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REPORTS BACK TO YOU

Support my campaigns to sort Lakenheath Primary School – and win justice for victims of crimes by US servicemen





This week I launched two important new campaigns – and I need your help with both.

First, we need to pressure Suffolk County Council to take responsibility and fix the problems at Lakenheath Primary School, which has been forced to close twice – first because of road safety problems, and then because the temporary power generator failed. This is completely unacceptable. Last month I asked the leader of the Council, Michael Hadwen, to appoint a single Cabinet member with the authority to sort things out. He said he would take it on himself, but little has happened and the problems continue. Please click here to sign my open letter to him.

Second, as part of my work to win justice for local women who were victims of crimes committed by US service personnel, I have written to the Justice Secretary, Alex Norris. In cases like Sarah Steele – who was strangled and allegedly sexually assaulted by a fighter pilot – the perpetrator should have been tried in an English court, but too often the law is not observed and these men are tried in American military tribunals with juries of their fellow personnel. Please click here to add your name to my letter.

Your voice in Parliament

Sunnica, the proposal for a massive solar and battery farm in West Suffolk, would consume thousands of acres of beautiful, productive agricultural land. I have repeatedly warned against putting the highly flammable, toxic batteries so close to RAF Mildenhall and RAF Lakenheath. But the Ministry of Defence admits it has made no assessment of the clear and dangerous risk that the batteries could be sabotaged – even though, following the recent incident at RAF Lakenheath, a Defence Minister admitted sabotage is part of an evolving risk the Government must handle. I have written to ministers seeking an urgent investigation.



When I called a House of Commons debate about Forest City in June, ministers refused to rule out the developers' request for a development corporation – which would allow them to bypass the usual planning process. Some in the media – and some local politicians – over-interpreted the remarks and thought Forest City was dead. But I have now exposed that just two weeks after the debate, on 7 July, the developers held a meeting with the Government's Director of New Towns and other Whitehall officials. Sign my petition against Forest City here.



Listening to you

Almost 97 per cent of those who responded to my last survey opposed Labour's plans to put at least 1,250 male illegal immigrants near Brandon and local villages at RAF Barnham. A similar number agreed with the Conservatives' plan to shut down any such migrant camps at the earliest possible opportunity. And four-fifths supported the village of Barnham in holding a symbolic referendum – taking place today. The evidence is clear: public safety is put at risk wherever these men are housed, and we do not want them here. If you agree, you can click here to sign my petition.



In 2016, a clear majority of West Suffolk residents voted to leave the European Union. But because he has no answers for the problems facing the world today, Andy Burnham wants to reopen the wounds of ten years ago – and could even pursue rejoining. His 'EU reset', announced yesterday, is the worst of both worlds: we will be out of the EU but paying them money and accepting their rules. And yet more burdens will be heaped onto our farmers, who will have to obey EU agricultural regulations even if they sell nothing to Europe. Do you think Burnham's deal is worth the cost? Please click here to fill in my latest two-minute survey.

Out and about in Suffolk

I enjoyed visiting Moulton Primary School, where I am glad to report that things are going from strength to strength. In its last Ofsted report, the school was recognised as 'Outstanding' in every category, and the SATs results are promising. Mrs Shipp, the headteacher, puts a lot of emphasis on oracy – meaning that children learn the skill of speaking, as well as reading and writing. She works closely with local charities to help children with a difficult family life find a full scholarship to boarding school. I look forward to seeing them again later in the school year, when they have invited me to speak to the Year Six class.





I had an important meeting to discuss the future of Thetford Power Station with senior figures in horseracing and breeding and from the power station. Horseracing and breeding is vital to the economy of Newmarket and West Suffolk. The industry relies on Thetford Power Station to process around 50,000 tonnes of used stable bedding each year. East Anglian poultry farms send even more. But the plant loses financial support next year. It will either push the new costs onto the racing and breeding industry or close. There is no government plan for what to do when the support ends. I met representatives from the plant and racing and breeding to discuss their concerns and will write to ministers to press for a solution.

