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This is my July - October report 2022 in which I:

- share with you how I'm going about my work as MP,
- hear from you if you agree with how I'm approaching things and
- what further issues you think I should be addressing.

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The Government's reckless risk-taking with the economy hits local people hard

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It's impossible to know from one day to the next who will be the Chancellor or even who will be the Prime Minister. The government has sunk into political chaos because they have plunged the country into economic chaos. And the impact will be felt by everyone in my constituency of Camberwell and Peckham.

To get elected to be the leader of the Conservative Party and become Prime Minister, Liz Truss promised to cut taxes, particularly for the richest people in the country, and to pay for it out of money that the government would borrow. When Labour was in government we stuck to the rule that we would only borrow to invest, for example in transport, housing, and infrastructure like school and hospital buildings, water and energy. We kept strictly to the rule that, while we would borrow to invest, any day-to-day spending would have to be paid for out of taxes, with those who are richest paying the most.

The reason for this is that when the government has to borrow, those who are lending need to have confidence that there is a plan and it all adds up.

Liz Truss won the leadership offering a set of promises which simply were never going to work. As was inevitable, the international financial markets recognised that her plans in her mini budget were never going to work. With the government setting out to borrow tens of billions of pounds with no idea how it would be paid back. So they put up the interest rate for government borrowing which set off a chain of further actions. Banks and building societies cancelled many of their mortgage offers and put up interest rates for borrowers. This snatched the prospect of those who were on the brink of buying their first home and sent a dark cloud over families who already have a mortgage. Many of those who wanted to buy a home found they couldn't and those who wanted to sell couldn't either. Inflation which has already been going up was turbo charged with food prices and transport costs surging in the same way we've seen with energy bills.

All this was caused by the government and they are never going to be able to solve it. The Conservative Party which prides itself in being the party of the "free market" has fallen foul of the markets and they will never be trusted with the economy again.

Independent research in Camberwell and Peckham backs up what my constituents are telling me. 67% are cutting back on their essential groceries. 64% are worried about not being able to pay energy bills and 50% are worried about not being able to afford to pay their rent. As many as 36% are worried they'll need to use a food bank and

nearly half (43%) are worried about being made homeless. And the insecurity has reached older people too, with 53% worried about the future of their pension. That hits local businesses too as people have less money to spend.

Now the new chancellor is threatening to “solve” the problem that they have caused with massive cuts to public services including the NHS, schools and local councils. And the fear is now that they will update benefits only in line with earnings which is only half the level of inflation which are the prices people actually face.

The reality is that people face a really hard and worrying time ahead. Fuel bills have surged because of Putin’s dreadful invasion of Ukraine but the Conservatives’ reckless economic plans have made it even worse.

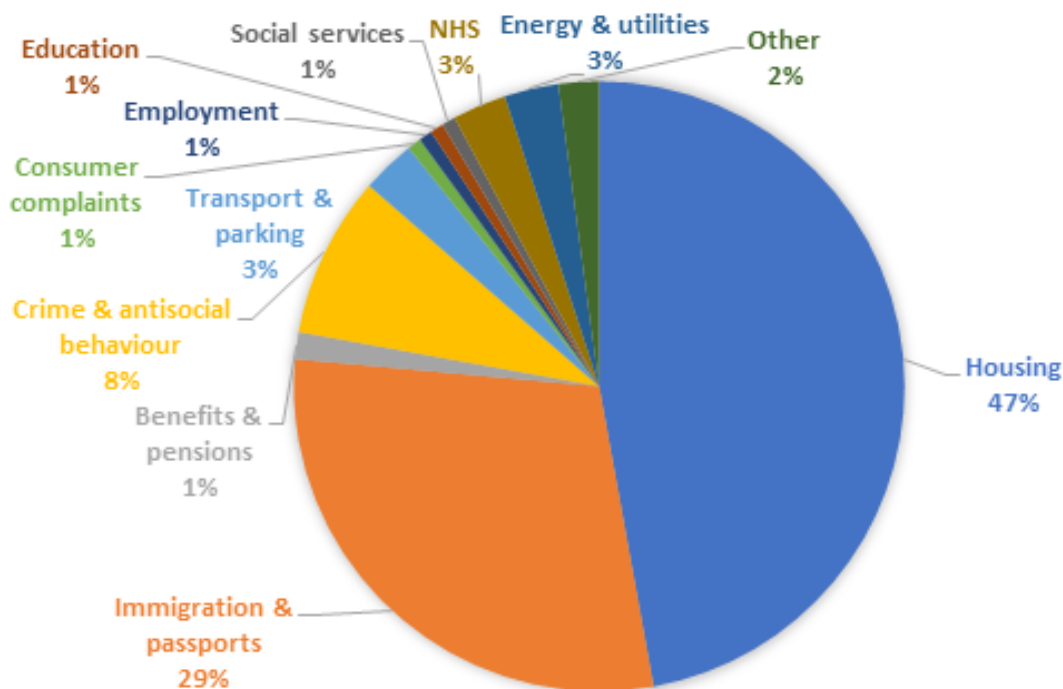
The best and most effective way to deal with these problems and put people’s minds to rest is to have a new, Labour, government. Our leader, Keir Starmer and Rachel Reeves who would be our chancellor are ready. What we need now is a General Election. It is selfish for the Conservatives to cling on to power when they are clearly not up to the job. They need to get out of the way before things get even worse.

