



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Cllr Alan Rhodes
Leader
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall
West Bridgford
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Our ref: BR14938/AP

13th March 2014

Dear Alan,

NET Phase Two Tramworks: Financial Assistance Package

Further to my letter dated 6th March regarding an extension of the geographical boundary of the Financial Assistance Package to include businesses affected by the tram throughout the whole of Chilwell and Beeston.

I know you were due to host a meeting on Monday to discuss my proposal. I am not aware of the outcome of your meeting and would be grateful to be updated; I am sure County Councillors representing Beeston and Chilwell would also be grateful to be kept informed.

I note that my proposal to extend the FAP is not on the agenda for the Transport and Highways Committee meeting, taking place next Thursday 20 March. However, the agenda does recommend that the County Council call an urgent meeting with Nottingham City Council and Tramlinc to discuss further compensation. Given my involvement in compensation discussions thus far, I would like to be included in any meeting. I would urge you to ensure County Councillors representing Beeston and Chilwell are also included in any discussions.

As stated previously, Jon Collins, leader of Nottingham City Council has expressed support for extending the Financial Assistance Package. There is no doubt the tramworks are having a significantly adverse effect on businesses throughout the Beeston and Chilwell area and I would urge you to agree that it is only right that compensation should be made available to qualifying traders and businesses.

Anna Soubry, Member of Parliament for Broxtowe

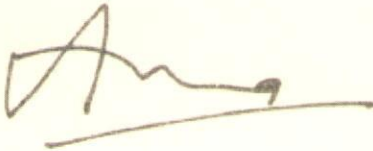
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I should add that I am pleased to see that my recommendation to increase the amount of funding available as part of the Exceptional Hardship Scheme will be considered in full at next Thursday's meeting. I very much hope the County Council will now do the right thing for all businesses and traders suffering loss because of the tram works.

Once again, I am forwarding copies of this letter to all of the County Councillors representing Beeston and Chilwell, the Leaders of other political parties on the County Council and the leaders of both Nottingham City and Broxtowe Councils. I believe it is imperative we set aside any political differences and work together to safeguard the future of businesses and traders in my constituency.

With all good wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Anna Soubry', written over a horizontal line.

Anna Soubry MP

cc. Cllr Steve Carr, Cllr Jon Collins, Cllr Kay Cutts, Cllr John Doddy, Cllr Kate Foale, Cllr Richard Jackson, Cllr Milan Radulovic, Cllr Jason Zadrozny