently with better pay & conditions. https://t.co/4wIRIzQCwv" / Twitter](https://t.co/4wIRIzQCwv)



Consultations

Heathrow Ltd are holding a consultation about their noise action plan for 2024 – 2028

Here is the link to the consultation pack [About the Noise Action Plan 2024-2028 | Heathrow](#)

For guidance please refer to this website [Environment | England | No 3rd Runway Coalition](#) or email the no 3rd Runway Coalition at info@no3rdrunwaycoalition.co.uk

Heathrow Ltd will also be submitting a planning application for runway works that affect how Heathrow Airport operates

Below is a copy of a letter from Hillingdon Council that provides some background information.

If you would like any further information in relation to these operations or the planning application please contact Ian Thynne, Planning Specialists Manager ithynne@hillingdon.gov.uk

I am writing to update you on an impending planning application for runway works that affects how Heathrow Airport operates.

The airport has two runways and operations on them alternate depending on wind direction. Approximately 70% of flights are subject to 'westerly' operations. This means planes take off to the west into the prevailing wind and land from the east. Generally, the landing and take-offs alternate between the northern and southern runway to provide predictable respite. This is shown on the attached image.

When the airport is in 'easterly' operations the northern runway cannot be used for take-offs over the village of Cranford. This means only the southern runway is used for take-offs and the northern runway for landings which removes the respite periods that are available on 'westerly' operations. The inability to take off over Cranford also restricts resilience at the airport.

This restriction was known as the 'Cranford Agreement'. It was a verbal undertaking given by the Government in 1952 which was reversed in 2009. However, the ending of the Cranford Agreement could only become operational once physical works to the northern runway were completed. These 'enabling' works required planning permission.

A planning application was submitted to the Council, as the Local Planning Authority, in 2013. It was refused in 2014 for various reasons but, predominantly, because the assessment of noise was inadequate and in turn the impacted receptors were not sufficiently mitigated. The application was allowed by the Secretary of State following a public inquiry.

Heathrow Airport Ltd never implemented the permitted scheme whilst they pursued expansion plans. Consequently the permission has since lapsed. Heathrow Airport Ltd approached officers in early June to explain that a new planning application for the enabling works was now in preparation. It is estimated that this will be submitted to the Council at the start of next year but prior to that will be subject to detailed discussions across the impacted Local Authorities, including Hounslow, Ealing, Spelthorne and Windsor & Maidenhead. The Greater London Authority will also be involved. Officers will consider the benefits and disbenefits of the scheme in the normal manner prior to a formal determination by the Local Planning Authority.

To assist with the preparation of the application, air quality monitoring will shortly be discussed with residents in the villages north of the Airport and Heathrow Airport Ltd will commence its community and Local Authority engagement.

The enabling works are sensitive and will likely generate considerable discourse both for and against the proposals. They are also likely to generate discussion over wider airport expansion plans which the emerging plans showed would impact the whole borough to differing degrees. However, please note that this application will simply enable a change to existing operations but will sit within the current consented operational levels, i.e. a maximum of 480,000 air traffic movements per annum. The previous application did not seek to increase the movements and it is expected that would be the same in this new application. Similarly, the previous scheme did not set out an increase in passenger movements and once again it is anticipated that the new proposals would reflect that position.

For completeness, Heathrow Airport Ltd has provided no further update in relation to expansion plans, either to intensify the use of two runways, or in relation to plans for a third runway.

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Carers Group

Unpaid carers provide support to family members who are often in desperate need as a result of disability or chronic illness. They are awarded a pittance in Carers Support Allowance and many face real hardship. To give carers a voice in Labour's policy making I have brought together a group of carers who are Labour members and supporters to form the Labour Carers Group. Please let me know if you would like to join this group. I will be speaking in the park debate as part

Dawley Bridge

I recently met with a brave young constituent whose father tragically took his own life by jumping off Dawley Bridge. She did not want anyone else to go through such a traumatic event and explained that there are some small adjustments that could be made to deter those thinking of doing the same at that location. I convened a meeting on site with the council and rail companies to discuss these adjustments. Both parties are now looking at installing a higher fence, anti-climb paint, mesh and signs giving the details for the Samaritans. I want to thank my constituent for her concern for others whilst trying to deal with her loss

Hayes Muslim Centre

I attended the Community Eid Get together at Hayes Muslim Centre. It was a lovely event, where we shared prayers and a meal together as a community.

