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Welcome

I am delighted to have married Rael Braverman in February. We celebrated our wedding at the Holiday Inn in Fareham with many friends and family. It was an unforgettable day and we are grateful for all the warm wishes.

Rael and I have known each other for around three years, meeting through our mutual love of politics. He has been my biggest supporter ever since, even braving the elements to help me with leafleting during the Brexit campaign and the last General Election. We are both now looking forward to our honeymoon, which is on hold until the summer Parliamentary recess.



In Parliament



Fareham Apprenticeship Fair: Thursday 8th March at Ferneham Hall

Providing young people with the best possible start in life and equipping them with the skills they need to have a fulfilling career is a matter close to my heart. Apprenticeships give young people the opportunity to learn valuable skills. They don't just enormously benefit the individual, but also wider society by enabling us to have a skilled workforce and by raising productivity in the businesses they join. This year, my annual Apprenticeships Fair falls during National Apprenticeship Week, with Silver Lining as the main sponsor. There will be a range of hubs and workshops offering guidance and advice to jobseekers, along with companies with real jobs on offer. It will take place **10.00-15.00 at Ferneham Hall, on Thursday 8th March**. More information is available: www.farehamapprenticeships.co.uk

Brexit and workers' rights

As part of my Ministerial duties I was very pleased to join the Minister for Women and Equalities, Amber Rudd, to take questions in the House of Commons on the impact of Brexit on women's rights and workers' rights. In the UK we already go beyond EU requirements in a number of areas of employment law and our track record predates the membership of the EU. For instance, the UK provides more weeks of annual leave than that specified by the EU and nearly four times the required statutory maternity leave. The national living wage has also been introduced so that everyone is paid fairly for their work. Leaving the EU will in no way affect our ability or commitment to maintaining rights for workers, women or citizens more generally.



Pensions auto-enrolment

Introducing automatic enrolment is transforming the way people save for retirement, meaning more families can plan for the long-term with the security of a pension. Figures show that 13,000 more people in Fareham in work and 128,250 more in the South East are now saving for a life after work. Auto-enrolment was introduced so that more workers can save for retirement, in an affordable way. For a whole generation, workplace pension saving is now the new normal.

More good and outstanding schools

I am very pleased with recent figures showing that there are now 1,074,762 pupils attending good and outstanding schools in the South East, up by 319,281 since 2010. This means that more young people in Fareham and Hampshire will have the opportunity to develop the skills they need to excel later in life. Nationally, 1.9 million more children are attending good or outstanding schools, compared with 2010, and £5.8 billion is being invested in creating even more good school places. I had the pleasure of recently visiting Redlands Primary School which has been rated outstanding.



Surgery at Portchester Library

Portchester Library Surgery

Thank you to everyone who came along to my monthly surgery, held at Portchester Library. I had a good discussion with a number of constituents on a range of issues that are affecting them.

Dial-a-ride

It is welcome news that the government is now assessing the situation with regards to the funding of Dial-a-ride and that we are closer to a solution that sees Hampshire County Council potentially saving this Community Transport service. I wrote to Jesse Norman, a Department for Transport Minister, making the case for this valuable service to be protected. Dial-a-ride is vital for the more vulnerable and isolated members of our community so it is encouraging to see government action on this.

Brook Lane Patient Participation Group

I discussed local health challenges and the possible strains on local surgeries from new housing developments with GPs at Brook Lane Surgery. I would like to thank Paul Lardner, Chairman and Mel Watson, Practice Manager and the resident GPs for their time spent discussing challenges facing local healthcare. It is important that new housing is supported by sufficient healthcare facilities and I will be raising this with Fareham & Gosport CCG.



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M&S closure

I wrote to the Chairman of Marks & Spencer's, Archie Norman, urging him to review the decision to close the Fareham Shopping Centre branch. Unfortunately, they have since decided to go ahead with the closure, so I will now request clarity over the future of the 58 staff employed at the store.

Bus Service to Fareham Community Hospital

I am running a campaign to change the X4 bus route to go to Fareham Community Hospital. Accessibility to FCH has been an issue since my election in 2015 but now that usage of the Hospital has increased, it's even more vital that bus routes are improved so that more people can get there easily. If you support the campaign, please email me at, suella@suellafernandes.co.uk. You can also complete my survey by clicking on the link below;

<https://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/form/help-me-get-a-bus-stop-at-fareha>



Community Transport

Suella



Fareham Community Hospital bus stop



Apprenticeships Fair



Visiting M&S

What People Say

Fareham Resident :

"I suspect we would have still been waiting for the operation if it had not been for Suella's intervention and we are most grateful for the help you gave."

Surgeries / Events

Apprenticeships Fair

Thursday 8th March, 10-3pm
Ferneham Hall

My next surgery

Friday 23rd March
Please email me for more information

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