Constituency problems - update

My casework team continue to deal with problems and there continues to be an increase in the number of constituents seeking my help.

New cases breakdown – July 2022

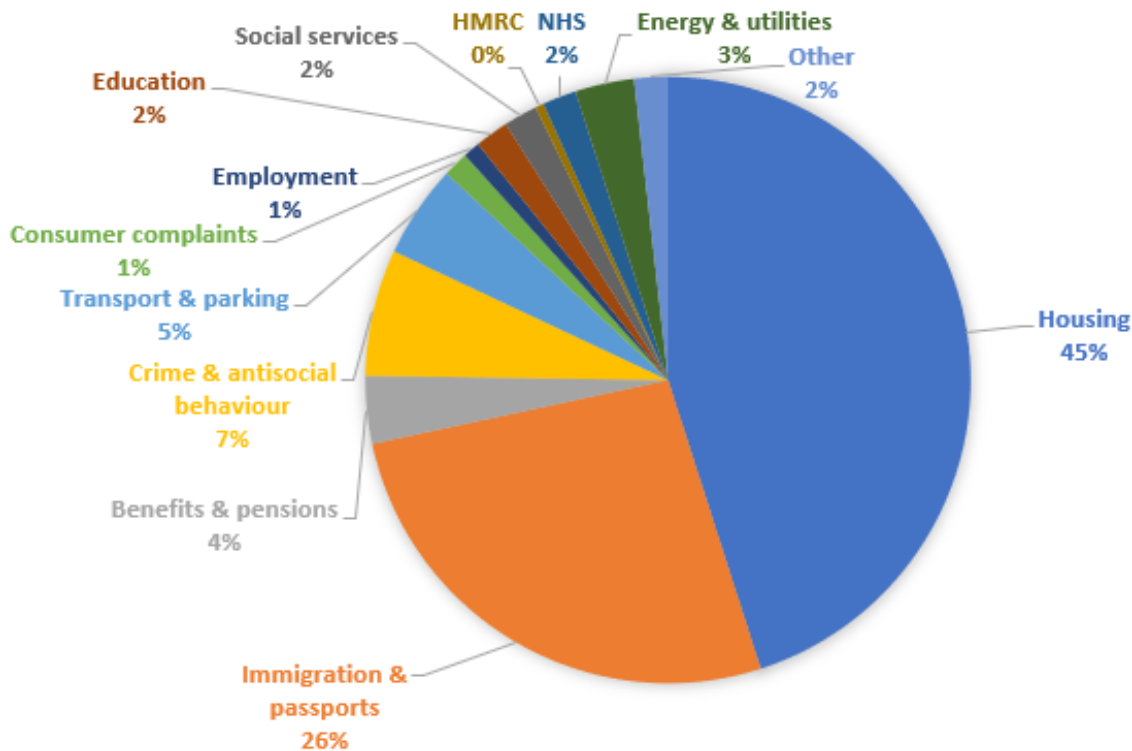
In July I took action on **518** cases and I recouped **£8,004** for constituents.



New cases breakdown – August 2022

In August I took action on **703** cases. Since the start of 2022, I have taken action on **4,524** cases.

In August I recouped **£1,017.90** for constituents. Since the start of 2022, the total I have recouped for constituents is **£13,612.37**. This includes underpaid benefit payments, coronavirus business grants for local business owners, waived HMRC penalties and compensation for errors and delays on action by housing associations and by the Home Office.