Eating Disorder March



I joined the demonstration in the campaign to secure funding to address the growing incidence of eating disorders. I have hosted meetings about this issue in Parliament, with Hope Virgo and the wonderful campaigners. We are calling for investment in treatment and care. Inaction is killing people and we must put and end to this. No one should be dying of an eating disorder.

May Day March



As chair of the Committee for Solidarity with Iranian Workers I was proud to walk on the London May Day march with the women & men who are determinedly campaigning to expose & oppose the brutality of the Iranian regime.

Unite the Union Demonstration “68 is too late”



I joined the demonstration organised by Unite the Union to resist the Government on any plans for further increases in the pension age. Even though improvements in life expectancy have stalled and the Government has delayed increases, it is feared the Tories will try again.

Andrew Marr Show on LBC

An excerpt from my interview tonight with Andrew Marr on need for Labour now to reassure people we have the policies to tackle the bread and butter issues people are facing on issues like wages, benefits & investment in our public services
[LBC on Twitter: "I think we're on course for a Labour government... it's not going to be a massive majority." Ex-shadow chancellor @johnmcdonnellMP tells @AndrewMarr9 the only way Labour will achieve power is if the party are 'convincing' about reformation. https://t.co/ckU4QnRo4h" / Twitter](#)

Ukraine Solidarity Campaign

I spoke at this online rally in support of the campaign. I listened to Ukrainian academics and trade unionists and spoke about the strategy for the rebuilding of Ukraine after the war

SOAS Rally

Here is a short clip of me speaking at this rally

[SOAS UCU on Twitter: "I actually am ashamed of any association with @SOAS now that they've taken the decision on 100% deductions...I just didn't expect it from SOAS...it is a disgrace. We'll call them out in Parliament, & we'll...name and shame as well." 🗨️ #NoDeductions #ShameOnSOAS #ucuRISING https://t.co/NwC1MN14py" / Twitter](#)

Free Palestine March

Here is a short clip of me speaking at this rally

[PSC on Twitter: "One of our speakers @johnmcdonnellMP on the centrality of #Nakba75 to the Palestinian struggle for justice #FreePalestine https://t.co/GAdHzc4vnK" / Twitter](https://twitter.com/johnmcdonnellMP/status/1624444444)

Romani Resistance Day

On Romani Resistance Day I sent a message of solidarity with Roma people worldwide who are experiencing discrimination and prejudice. We remember bravery and acts of resistance in the face of torture and genocide. This serves as a reminder that we must all challenge hate, to create a safe society.



Reclaiming our Education System

I joined the online event to discuss how we build a real alternative to the Tory cuts and marketisation that have created a crisis in education.

Our Right to Resist

I spoke at an online rally for the launch of left ideas as part of their 2023 programme

PCS Conference

I had the privilege to speak at the PCS Union conference to honour Mark Serwotka. This was his last conference before retiring. He is one of the finest trade unionists in the history of our movement. His total commitment and wise strategic leadership has inspired a new generation of trade unionists and laid firm foundations for the future of his union. His contribution has been immense

Meetings. Briefings and Events I have attended

It's important that as your local MP I try and keep well briefed on these issues that impact upon our community.

This gives you some idea of how I do this through meetings and briefing sessions that I organise or attend addressing local, national and international issues.

Parliamentary Groups

Trade Union Groups I regularly attend the following Parliamentary groups, Unite, Unison, PCS, FBU, National Union of Journalists, Bakers Unions and the Justice Unions POA, NAPO. I also receive regular briefings from USDAW, GMB and Equity and liaise with them on campaigning.

Make Votes Matter Alliance

I am a supporter of electoral reform as are several constituents who have written to me on this and so I am working with this coalition of groups to promote reform and to oppose the Government's attacks on our existing rights. The team organised a lobby of MP's to raise this issue

Mullivaikkal Remembrance Day for Tamils

I attended a briefing on Mullivaikkal Remembrance Day for Tamils, which marks the end of the Sri Lankan civil war. The Tamil Support Group provided a briefing for MP's on the current human rights situation in Sri Lanka and advise on engaging with Tamil constituents.

