



## Policing

I was pleased to see the success of my campaign for an increase in the size of the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, with a Sergeant, two PCs and 6 PCSOs now assigned just to West Hendon, 9 officers in total.

I'm demanding further action from the Council and the police on anti-social behaviour hot spots, for example around Goldsmith, Hyde and Fryent.

## Schools

I've continued my programme of schools visits. I've been to both Parkfield and the Hyde Primaries, to discuss their complete £12million rebuild programmes, to be funded by the Government. I've also been to the Parkfield Children's Centre, one of the first in Barnet, financed by the Government's investment of £14.5 million in children's centres in the Borough.

## Traffic and Transport

I am pleased that the Government have listened to the representations I and other MPs have been making, for funding of the Thameslink upgrade, costing £5.5 billion. The northern part of the work ( i.e. our part of the line) should be completed by 2012, to tackle overcrowding and provide better reliability.

Hendon Central tube station has also benefited from a major facelift with more CCTV, and disabled access on the way. The major improvements to the Northern Line are on track, and the new train maintenance contract will help reduce breakdowns and improve reliability.

## Development

I have been keeping a close eye on the plans for redevelopment of Brent Cross, which will see the shopping centre expand by about 50%. Some of the plans are good – for example, the improved public transport. The scheme also provides more housing, but in my view, not enough of this is affordable for rent.

## Community Involvement

Over the last year, I have visited organisations and groups throughout the ward, including:

- Multicultural Centre
- West Hendon Mosque
- BAOPA, for Diwali
- Hendon Bowls Club
- Gadsbury Close sheltered accommodation



...and over the last year, I've called on residents throughout West Hendon—with my helpers' team, I've knocked on hundreds of doors in the neighbourhood, listening to your concerns and taking up your problems.