Case summaries:

- A Nunhead man requested my help with his wife's outstanding spousal visa application. He, his wife and their two children were in Ghana. His wife is pregnant and needed to see her midwife in the UK but she was unable to leave Ghana with him and their two children due to the delays in getting her visa. His wife's previous UK visa had expired earlier this year and she had submitted a spousal visa application in April 2022. Despite paying for the priority service the family had not received a decision on the application within the standard service time. I urgently wrote to UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI) to ask for a report on the progress of the visa application and to find out how soon a decision would be made. As a result, my constituent's wife has now received her spousal visa.
- A woman from Denmark Hill asked for my assistance with her husband's immigration. Her husband, currently in Mauritius, was granted an entry clearance visa by the Home Office but when checking the documentation he noticed that his wife's surname had been spelt incorrectly on the visa. Following

advice from a solicitor and from the Home Office, her husband's passport was returned to the Home Office to correct the error on the visa, yet after several weeks the passport had still not been returned to him and his visa hadn't been corrected. I wrote to the Home Office to ask them to clarify when her husband could expect his visa to be corrected and his documents returned to him. My constituent's husband has now received his amended visa and had his passport returned.

- A Camberwell woman wrote to me because she, her husband, and their 4 children had been recently relocated to temporary accommodation in Romford by Southwark Council and were dissatisfied with the move. She raised concerns about the time it now takes for her children to travel to school and for her to travel to work in South London. Her husband, an imam, was also struggling to effectively meet the responsibilities at his mosque due to the distance. I wrote to Southwark Council to ask whether they could relocate my constituent and her family back to Camberwell or the surrounding area as soon as possible. The temporary accommodation team at Southwark offered the family a three-bedroom flat near East Street market, which they have accepted.
- A single mother from Peckham contacted me because she and her new-born baby had been moved to temporary Council accommodation outside Southwark. This was far from the university where she is undertaking her teacher training course and far from her family and support system. I wrote to Southwark Council on her behalf to ask them to consider permanently rehousing her back in Southwark. As a result she has been offered suitable temporary accommodation in Southwark while awaiting an offer of permanent housing.
- A constituent contacted me to share his concerns about recurring criminal and anti-social behaviour taking place on Havil Street in Camberwell. I wrote to Southwark Council and the Police to ask whether they were aware of this problem and what action was being taken to reduce the anti-social behaviour. I received responses stating that a meeting had been held between the Council, the Police and other partner stakeholders to review the concerns being identified by the surrounding community. The Council also said that patrols had been increased by the Police and Community Wardens and that a CCTV unit had been installed within the area to help identify those committing crime and anti-social behaviour and to deter such acts in the future. I shared this response with my constituent, who confirmed that the level of anti-social behaviour had decreased within the area as a result of the actions taken.
- A woman living in Camberwell contacted me because she had been without hot water for over three weeks and was having to use the shower in a neighbour's property. She explained that hot water outages had been happening for the past three years and that she had contacted her housing association, Metropolitan Thames Valley Housing (MTVH), many times to report it. I wrote urgently to MTVH to ask what actions they would take to permanently resolve the hot water outages at the individual's property and whether the individual could be compensated for the time that she has spent without hot water and the stress caused. I received two responses stating that the boiler has now been replaced and that the constituent has been offered compensation.
- A man from Peckham requested my help with the visa applications for Ukrainian refugee friends of his, whose applications he was sponsoring under the

Government's Homes for Ukraine scheme. They had been waiting over two months for a response. I urgently contacted the Home Office to ask for a report on the progress of the applications and when a decision would be made. I received a response from the Home Office which confirmed that my constituent's Ukrainian friends have now been granted visas and have arrived in the UK.

- I was contacted by a constituent who had sponsored a successful Homes for Ukraine application for a Ukrainian woman earlier this year, but she had not received her Biometric Residence Permit (BRP) due to an administrative error. The constituent told me that his Ukrainian guest had been told by the Job Centre that her Universal Credit payments may be stopped if she was unable to provide a copy of her BRP. I urgently contacted the Home Office to ask when the individual could expect to receive her Biometric Residence Permit and received a response saying that it had now been produced and would be delivered soon. This response was shared with my constituent who confirmed that the BRP had been delivered and that as a result her Universal Credit payments have not been affected and she is able to start looking for work.
- I was contacted by a woman from Camberwell Green who was struggling to claim the compensation that she was owed from Ryanair following a flight delay of more than 6 hours in April. She had been informed by Ryanair staff at the airport that she would be entitled to compensation but she had not received any response from the airline following her attempts to contact them. I wrote to Ryanair on her behalf to ask when she could expect to receive the compensation she was entitled to, and they have now paid out the £207.90 compensation.
- A woman living near Old Kent Road wrote to me because she had received a parking charge fine of £60 from CP Plus Parking for parking at a client's property in Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, but that this was an error as she did not park her car within the Surrey Quays Shopping Centre on that day. She told me that she had attempted to contact CP Plus on several occasions to challenge the fine but had not received a response. The fine then increased to £170. I wrote to CP Plus Parking and the British Parking Association about her concerns and to ask how she could appeal the fine. I received a report on the situation from both agencies which included confirmation that CP Plus Parking has made the decision to cancel the Parking Charge Notice as a gesture of goodwill.

