

Housing:

I am constantly pressuring the Council to meet its obligations to address the shortage of affordable housing, both for rent and low cost ownership. You've probably seen my frequent comments in our local newspapers!

The Regeneration schemes:

- are going far too slowly and no longer will deliver what was originally promised to residents;
- have built up problems for hundreds of temporary residents, who will have to be rehoused, probably a long way away;
- lack consultation both with residents on the estates, and local neighbours, too with inadequate thought given to the impact on infrastructure.



Decent Homes Scheme: I am monitoring the Government's £88million investment in Barnet Council tenants' homes. I have raised residents' concerns about the quality of some of the work.



Education:

- I aim to visit every primary/infant school at least once over the Parliament; and every secondary at least once a year. With over 40 schools to get round, this is a tall order, but I am ahead of programme to ensure I have my finger on the pulse of local schools' problems and achievements!
- School visits to Parliament: I encourage and facilitate many of these – it's important that children learn about democracy.
- Headteachers: I liaise closely with heads, taking up important issues for them with the Government and Barnet Council; I hold meetings at Westminster for heads to discuss important developments locally, with Ministers.

Transport:

Thameslink:

The Government is investing £5.5billion in upgrading Thameslink, to tackle overcrowding and increase performance.



Tube:

Northern Line upgrading with new rails and signalling system is "on track" – the new maintenance contract for rolling stock will make a significant improvement to reliability, too.



Road works:

I issue email 'warnings' of major works projects which may cause disruption. Please email: updates@hendonlabourparty.com to be added to my list!