



Labour move illegal immigrants to Suffolk ... and I take the Forest City fight to Parliament

I am furious about Labour's plan to house illegal immigrants at RAF Barnham, just over the constituency border and close to **Brandon, Mildenhall** and **Lakenheath** and many villages. This will put real pressure on local services, and it is a risk to public safety.

NICK TIMOTHY, MP FOR WEST SUFFOLK: NO TO RAF BARNHAM HOUSING ILLEGAL MIGRANTS



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And Labour have lied about it. When I raised the secrecy of housing illegal immigrants before, ministers claimed local MPs are always “engaged” before decisions are made. That was not true then, and it is not true now.

I have written to the Home Secretary, Shabana Mahmood, and to the leader of West Suffolk District Council, Cliff Waterman. Unbelievably, he said this decision is the “right policy.” I vehemently disagree. You can listen to my **BBC Radio Suffolk** interview from yesterday via the YouTube link below, and sign my petition [here](#). To read my letters, click [here](#).



Your voice in Parliament

I led an adjournment debate about the Forest City proposal this week. I set out the case against it: not only the damage it is already causing to life here in Suffolk, but the glaring problems in its financial model, which demands a public subsidy of up to £175 billion. You can watch the debate by clicking on YouTube below, and read some of the reporting by [BBC Suffolk](#), [Suffolk News](#) and the [East Anglian Daily Times](#).



The fight against the Forest City must go on. The Housing Minister, Matthew Pennycook, would only say the Government has “no current plans” to back it. And local politicians have lined up behind Forest City. Peter Prinsley, the Labour MP for **Bury St Edmunds**, praised it as “bold”, and “shining city in the Suffolk flatlands.” Local Labour councillors including Cllr Quinn Cox expressed support, and the Lib Dem councillor Jon London defended the scheme. As ever, you can sign my petition against Forest City [here](#).

THOUSANDS of residents are joining Nick's campaign to PROTECT our community



As the Government confirms a meeting with the London developers, time to REDOUBLE OUR EFFORTS
Nick Timothy MP says: 'Please sign my petition TODAY'

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A US fighter pilot based at **RAF Lakenheath** was found guilty of strangling a British woman from Cambridge. Sarah Steele has waived her right of anonymity to reveal the unsatisfactory trial conducted by the US military. Captain Wulfson was judged by a jury of fellow officers – when he should have been subject to a trial with a British jury and judge. I have written to the Justice Secretary, David Lammy, asking him to investigate. To read my letter, please click [here](#).

It was **Armed Forces Week** this week, and I talked to visiting members of the military who came to Parliament to showcase the latest in the technology of war, including the Royal Navy's Kraken K3 Scout drone (pictured below). This technology is changing fast, and I am proud that West Suffolk is home to Ukspecsystems, a drone manufacturer whose factory in **Mildenhall** supports hundreds of jobs directly and through its wider supply chain.



Listening to you

With Keir Starmer's resignation on Monday, Labour will now hold a leadership contest to choose the next Prime Minister. I would like to hear your views on where the Government goes from here. Please click [here](#) for my latest two-minute survey.

Two Minute Survey: Keir Starmer's Resignation



Please tell Nick Timothy MP your views

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Thank you to all who took part in my development survey. The message was loud and clear: people want the countryside and high streets protected, and services

built, before more houses are built. 93 per cent backed requiring ample parking on new developments, and opposition to Forest City was nearly unanimous. Click [here](#) to take part.

Out and about in Suffolk

Last weekend I welcomed Kemi Badenoch to Suffolk for our Eastern Region party Conference in **Mildenhall**. Alongside James Cartlidge, the Shadow Defence Secretary, and Kevin Hollinrake, our Party Chairman, I spoke and my message was clear. After the Aberdeen South by-election, the Conservative Party is winning again – and we are winning because Kemi confronted the things we got wrong in government, and is changing our party for the better. There is of course, more work to do – but we have a fantastic leader and we are making real progress.



Many residents in **Hundon**, **Stradishall** and **Wickhambrook** lost their wifi on 14 June. Most homes were back that evening, but some were left without it for over a week. I chased Openreach, and the fault turned out to be buried in a manhole on Queen Street in Haverhill. Good news: it is fixed now. One property still needs an engineer to visit for a separate issue, and I will keep checking until that is sorted too!