In July and August I received **470** emails from constituents on policy issues including:

- Support CWU members in their industrial dispute – the Government must work to find a resolution
- Concern over the Government's Northern Ireland Bill – I share concerns about the Government's bill and continue to oppose it
- Concern about TfL's proposed 4% cuts to London buses – I am strongly against TfL's proposed cuts and have opposed them in the strongest terms
- End the Cage Age – I support efforts to end the use of cages for farmed animals
- Support striking workers – I support the right to strike and encourage the Government to take action to negotiate with those striking

- Government must act on cost-of-living – strongly support further action to support people with the cost-of-living
- Support the ban on conversion therapy – I completely agree that LGBT+ conversion therapies should be banned urgently
- Stop Channel 4 privatisation – I disagree with the privatisation of Channel 4
- Support the animal welfare bills – I support the proposed animal welfare commitments

Supporting the family of Chris Kaba to demand answers from the Met Police

On the night of 5th September Chris Kaba was shot and killed by armed Metropolitan Police officers in Streatham. He was 24 and soon to become a father. There was no firearm found on him or in the car he was driving.

Chris' parents are my constituents and I have been offering them support at this unimaginably difficult time as they demand the answers that they are entitled to from the Met Police about why their unarmed son was shot.

On 9th September the Independent Office for Police Conduct (IOPC) announced that it was opening a homicide investigation into Chris' death. On that day I wrote to the new Met Commissioner Mark Rowley asking him to keep me updated on all developments, and I wrote to the head of the IOPC asking if they would provide me with a timeline for their investigation. I was dismayed to be told that the investigation is expected to take up to 9 months.

On Sunday 11th September in a press release with Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP, the MP for Streatham where the shooting occurred, I called for the Met Police to immediately suspend the officer who shot Chris from all activity. It was incomprehensible that he was not suspended sooner. On 13th September the Met finally announced that the officer was suspended.

On 12th September I attended a vigil with Chris' family to mark one week since he had been killed.

It is right that the family have recently also been shown the officers' bodycam footage, although it took the Met too long to do this.

I continue to offer my support and deepest sympathies to the family and local community. I have met with both the IOPC and the Met Commissioner in recent weeks



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NEW: South London MPs, incl [@BellRibeiroAddy](#) and [@HarrietHarman](#) have called for suspension of the [@metpoliceuk](#) officer who fatally shot Chris Kaba, 24, on Monday. The officer remains on duty almost a week after the incident. [#JusticeForChrisKaba](#)



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and I am working closely with local MPs Bell Ribeiro-Addy and Helen Hayes as the IOPC investigation continues.

RIP Her Royal Highness Queen Elizabeth II

On Thursday 8th September the world received the news that the Queen had died at Balmoral at the age of 96.

On Friday 9th and Saturday 10th September I and 320 other members of the House of Commons paid tribute to the Queen in the House of Commons chamber. You can read my tribute below and watch the video [here](#).

Ms Harriet Harman (Camberwell and Peckham) (Lab)

Thank you, Mr Speaker. What an excellent speech from the right hon. Member for Uxbridge and South Ruislip (Boris Johnson), which I am sure will have resonated in every Member of this House and, indeed, everyone in this country. It was a brilliant speech.

I am grateful for the opportunity to pay my tribute to the Queen, on my own behalf but also on behalf of my constituents, particularly those who, coming from Commonwealth countries in Africa and the Caribbean, held the Queen in such high regard.

We are a constitutional monarchy, and for we MPs, the Queen was ever present in the interwoven relationship between the monarch and her Parliament. She underpinned our democratic system for over 70 years—underpinning it but never intervening in it. She was always salient but never meddled.

She avoided controversy not by staying in the background—far from it; she performed her role to the utmost—but by respecting the boundaries. She carried out her duties and gave us her full commitment for us to carry out ours. When many denigrated, she always respected and supported Parliament. We should be very grateful for that.

Between her Ministers—not just Prime Ministers—there was regular contact. After Labour won the election in 1997, I went up to the Palace, where she appointed me, like the other new Secretaries of State, to the Privy Council and bestowed on me the seals of office. They are actual seals, which are given to you and you take back to your Department to be locked in a safe. When, just a year later, I was sacked and the seals were taken out of the safe and back to Buckingham Palace, my diary was empty and my phone stopped ringing, my office was astonished to get a call from the Palace. No one else wanted to have anything to do with me, but the Queen wanted to see me.



