



Ruth Cadbury

Member of Parliament for Brentford & Isleworth

MP's REPORT TO BRENTFORD & ISLEWORTH RESIDENTS March 2019

I provide regular updates on my work to local residents. You can find previous reports of my work on my web site; www.ruthcadbury.co.uk I also report regularly on my [Facebook page](#) and via Twitter [@RuthCadbury](#) You can see full details of my questions and speeches, and get Regular updates about my Parliamentary activities on [TheyWorkForYou](#)



BREXIT: It's so depressing to re-read what I wrote a month ago when I started by saying – we're no further forward; and a month later, with less than a month to go before the UK could leave the EU with no agreement, it's the same story. At the time of writing (3rd March) there appears to be a greater possibility that, with Labour support, Theresa May's deal could be put to the voters for ratification, which retains the option of rejecting it and remaining in the EU – a course of action I (and many people I speak to on the doorstep) would welcome.

In other business:

- At Education Questions I asked about the impact of cuts in Further Education on **skills training**, which I followed up with a letter to the Education Secretary and for which I still await a reply
- I challenged Home Secretary Sajid Javed on his promises to turn around **Windrush applications** within 2 weeks when one of my constituents has waited a year for her application to be processed
- In a debate on **street homelessness** I reminded the House of the success of the Labour Government in ending and preventing rough sleeping, from which this Government could learn
- I asked for a debate on raising the threshold of acquiring a bike through the **Cycle to Work scheme** so people on low-incomes and disabled people could get the more expensive electric bikes and specialist trikes
- At DWP questions, I raised concerns about how the cuts in council services are impacting on the life-chances of **young care leavers**
- In a Brexit bill committee, I raised concerns about the dangers of **bus drivers'** long working hours



I also signed;

- a letter to the Chancellor seeking more diversity on bank notes
- a letter to the business secretary on the Equitable Life scandal
- a letter to the Home Secretary, Sajid Javed, on the mass charter flight removals of people to Jamaica
- Early Day Motions on Trophy Hunting, HCPC fees and on medicines after Brexit

HEATHROW: I spoke at both ChATR (Chiswick Against Third Runway) and BASHE (Brentford & Hounslow Stop Heathrow Expansion) public meetings. The second was held in Osterley, underneath the final approach path to Runway 3, something that many local residents are not being told by Heathrow. The meetings covered not only the 3rd Runway, but also the implications of another 25,000 more flights with the current 2 runways. The consultation about (some of) the detail of these changes has now closed, but there'll be more in June! Meanwhile I've been challenging Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling, about the funding for the non-commercial regional connections from Heathrow, which we believe he now expects local councils in those regions to fund, not the Government.

LOCAL UPDATE



Housing Associations

I have been working with Councillors Tony Louki and Guy Lambert and Hounslow officers, to put pressure on senior officers of A2D and Shepherds Bush Housing. For far too long these large Housing Associations have been unable to address the very poor have

been unable to address the very poor levels of repairs, capital investment and overall estate management that their residents have had to put up with, and regularly contact me about. The managers of both have promised to address the problems – watch this space!

Running the Railway

Maybe not everyone's idea of a day out, but it was mine! Seema Malhotra MP and I had the pleasure of being shown round Feltham's signal centre that controls the local section of South West Railways network including the Hounslow loop line that passes through my constituency. The current system was installed in the 1970s and is in the process of being replaced. I chair the Women in Transport Parliamentary Group so, in what is still a very male-dominated workplace, it was great to meet women signallers and also project leaders installing the new system.



Young People's Mental Health

I had over 150 responses to my on-line survey of local experiences of mental health services for young people. What they and their parents told me that there were pockets of good practice and successful treatment. However, because of finance cuts, too often they have to wait too long to get treatment, or are discharged early. Some said that if there had been early intervention services, they may not have needed to get more intensive care. I will be taking these issues up with West London NHS (our local Mental Health Trust) and with the Government.



At this difficult time for politics

I know that it's more important than ever to be listening to people's concerns about the issues that matter to them; local, national and international.

Local ward teams are out every weekend with me and Councillors and there is a phone bank at our office in Chiswick. If you'd like to help, look out for Eden's email, or contact her (details below).

KEEPING IN TOUCH

Twitter: [@RuthCadbury](#) Web: www.ruthcadbury.org.uk Facebook: "[RuthCadburyMP](#)"
Casework for residents to raise with me as your MP, please contact my office: ruth@ruthcadbury.org.uk
Tel: 020 8581 3646 or write: Ruth Cadbury MP, House of Commons, SW1A 0AA. I hold weekly advice surgeries, please get in touch for an appointment. Many issues can be dealt with quickly by email or a phone call which saves waiting for the next available surgery.

For Diary & Parliamentary Office: email ruthcadburympp@parliament.uk Tel: 020 7219 8590



UNSUBSCRIBE

