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### **Fosters Report Back**

I promised to write to you after my planned official visit to the estate with Council Officers.

In addition to my normal work calling on people on the estate, I have found that these formal inspections provide a real focus for taking up the issues which concern you – that's why I have done these every year – rain or shine – for the last 10 years, ever since I was first elected as your MP.

Can I first thank all those who took part in my pre-visit consultation. Letting me know of particular problems or questions in advance really helped me to put the Council 'on the spot', as we went round.

Residents who raised specific individual problems will get a specific reply on these points – this letter is designed to give everyone a report on the general issues I've taken up.

I was pleased to see that the decent homes initiative, the Government scheme to repair and maintain Council properties, has been at work on the estate, backed by a massive Government grant to Barnet Council, to pay for the cost of the work.

However, there is clearly much that needs to be done, so I have raised the following issues with the Council. I will report back to you, when I have their official response.

I was concerned about the removal of the flower beds because of vandalism. I understand that brick planters are going to be put up and I have asked if this can be confirmed and when the work is going to be done.

Many residents raised with me the issue of dangerous dogs and dog fouling. I have asked the Council what can be done about this. One suggestion I made, was that the dog bins might have a plastic bag dispenser, as on the West Hendon estate.

There is a general problem of litter throughout the estate and I told the Council this needs rectifying.

The sheds by 1-44 have low roofs, and anti-social behaviour is encouraged by this. I have asked that thought be given to anti-climb paint. These areas also need

better sweeping, and the low wall repaired. The caretaker cupboard also needs locking properly.

At 1-44 there is a serious noise nuisance to the ground floor from the banging of the entrance door. I have asked for the door closer to be adjusted.

The stairs are also badly in need of cleaning.

There is also an old tree stump just outside, which is a health and safety risk which I have asked to be removed.

By the garage area, there is a serious fly-tip developing and the guttering and tap by the garages is in need of repair. The garage areas generally need a sweeping.

There is a broken fire hydrant sign at 23-33 Lower Fosters.

Some litter bins also need attention, having been burnt out.

The flooring at 23-33 also needs repair. I have asked if matting could be put down as in some of the other blocks, which appears to provide a better surface and a more attractive one.

The flowerbed outside 34-44 Lower Fosters also needs attention.

There are serious graffiti problems on the garage doors and around the play area which is also now disgusting, with dog mess inside the play area.

The play area surface has also been partly broken. I have asked if this can be cleaned and repaired. I have also asked if there can be some play equipment to replace the swings frame. A number of residents have raised their concerns over the need for a better play area.

At 46-88 Upper Fosters, there were what looked like vermin holes all around the bottom of the block, and I demanded action on this, as a matter of urgency.

At 56-66 Lower Fosters, there are guttering leaks from the down pipe and at the rear of the block; the trees badly need cutting back.

When the contractors worked inside the block, they did not complete 'snagging' work afterwards, which I have asked to be completed.

Throughout the estate there is a general problem of weeds and very patchy quality of grass cutting, which the Council Officers accepted was not to a proper standard.

There are also general complaints I received about the quality of cleaning, including in the lifts.

These are some of the issues I have raised, as a result of my inspection visit. I'll report back to you again, when I have the Council's response. If you think I have missed anything, please let me know, with the enclosed form, or by email to [updates@hendonlabourparty.com](mailto:updates@hendonlabourparty.com).

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,



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Member of Parliament for Hendon

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