Queen Elizabeth II

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I was invited to take tea with the Queen, for her to thank me for my service as Secretary of State.

My point is that the relationship between our Queen and Parliament, and our Queen and Government, was never just on paper, but was always active and always encouraging. She radiated British values of duty, patriotism, internationalism, charity and service. But while she embodied British values, she never intervened in politics, and that is constitutional alchemy—nothing less.

It is evident that everyone, even those who do not agree with the hereditary principle of the monarchy, cannot but marvel at her personal qualities; and I want to marvel at how she could do all this flawlessly, not just over so many decades, but as a woman starting her reign in what was emphatically then a man's world. We have to remember what attitudes were at the time. The order of the day was that men were in charge and women were subservient. The man was head of the household, and the role of a woman was to get married, have his children and support him. In the 1950s, when she was crowned, I was a child, and I remember my mother warning me that people thought men knew more than women; that men's views were valuable, while women's were to be disregarded.



It was in that atmosphere that she stepped up, as a 25-year-old married woman with two children, to take her place at the head of this nation and play a huge role on the world stage. What determination and courage that must have taken. The Prime Ministers she dealt with were mostly men, and mostly twice her age. Things were very different then; huge change has taken place during her reign. Things were very different when, six years ago, she threw open Buckingham Palace for us to celebrate the 70th anniversary of

the BBC's "Woman's Hour", and to celebrate how much women had achieved.

As Sir Tony Blair said, she was the matriarch of this nation: a matriarch for us on the world stage, and a matriarch too at home, in her own family. As well as being our monarch, she was the mother of four children and had many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and it is to her family that I extend my deepest sympathies for their loss and condolences for their grief, which we all share.

Attending the Accession Council and swearing the oath to King Charles III

On Saturday 10th September, in my role as a Privy Councillor and Mother of the House, I attended the Accession Council. The Accession Council is where a formal proclamation of the death of the monarch and of the accession to the throne of the heir is made.

I also swore a new oath to the King in the House of Commons, being the third MP to do so after the Speaker of the House and the Father of the House.



Parliament Presents Addresses to King Charles III and Receives the Coffin of the Queen

On 12th September in my role as Mother of the House I was in Westminster Hall for the presentation of Addresses of condolences to the King.

On 14th September I was in attendance for the arrival of the coffin at Westminster Hall. Along with my colleagues I paid my respects to the Queen.

I also attended the Queen's funeral on Monday 19th September, along with leaders from around the world.



No one will forget where they were when they heard the news that the Queen had died. And all of us MPs have been reflecting on not just what she meant to the country but what she meant to Parliament and to our constituents over her reign of 70 years.

Over two days, 321 Members spoke in the tributes to our late Queen and most included accounts of how she visited their constituency, to open a swimming pool or a new hospital or to visit a scout group or support a local charity. She truly must have been the woman who knew this country better than anyone, having visited every corner of England, Scotland and Wales continuously over so many decades.

We were Her Majesty's Parliament and ministers were in Her Majesty's government. She was woven into the fabric of our democracy, the rock on which our Parliament is based. There was a great deal of ceremony in the role, with the Queen presiding over the state opening and the bills we vote on not becoming law until she signed them with royal assent. But there was also, behind the scenes, the very real and practical support that she was constant in giving to Parliament. There have frequently been times when Parliament has been criticised but the Queen was a stoic, unconditional supporter of her Parliament.

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I certainly felt so proud as, along with all members of the Commons and the Lords, I sat in the magnificence of Westminster Hall as the Speaker and the Lords Speaker gave our condolences and welcomed the new monarch, King Charles III. I could not help but admire the extraordinary level of organisation which made such a complex and difficult occasion happen flawlessly!

So now the King is our new constitutional monarch who will walk the important line of underpinning our democracy while never intervening in it.

And while we lose our Queen, we have a new Queen Consort, Camilla, who has already won the admiration of so many women's organisations as over the years she has championed women's causes from the battle against osteoporosis to tackling domestic violence.

When Queen Elizabeth ascended the throne, she was a woman presiding over a Parliament of 608 men and only 17 women. The prime ministers she dealt with then were all men, twice her age. Things have transformed over the 70 years of her reign. The last official duty the Queen performed was to appoint her new woman Prime Minister and after her death, less than a week later, the Accession Council was presided over by a woman Lord President of the Council, Penny Mordaunt.

With the Queen's death there is a sombre atmosphere of mourning and sympathy for her family. But there is also a national marvelling at how remarkable her reign was and a recognition of how much support we must give to her successor King Charles as he follows her remarkable legacy to create a monarchy for the modern age, bringing the best of the past into a new era.