Education has always been a passion of mine, because it gives children the chance to fulfil their potential wherever they are from. So, I had a great time at Glade Academy in **Brandon**, where I talked to pupils. They asked brilliant – and sometimes very funny – questions.



British farming is the backbone of our nation and deserves to be recognised and defended. It was a pleasure to visit Gimson Farm, near **Beck Row**, and to congratulate Mollie Gimson on winning Pig Farmer of the Year. It is encouraging to see a family-run independent farm thriving – and the piglets were as adorable as they were muddy.



Newmarket Day Centre is community service in action: fresh hot meals delivered daily, plus hairdressing, chiropody, help with official forms, and more. None of it would happen without Veronica Fixe, whose years running the place have made a huge difference to the town. You can read more about this amazing local institution [here](#).

I will be holding a public meeting in **Moulton** in the early evening of Friday 10 July. All constituents will be welcome – but please register. Email me at nick@nicktimothy.com for more information.

In the media

Getting around West Suffolk is hard, and young people feel it most. As I wrote in **Suffolk News** last week (there is a clipping below), councils only fund transport for under-sixteens, yet young people must stay in education until eighteen. We should look at lowering the driving age to sixteen, and improve local bus services. Schemes like Car Aid near **Clare** show the power of local schemes too, with volunteers driving neighbours to appointments.



Our case for urgent action

It is a fact of life in Suffolk that it can be difficult just getting around – and nowhere is this clearer than with the difficulties and costs facing young students trying to get to sixth form and college.

I hear from students and parents frequently about the trouble young people between sixteen and eighteen face travelling to college in Mildenhall, Haverhill, Cambridge or Bury St Edmunds.

The cancellation of the number 11 bus to Cambridge last May cut off many residents.

And the ending of the Mulley's Mill service to Bury St Edmunds in April followed the same pattern, leaving students travelling to West Suffolk College with only days' notice.

The problem runs deeper than individual cancellations.

Government policy requires young people to remain in education or training until eighteen, yet the statutory duty on councils to fund transport only extends to age sixteen.

One constituent wrote to me reporting a 34 per cent rise in bus fares after Suffolk County Council



withdrew its travel pass scheme. Another paid £250 for a college bus place, only to find it full for two months.

Many people value bus routes but the finances can be difficult. I support local colleges in coming up with their own local transport plans – and am on hand to help in whatever ways I can.

Another idea deserves serious consideration: lowering the driving

age to sixteen. In rural areas like West Suffolk, where public transport is sparse and costly, while cars are expensive to run, the ability to drive would give younger students a reliable alternative.

Some will say such a change is too risky, and younger drivers statistically are more likely to be involved in accidents than older drivers. But this is a question of



experience as much as maturity, and we all have to start some time. And modern cars are much easier to drive than cars used to be.

The Government should be willing to consider radically simple ideas like this so we can ensure students can get where they need to be.

Access to healthcare matters here too. For residents, getting to an appointment is as difficult as getting

to college.

There is more that can be done locally on community transport. The need has been made more acute by the closure in October 2021 of the Suffolk Good Neighbour Network project, a volunteer-led initiative that included help with transport.

I have had useful discussions with the excellent Car Aid scheme in and around Clare, which sees volunteer drivers giving lifts to scores of residents who do not have access to a car to get to appointments, shops and services in larger towns.

This model is flexible, community-rooted and works. I want to explore whether we can build on it and get similar schemes up and running in other towns and villages.

There is real reason for optimism: a great many people in West Suffolk – not least the younger generation of retirees, with time, energy and a car – would willingly give up a few hours to help a neighbour.

If you would like to comment or contribute ideas, please get in touch on nick@nicktimothy.com. I would really value your feedback and thoughts.

As the *Haverhill Echo* reported this week, residents have raised safety concerns about the A143/B1061 crossroads near the **Wrattings** and **Kedington**, and I have contacted Suffolk Highways. After too many accidents, they are now looking at a 40mph limit and possible traffic lights. I am also pressing them to survey Old Haverhill Road, used as a diversion when the A143 is closed. You can read the *Echo's* article [here](#) and below.



