

## Housing Problems

I've been raising questions about the quality of work and progress on the Government funded £88million Decent Homes Initiative, administered by Barnet Council and their contractor Balfour Beatty.

I've taken up dozens of cases for residents, for example over repairs or their needs for rehousing – these cases are usually difficult, due to the failure of the Council to provide enough affordable homes, either for rent or low cost purchase.

I've also held a major formal estate inspection and updated residents about the outcome, on North Road Estate.



## Policing

I am pleased that the Safer Neighbourhood Team has been increased in size to 9 officers and PCSOs, as I long campaigned for this.

I continue to press for tougher action from the police and the Council, over anti-social behaviour hot spots (usually linked to drugs), for example at Deansbrook shops and on North Road Estate.

I was astounded to learn that the CCTV system wasn't working, because the Council hadn't got the wiring sorted out! I raised this, and it has now been dealt with.

## Parking

At long last the Council are consulting on the Watling estate parking problem, but it'll be a long time before anything happens. In the short term, the answer is obvious – stop charging for Watling Car Park on weekdays, so the commuters can park there, instead of the uncontrolled parking free for all, we're suffering on our residential streets.

## Community Involvement

Over the year, I've continued my series of local tea parties (like at Woodcroft Church Hall), for residents to meet with me informally, to discuss issues and concerns..

I've also visited many Burnt Oak places and organisations, including amongst others:

- Deansbrook School
- Watling Festival
- Deborah Lodge
- Sangam Centre
- Burnt Oak Pensioners
- Burnt Oak Library
- St Alphage Church
- Merrivale

...and over the last year, I've called on residents throughout Burnt Oak—with my helpers' team, I've knocked on hundreds of doors in the Watling, North Road and Adastral estates and neighbouring streets, too, listening to your concerns and taking up your problems.