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The new king has been "proclaimed" up and down the country from St James's Palace, to St Giles' Cathedral in Scotland, to here in Southwark Cathedral. These proclamations combine expressing condolences to the royal family on the death of Queen Elizabeth II with offering support to the new King Charles III. No one will forget where they were when they heard the news that the Queen had died. Her reign meant many different things to different people and as I spoke a tribute to her in the House of Commons I had in the forefront of my mind those many of my constituents from Commonwealth countries in Africa and the Caribbean with which the Queen had been so closely connected during her reign of over 70 years.

She knew Southwark well having visited it many times. In fact she had visited every part of the country during the decades she was on the throne, to open a swimming pool or a new hospital or to visit a scout group or support a local charity. She truly must have been the woman who knew this country better than anyone else.

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Catching up with Scottish Colleagues

On 12th September I met with my Scottish Labour colleagues Anas Sarwar MSP and Jackie Baillie MSP when they were in London. Labour is the only party that stands for progressive policies and the Union and they are doing great work to build support across Scotland ahead of the next General Election.

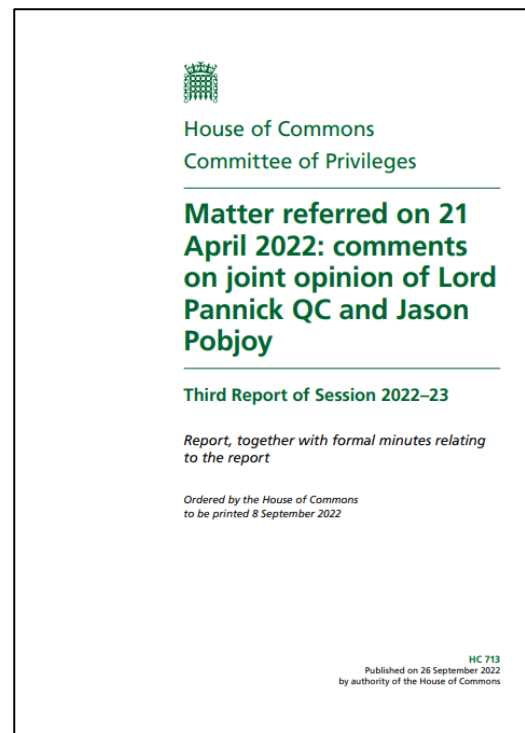
Continuing the Committee of Privileges Inquiry into Boris Johnson MP

On 14th June I was chosen by the House of Commons to chair the Committee of Privileges, a parliamentary committee that investigates MPs' conduct in the House of Commons. Our inquiry looks into whether Boris Johnson MP committed a contempt of Parliament in his statements relating to parties in Downing Street.

On 30th June the Committee published its call for evidence relating to its inquiry, which you can read about [here](#). We also wrote to Boris Johnson MP, and Simon Case the Cabinet Secretary, requesting a list of evidence, which you see [here](#).

On 21st July, the Committee published its first report on the procedures that the Committee will follow. This report sets out the Committee's process for taking evidence anonymously, the definition of "contempt", a formal determination on the impact of any potential sanction and the Committee's procedure for considering evidence. The procedures and processes set out in this report will underpin how the Committee will conduct its inquiry going forwards. You can read the report [here](#).

On 2nd September, the Government published legal advice from Lord Pannick KC relating to how the Committee was handling the inquiry. The Committee has now published its response to this advice, rejecting the criticisms by Lord Pannick KC and outlining its position on the points that the Government's advice raises. You can read the Committee's published response [here](#).



Demanding that the new Prime Minister Take Action on the Crisis in NHS Dentistry

I signed a letter with Sir Peter Bottomley MP, the Father of the House, and 59 other MPs, to the new Prime Minister demanding that she stick to her campaign promises to make solving the crisis in NHS dentistry one of her priorities.

Dear Prime Minister,

Action on NHS dentistry

We were pleased to see you recognize the crisis in NHS dentistry during the leadership campaign, and pledge that action to improve access to NHS dental services would be one of your three key priorities in the first 90 days of your premiership.

Research conducted last month by the BBC revealed that 9 in 10 dental practices in England are not able to accept new NHS patients. There isn't a single dentist in Norfolk taking on new patients on the NHS, with a third of the country in the same position. As our mailbags can attest, lack of access to dental services is an urgent problem felt in every corner of the country.

Data shows millions of our constituents are left with no options. Some resort to DIY dentistry, while many others put further needless pressure on other parts of the NHS – our GPs and A&Es – which are not equipped to help them. This is now clearly part of the wider cost of living crisis.

