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Saving the family home from inheritance tax – and victory in my campaign to save jury trials



My party – the Conservatives – lost the last general election for good reasons. In government the party lost sight of our values and got too many things wrong. As a new MP, in the two years or so since, I have worked hard with my colleagues to make sure we change and come up with the policies Britain needs



Our party conference – held this week – was an opportunity to show the country that this is what we have done, and I am so pleased that we took the chance with both hands. The policies we launched this week were well worked through and very serious. 50,000 new prison places. A national missile defence system. The abolition of quangos like the Environment Agency and Natural England. A lower level of employers' National Insurance contributions for younger workers. And taking the family home out of inheritance tax altogether.

This is all about making the Conservatives the party of hard work, aspiration and home ownership once again. These are the values with which I was brought up – and I know they are values shared by millions of people. You can watch Kemi's speech to the conference [here](#).

Your voice in Parliament

In my own conference speech, I announced our plan to build 50,000 new prison places and return consequences to the criminal justice system. Prison works because it incapacitates: it takes those who would do us harm off the streets and into custody where they can no longer cause us harm. But we have insufficient prison capacity – and our plans mean we will be able to reverse Labour's early release schemes, restore the effective abolition of short-term sentences, and make a reality of this promise: if you are a violent criminal or a repeat offender, we will lock you up.



Last weekend, another the Government admitted defeat in its plan to severely restrict jury trials. I led the campaign against this change – which was an attack on an ancient English right, dating all the way back to Magna Carta. Andy Burnham finally caved to our pressure, and the Courts and Tribunals Bill – which returns to Parliament on Tuesday – will have the proposals removed. I worked closely with the legal industry and the lead Labour rebel, Karl Turner, and it is a huge relief to have prevailed.

Listening to you

Last week, I asked you about Andy Burnham's announcement that he wants to drop the triple lock on the state pension, which Labour's election manifesto promised to keep. More than three quarters of you said pensioners' incomes are not secure enough to drop the link between pensions and wage growth.



This week, I want to hear your response to the Conservatives' new policy to abolish inheritance tax on family homes. Please take two minutes to let me know your thoughts.

Out and about in Suffolk

I was delighted to visit West Suffolk Hospital, where I spoke to Ewen Cameron, the Chief Executive, about the issues affecting the hospital and what we can do to make things better for patients. The hospital is obviously going through a complete rebuild, and we discussed the milestones for the project.



I had great fun meeting the team at Center Parcs in Elveden Forest, near Brandon, which employs almost 2,000 people and welcomes around 4,500 guests at any one time. Richie Williams, the village director, told me about how keen he is to give back to the local community, by offering apprenticeships to local sixteen-year-olds and supporting local charities. The Winter Wonderland at Center Parcs begins on 6 November.



I always encourage people to buy local – and when I did a walkabout in Brandon recently, talking to residents about the plan to house illegal immigrants at RAF Barnham – I popped into Brandon Butchers on the high street.



In the media

I was really proud to bring the *Daily Mail* to Brandon this week. Over a cup of tea at the wonderful Tilly's Tea Rooms, we talked about my plans to build 50,000 new

prison places, why the Church of England should support local parishes – not pay £100 million in slavery “reparations” – and whether the burqa should be banned. On that subject – which I polled you about recently – my comments at a fringe event at the party conference made the [national news](#).

Shadow Justice Secretary Nick Timothy tells JASON GROVES that prison works: 'We've all spent too long trying to understand criminals... it's time we sent out a clear message'

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Prison works. Michael Howard's famous mantra triggered apoplexy on the liberal Left in the 1990s and has been out of fashion at Westminster for decades.

But if Nick Timothy gets his way, it will be coming back.

The combative Shadow Justice Secretary is a huge admirer of the former [Tory](#) home secretary and party leader.

The [East Anglian Daily Times](#) covered my urgent call for road safety improvements at Lakenheath Community Primary School. Regular readers will know about the problems with local roads and parking – made worse by Suffolk County Council's removal of a zebra crossing – which forced the school to close for a day recently. [You can read my letter to the Leader of Suffolk County Council here.](#)

I appeared on [Sky News](#) and [BBC Breakfast](#) to explain how we can put more criminals behind bars – and I spoke to [GB News](#) about the Government's plans to scrap the triple lock on the state pension.

Scrutinising the Government

The Government released 700 criminals from prison early last week – and that is just the beginning. Yet the Justice Secretary says he doesn't know how many of them have been tagged, because “it only happened on Thursday”. And he said this after promising every prisoner released early would be tagged. [I have written to ask when he will be able to answer this basic question.](#) Public safety is at risk.

Regular readers will remember my campaign to expose the truth about the Government's new official definition of “Islamophobia”. When I asked whether ministers had consulted extremists, they covered it up and claimed all the

evidence was deleted. I forced the top official in the relevant government department to investigate. Now he has told me ministers lied, and they do still have records – but they still refuse to publish them. [Here is my latest letter to the official in charge.](#)

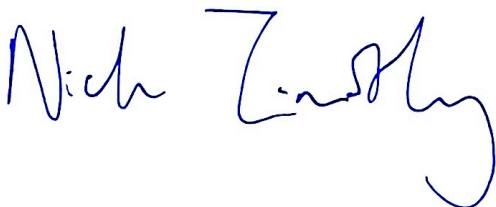
And [I am calling for an investigation into the conduct of Tan Ikram](#), the Deputy Chief Magistrate. Ikram is linked to an organisation that dismissed the rape gangs as “so-called” grooming gangs. His rulings have been criticised as “erroneous and perverse”, and he has boasted – inappropriately – of sending a police officer to prison for being “disgustingly racist”, while allowing Hamas supporters to walk free. Yet he continues to hold a prestigious post as a member of the commission which appoints our judges.

Surgeries and support

If you need any help at all you can reach me at 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

Very best wishes



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**PS Please click here to sign my
petition to STOP the Forest City if
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done so. Many thanks**

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