Alzheimer's Society Dementia Action Week

I attended the briefing for MP's by the Alzheimers Society

An estimated 900,000 people are living with dementia in the UK today, and this is expected to increase to 1.6 million by 2040. This year alone, 209,600 people will develop dementia

A diagnosis is vital for people living with dementia, helping them to unlock care and support, get the treatment that they need, and plan for the future. However, dementia diagnosis rates vary significantly across the country.

Older People Struggling with Loneliness

Age UK research found that there are almost one million (970,000) older people in the UK who often feel lonely. There are many factors that can contribute to this feeling of isolation among older people, such as health problems, a lack of social contact, or reduced mobility. For example, around one-in-seven (14%) older people with no access to a car and with a poor standard of public transport report feeling lonely.

Age UK have written [this helpful guide](#) that you can share, which includes advice on:

- How to deal with loneliness
- The causes of loneliness
- Finding someone to speak to
- How older people can make new connections

Additionally, they have created this [useful article](#) with advice for caring for someone who's feeling lonely. This includes information on why people might be feeling lonely, and what the signs of loneliness are.

Alongside their guides, Age UK provides several services to help older people who are feeling lonely. These include:

- [Friendship services](#)
- [Lunch clubs](#)
- [Walking Football](#)
- [Travelling Companions pilot programme](#)
- [IT Training](#)

Older people and their loved ones can also get advice on combatting loneliness by calling our advice line on 0800 678 1602.

“Large and Liberal Atonement”: William Wilberforce's Unfinished Legacy

In March 1823, William Wilberforce addressed Parliament with a petition to bring about the end of slavery, arguing that ‘the country owed the solemn duty of making the best reparation they could for the injustice which had been inflicted’ on those stolen from Africa and brought by force to the West Indies. The event marked 200 years since Wilberforce’s intervention in Parliament in 1823 calling for reparations for slavery and paving the way for a motion to be brought by Thomas Fowell Buxton on May 15th, 1823, to argue for an end to slavery and ‘a large and liberal atonement’ for the appalling abuses associated with it.

Parliamentary Debates – Spoken Contributions

Now that I am no longer Shadow Chancellor, I have the freedom to be able to speak on any subject and I usually intervene on issues that my constituents have raised with me. My role is to be the voice of the local community in Parliament.

In the Main Chamber

3rd May – National Security Bill

9th May – Coronation: Policing of Protests

17th May – Victims and Prisoners Bill

17th May – Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Bill

22nd May – Strikes (Minimum Service Levels) Bill

23rd May – LIBOR Fixing: Conduct of Investigations

Westminster Hall

16th May – Corporate Profit and Inflation

24th May – Heathrow Expansion

Committee

2nd May – Draft Environmental Permitting Regulations 2023

I am a member of the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee

Here is the link to read all of my contributions in Parliament

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

Using other Parliamentary Devices to Get Constituents' Voices Heard

There are a range of other devices to ensure local constituents' voices get heard.

This includes Early Day Motions, which are like petitions from MPs to the government, parliamentary questions and of course votes.

If you follow the links you can view the EDM's I have signed, 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>

All Party Groups

On a number of issues, I will work across the political parties to promote the policies that will benefit my constituents and respond to issues they have raised with me. This work is often done through all Party Groups.

I also work closely with a number of trade unions that represent my constituents and so I am a member of several trade union groups in Parliament.

-  APPG Environment and APPG Woods & Trees
-  APPG Osteoporosis and Bone Health
-  APPG SEND
-  APPG for Parental Participation in Education
-  APPG for Gypsies, Travellers and Roma - Friends, Families and Travellers
-  APPG New Immigration Centre for Women
-  APPG No Recourse to Public Funds
-  APPG for Tamils
-  APPG for India

- ✚ APPG on British Sikhs
- ✚ APPG for the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community
- ✚ APPG Working at Height
- ✚ APPG Heathrow
- ✚ APPG Future of Aviation
- ✚ APPG for Renters and Rental Reform
- ✚ APPG on Land Value Capture
- ✚ Gaps in Support APPG
- ✚ Universal Basic Income APPG
- ✚ Performers Alliance APPG
- ✚ Land Value Capture APPG
- ✚ Carers APPG
- ✚ Speech and Language APPG

Joint Letters

Another method I use to get our constituents' voices heard is a joint letter.

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 [@johnmcdonnellMP](https://twitter.com/johnmcdonnellMP)



Whilst it is wholly unacceptable that foodbanks are needed in 2023, until there is long term change, people will still have the need for this support.

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

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

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