Those who can afford to access help privately will do so, while those who can't, will be forced to do without. As dentists across the country are increasingly reducing their

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British Dental Association

Millions of patients need these promises to be kept.

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We welcome the package of changes to the NHS dental contract announced before the summer, and the legislation laid earlier this week to streamline the process of recognizing the qualifications of overseas dentists who want to come and work in the UK. However, these measures alone will not represent a silver bullet for the millions of desperate people across England who are unable to secure the help they need. Action to train and bring in more dentists from abroad can be part of the solution, but unless we address the reasons behind the



endemic and growing recruitment and retention issues which plague the sector, we will likely continue to lose NHS dentists faster than we can possibly replace them.

The key driver of the exodus of dentists from the NHS we are facing is the failed, target-based contract. Both main parties committed to reforming this system ahead of the 2010 elections, and for the past decade work has been underway to develop a new way of working in NHS dentistry. We urge you to make it a priority to deliver this desperately needed reform as soon as possible.

NHS dental budget has also not kept pace with inflation and population growth in recent years, and in the face of this unprecedented crisis it is crucial that appropriate resources are in place to underpin the reform and assure long-term sustainability of the service our constituents rely on.

The Kings Fund say that the system is on 'life support' and the British Dental Association warn it is facing a "slow death". We fear that failure to take swift and meaningful action now would mean the end of NHS dentistry as we know it. We hope you deliver on your campaign pledges, and act with urgency and ambition to bring forward the change millions of our constituents desperately need.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Peter Bottomley MP

Harriet Harman MP

"Stop the bus cuts in Camberwell and Peckham"

3rd August 2022



Proposals to withdraw the **12, 45** and **78** bus routes and change the routes of the **56, 141, 171** and **388** would hit my constituents in Camberwell and Peckham hard and I am totally opposed to them. I have consulted widely with my constituents to hear their views and they too are universally against these proposals.

"I am horrified at the proposals to remove the 12 bus. [It] is an absolute lifeline – it's total insanity to even consider removing it" **Constituent of Camberwell and Peckham**

"At rush hours there are times that I cannot even get on the existing buses because they are so full... This shows a total disregard for poorer citizens, the elderly and disabled." **Constituent of Camberwell and Peckham**

London boroughs are not equal when it comes to transport and some are more capable of absorbing these cuts than others. TfL must withdraw these plans and go back to the drawing board. They should start their plans from the consideration of doing nothing to widen inequality.

25% of the bus cuts being proposed across London fall in Southwark, just one London borough out of 32 served by TfL.

Buses are most important in areas where there is low income, high crime, high levels of disability, low car ownership and no public transport alternatives.



Southwark has a higher percentage of BAME residents and a higher percentage of people on low incomes than the London average. And even whilst the number of journeys on buses fell due to the pandemic, the routes that run through Southwark, such as the **12**, remain in use well above the average for both central London routes and all bus routes across the capital. If these cuts to Southwark were to go ahead, they would hit hardest those who can least afford it.

People in Camberwell and Peckham need the buses. Most don't have cars or can't afford the petrol to drive to work, which would anyway be bad for pollution and jams. There is no underground in Camberwell and Peckham for people to use as an alternative. And the overground trains are too expensive for many people and already badly overcrowded.

TfL's proposals would mean fewer buses, longer waits at bus stops and people having to change buses. Axing the **12** would mean a third of those who currently use it would have to take 2 buses, needing to change more often. The proposals ignored the problems this will cause for people in the local communities that rely on those buses, particularly women and girls, those with disabilities, the elderly, and those on low incomes.

An elderly person who can do a journey on one bus might not be able to cope with getting on and off two buses. For a young woman or girl, having to change and wait at a

"Many residents cannot afford the train so the bus their only option."
Constituent of Camberwell and Peckham

"We have no direct access to a tube station and although there are a couple of train stations we can use, these are a more expensive method of travelling and, for women travelling alone at night, not always the safest method. I encourage my 18-year-old daughters to take the bus at night." **Constituent of Camberwell and Peckham**

"I am extremely concerned by the reduction in night bus provision. Across Southwark this means there will be a significant increase in the walk required for interchanging different bus stops. As a woman I find this unacceptable. The no 12 bus is essential for safety" **Constituent of Camberwell and Peckham**

bus stop alone in the dark could make them unsafe. For a disabled person, getting on a crowded bus might feel impossible.

I recognise the need to cut buses is a direct result of the Government's refusal to fund TfL sufficiently. However TfL need to choose the least harmful way to make these cuts not inflict them on those who can least afford them. They have

come up with the wrong answer because they started from the wrong place.

