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Welcome

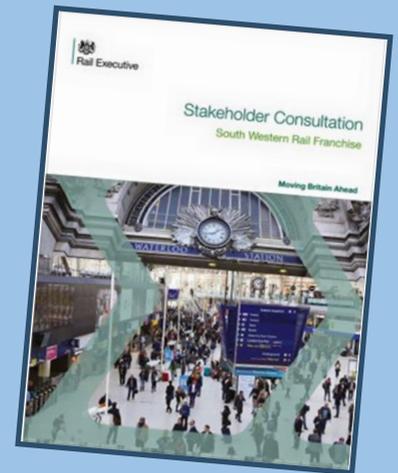
South Western Rail Consultation

It is important to me that all of my constituents get a chance to have their say. The Department of Transport is running a consultation on the South Western Rail franchise serving Fareham, Swanwick, Portchester, Portsmouth and Southampton in advance of the competition to select a new operator in 2017.

What do you think about local train services?

The online survey can be completed here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PBMTHYB>

The deadline is the 9th February 2016 and the consultation document is available at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/477307/south-western-stakeholder-consultation.pdf



In Parliament

Quizzing Southern Health



I chaired a meeting in Parliament with other Hampshire MPs and the senior executives of Southern Health Foundation NHS Trust to question them following recent criticism in an independent report. We had a useful meeting, and I'm grateful to Southern for engaging on this issue. We were able to put some of the questions we have following the Mazars report to the Trust and hear from them the steps they are taking to improve how they handle these cases. I put it to the Chief Executive directly that many people will find it very hard to have confidence in her and her colleagues when they cannot see any change in leadership, despite the very specific criticisms of the Board. There is now a Care Quality Commission (CQC) investigation underway, and we will have to see what conclusions that reaches, and whether it confirms the criticisms of the Mazars report.

Primary School Admissions

On the 7th January I led my first Adjournment Debate about Primary Schools Admissions and Exceptional Circumstances. The issue was raised with me by a group of concerned campaigners, including many experienced people working in the field of school admission appeals.

Currently, the law limits class sizes to 30 pupils for infant classes which I support. Parents can appeal if they are not offered their choice of school but these appeals are limited in scope to ensuring there was no error or irrationality in how the admissions criteria was applied. If there is a significant change in a child's circumstances that might make a compelling case for them to attend a particular school after the date of the family's application for an infant class place, but before the appeal is heard, it cannot be taken into account. I have heard personal stories of families who have had to move due to domestic violence and a father's suicide and I am concerned that these children were not offered a place at the same school as their siblings.

The Minister has promised to look into this issue and hopefully a decision will be made to help children who find themselves in very difficult situations. You can read the whole debate here: <http://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2016-01-07a.544.0&s=speaker%3A25272#g544.2>





Apprentices at Parcar



Surgery at the Lockwood Centre



Speaking on BBC 5 Live



Visiting Two Saints



Visiting Warsash fishermen's boats



Holocaust Educational Trust

Apprenticeships Fair 12th February at Fareham College

If you are thinking about starting an apprenticeship, why not come along to my Apprenticeships Fair at Fareham College on 12th February, 10am-3pm? Lots of local businesses from a variety of sectors will be at the event with information on what they have to offer and how to apply. There is still space for businesses to have a stand too— just get in touch. www.farehamapprenticeships.co.uk

Amazing and inspiring work by Two Saints

I visited Two Saints and met with their staff and service users. It was good to see the great work carried out in Fareham to help the homeless and I was inspired by their dedicated team.

Women Against State Pension Inequality

Many women have contacted me regarding the Women Against State Pension Inequality (WASPI) campaign. I therefore organised a group surgery whereby ladies could explain to me how the changes would effect them personally. Following the meeting I wrote to Baroness Altmann, Minister of State for Pensions, expressing the ladies' concerns. You can view my letter and the Minister's reply on my website: <http://www.suellafernandes.co.uk/news/waspi-campaign-ladies-state-pensions>

Supporting Warsash Bass Fisherman

I met with Warsash fishermen to discuss the impact of new EU rules on fishing Bass. The men's families have been sustainably fishing locally for generations and it is important large scale trawling does not negatively impact on this small cottage industry.

Monthly Surgeries around Fareham

So far I have held monthly surgeries in Fareham, Portchester, Locks Heath and Whiteley. For an appointment please call my office.

Suella

To stay up to date with all of my recent visits and speeches in parliament please visit my website.

I am happy to arrange tours of the Palace of Westminster for groups of my Constituents. To book please contact my office with a minimum of three months notice, as they are very popular.

Surgery dates

Fareham Apprenticeships Fair, Friday 12th February, 10am-3pm, Fareham College.

Surgery, Friday 26th February 3.30pm-5.30pm, Highlands Hub, call to book an appointment, 01329 233 573.

Fareham Conservatives Under 35's— 26th February, 7pm call 01329 822 646.

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