

Update from Peter Bedford MP

I hope that you are enjoying the summer and have made the most of the sunny days - when we've had them! Following on from last months introduction I wanted to update residents on what I have been up to over the last few months since my election as your Member of Parliament.

The most challenging of my tasks has been to set up an office both locally and at Westminster, as well as recruit staff, and respond to the hundreds of pieces of correspondence that I have received since the General Election. Much progress has been made and I am pleased to announce my constituency office as: **Office of Peter Bedford MP, 4 Cropston Road, Anstey, LE7 7BJ, Tel: 0116 507 7162, Email: peter.bedford.mp@parliament.uk** . The office will be open to the public from 10am – 4pm from Monday to Friday; but I would encourage calling ahead to ensure that my staff are appropriately prepared to deal with any issues you wish to raise.

It is my intention to hold surgeries fortnightly (Fridays: 10am-2pm); and once these are up and running I will advertise to residents via my articles and social media platforms.

Some of my activities over the summer have included...

- Speaking on BBC Radio Leicester about the environmental concerns in LFE with Casepak and the fly swarms;
- Meeting Markfield disability campaigner, Simon Sansome, to hear what more can be done to support those with mobility challenges;
- A visit to the University of Leicester to discuss jobs, skills and training;
- A tour of Mountsorrel quarry to understand the impacts of any extension and what mitigations could be introduced should it go ahead;
- A residents meeting in Ratby to discuss concerns about the HBBC's Local Plan and implications for The Burroughs;
- Attended the opening of the Jubilee Hall extension in Anstey part funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund;
- An introduction to the new ME Sports Community Centre in Markfield;

On a Parliamentary level many residents have written to me about the New Government's proposals to scrap the Universal Winter Fuel Payment. I would like to assure residents that I will be fighting this cut and will be speaking on it in Parliament during the coming months.

If you have any issues that my office can be of assistance with please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best wishes,

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