Speed could be cut due to crossroads safety concerns

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The speed limit on the approach to a notorious crossroads near Haverhill could be cut by one third after the area's MP pressed Suffolk Highways to act.

Residents of Little Wratting, Great Wratting and Kedington – and Haverhill – have long warned that the junction of the A143 and B1061, next to the Sofina factory, is dangerous.

The road is fast, with a national speed limit of 60mph, and the approach sits on a hill, making it difficult for drivers to judge the speed of oncoming traffic.

Suffolk Highways has told West Suffolk MP Nick Timothy's office that there were seven recorded collisions at the junction between 2020 and 2024, two of them severe.

However, residents with knowledge of the crossroads told Mr Timothy that they believed there had

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MP for West Suffolk

been many more accidents than this, and it was only a matter of time before another one occurred.

Following representations from some of his concerned constituents, Mr Timothy wrote to Suffolk Highways, urging it to investigate the feasibility of traffic lights and speed restrictions on the approaches, and to set out what data it held on accidents at the site.

In response, Suffolk Highways confirmed it is now investigating a reduction in the speed limit from the

national limit to 40mph on the approach from either side of the junction on the A143, and for a short section of the B1061.

It is also examining whether additional measures, including traffic lights, would be appropriate alongside any speed limit change. Suffolk Highways stressed that the work is at an early stage, and that no decision has yet been made.

Commenting, Mr Timothy said: “Residents have raised serious safety concerns about this crossroads.

“It has seen far too many collisions and we need this urgently addressed. I contacted Suffolk Highways about it.

“They are investigating a 40mph speed limit on the approaches, alongside possible traffic lights.

“It is early days, with no guarantees, but I will keep drawing attention to the very justified concerns about traffic safety in the vicinity of this busy crossroads.”

Mr Timothy is also pressing

Suffolk Highways to include in any possible review a survey of Old Haverhill Road, which often gets used as a diversionary route when the A143 is closed for road works, or after an accident.

In a response to Mr Timothy's request to Suffolk County Council, John Clements, assistant director of highways services, said: “We are currently investigating a potential lowering of the speed limit thorough the A143/B1061 crossroads from the national limit currently in place, to 40mph for approximately 300-400 metres either side of the approaches to the crossroads on the A143 and for a short section of the B1061 as it approaches the junctions.

“We will also investigate whether additional traffic calming, including traffic lights, would be appropriate here as part of this potential speed limit change, or if a speed limit change alone would be sufficient.”

He also stressed that ‘this is in the very early stages of the investigation and feasibility process’.

Newmarket has been the home of British racing for four hundred years, but over-development risks its future. *The Telegraph* reported this week on plans for three industrial units and more than 400 parking spaces right next to the gallops. I have formally objected: this could seriously worsen congestion on Fordham Road, a crucial route for residents, commuters, shoppers, parents and horses.

Scrutinising the Government

Up to six thousand criminals, including killers and rapists, will be freed early from prison from September. Labour promised this scheme would not touch “the most serious, heinous crimes.” But it does: killers, rapists and sex offenders, including rape gang members, are getting out early too. As I said in the *Telegraph* this week, this is a serious threat to the public. We warned this would happen when we opposed the Sentencing Act, but Labour did not listen.



The Government is going to experiment on children with its puberty blockers trial, putting kids as young as eleven on a pathway that stops normal development. In February, 77 per cent of residents I surveyed said this trial should not go ahead. No child can truly consent to drugs that risk their sexual development, fertility and bone density. The trial must be stopped. If you agree, join our campaign [here](#).

Surgeries and support

If you need any help at all you can reach me at [**nick.timothy.mp@parliament.uk**](mailto:nick.timothy.mp@parliament.uk)

And if you know anyone who you think might welcome receiving this email, please do forward this onto them and mention that they can sign up by writing to [**nick@nicktimothy.com**](mailto:nick@nicktimothy.com)

Very best wishes

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PS Please click [here](#) to sign my petition to STOP the Forest City if you have not already done so. Many thanks

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