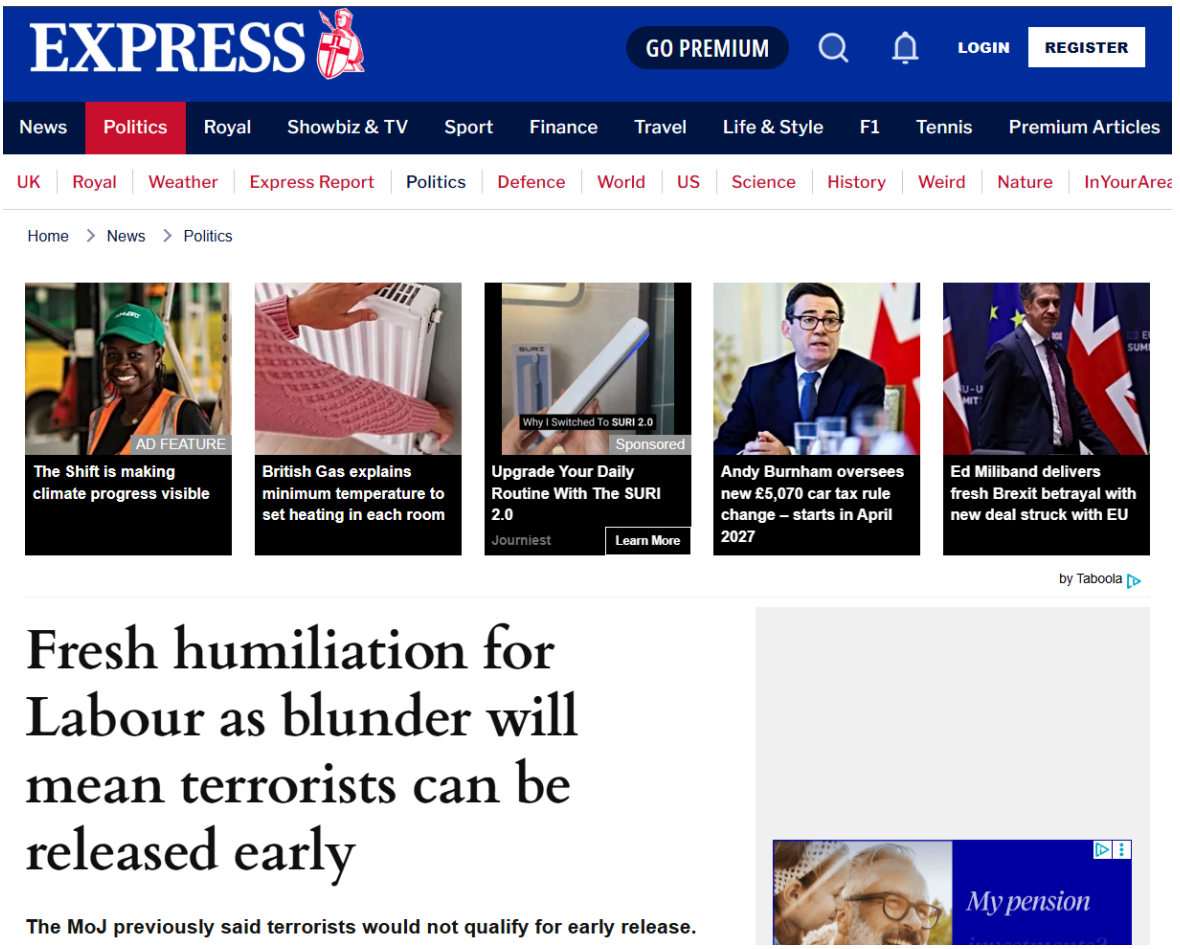
And I would like to promote The King's Head in Beck Row – where I enjoyed meeting Anthony and Alice, who took over the pub this summer. I wish them every success as they settle in and build the business. If you are nearby, please do pop in and support them.



In the media

I spoke to the BBC and the *East Anglian Daily Times* about the problems at Lakenheath Community Primary School. We need to make sure the children are back in school and taught without distraction.

Terrorists could be let out of prison under Labour's catastrophic early release policy – and we know that many of the criminals who have already been released have immediately re-offended. As I told the *Daily Express*, this is a clear threat to public safety, and the Justice Secretary must step in and stop this before it is too late.



I worked with the *Telegraph* to expose damning figures which show that knife offenders are avoiding jail in record numbers under Labour. The Government's decision to abolish short prison sentences was astonishingly reckless. I warned at the time that it would effectively decriminalise knife crime, and that is exactly what has happened. Thousands of knife criminals are being let loose on our streets.



Scrutinising the Government

Ministers have refused to rule out cancelling the much-needed upgrade to the Fiveways roundabout for good. After the Government announced that it would cut £700 million from the roads budget instead of getting a grip on welfare spending, I

wrote to the Transport Secretary to ask what this would mean for Suffolk. And the Minister for Roads has admitted that the upgrade near Barton Mills and Mildenhall “remains uncommitted at this stage” – meaning it could be scrapped at any time.

As Shadow Justice Secretary, I regularly visit prisons around the country. My visit to HMP Erlsetoke was agreed and arranged. Then the Prisons Minister blocked it, with no explanation and no alternative date – despite having two weeks’ notice. The Opposition must be able to visit prisons to scrutinise the Government and develop policy.



And now probation officers have voted to strike, blaming Labour’s early release scheme. With hundreds of prisoners released early – most of them not electronically tagged – the pressure on the probation service has increased massively. The safeguards ministers promised are nowhere to be seen.

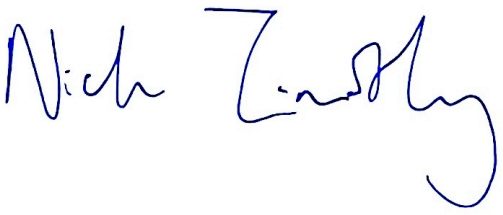


Surgeries and support

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 you have not already done so. Many thanks

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