TfL should withdraw these plans and start again with a map of London showing the concentrations of low-income people and make sure the cuts avoid those areas

“The withdrawal of these services and the requirement to change makes journeys less safe and far more stressful... If you are disabled, travelling with baggage/shopping, small children, elderly or with anxiety or impaired skills these changes have a far more detrimental impact.”
Constituent of Camberwell and Peckham

TfL acknowledge in their “impact statement” that cuts to buses hit hardest at the elderly, women and girls, those with disabilities and those on low incomes. Yet they still plan to go ahead with plans which will make inequality worse. It makes no sense that they plan to hit Southwark so hard.

“If the proposals go through, Southwark will lose some of our bus routes altogether, making travel more difficult for many people.

Buses are very important for Southwark which, unlike many boroughs, doesn't have many tube stations. Buses are a cheaper and convenient way to get around our borough, to and from work, and to the West End and other places that people like to shop, visit, and go out in. The council objects to the proposals, and will be meeting with Transport for London and others to express our views on behalf of residents.” **Southwark Council**

I have had a number of meetings to hear from those who would be hit by these proposals. On 29th June I attended a meeting with trade union bus members from across London to hear directly from them about how these awful cuts will affect their livelihoods and the communities they serve. On 15th July at Camberwell Bus Garage along with Cllr Kieron Williams and Neil Coyle MP I met local bus drivers and employees at the country's biggest driver training centre to hear more about how these cuts will affect the livelihoods and professions of those working at the garage. I have gathered the views of Tenant and Residents' Associations along the routes affected to include in this response.

TfL should scrap their current proposals and start again focusing on a position of social equality.

It is not about taking into account equality and those most vulnerable at the end of the process. They should be at the centre from the start.

Annex 1: Letter to Secretary of State Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP

RT, HON. HARRIET HARMAN Q.C. M.P.
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CAMBERWELL AND PECKHAM
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Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
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SW1P 4DR

transportsecretary@dfi.gov.uk

14th June 2022

Dear Grant,

Re: Cuts to Southwark's bus routes

We are writing to you regarding Transport for London's (TfL) consultation on proposed changes to bus routes in central London, a disproportionate number of which are planned for the borough of Southwark.

During the pandemic Londoners took the right decision to stay at home to protect others, as directed by the Government. As a result of the reduction in passengers, TfL lost around 90% of its income from fares. This loss of income has led directly to its current emergency funding issues and is no different to the situation faced by private train companies across the UK. In every case the Government has bailed rail companies out with no strings attached, with the exception of TfL.

Instead, the Government has refused to reach a long-term and sustainable funding agreement with TfL. The Government's punitive conditions for financial support has forced TfL to look at cutting 4% of its bus network, and 25% of the bus routes that are proposed to be stopped altogether are in Southwark. These changes will disproportionately affect women, ethnic minorities, older people and those on low income, all at a time when people are already facing a catastrophic cost of living crisis. Southwark is poorly served by other modes of transport such as the London Underground, and at a time when we should be encouraging people to take public transport, rather than more polluting forms of transport, it is completely counter-intuitive to be forcing a reduction in coverage of bus routes in London.

Hitting those who can least afford it hardest is not what "levelling up" should look like. In light of this, we are asking that the Government stop holding our constituents to ransom and negotiate a long term and sustainable funding deal with TfL that puts equality and people's livelihoods first.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Harriet Harman QC MP

Helen Hayes MP

Neil Coyle MP

Annex 2: Letter to Mayor of London Sadiq Khan

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Mayor of London
City Hall
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E16 1ZE

mayor@london.gov.uk

CC: Andy Byford

1st June 2022

Dear Sadiq,

I am writing to you regarding the impact assessments for Transport for London's (TfL) consultation on proposed changes to bus routes in central London, to ask what action you have taken to avoid discrimination against already-disadvantaged groups.

The impact assessments for the proposed changes to bus routes in my constituency note that the changes will have "a greater negative impact" on women, disabled people, minority ethnic groups, older people and those on low incomes. Women may face greater safety concerns because of the need to change buses, particularly at night, and pregnant women or those with babies will find this even more difficult. Passengers may have to pay more for their journeys if they have to purchase multiple tickets, and this will put a financial strain on people at the same time as a catastrophic cost-of-living crisis. And the impact assessments also note that the changes "could also reduce access to key medical centres", which would have a disproportionate impact on older residents.

In light of the information provided by the impact assessments, what proposals did TfL consider which would have avoided discriminating against those who already face disadvantages, and will they publish any such proposals?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harriet Harman".

Harriet Harman QC MP

Annex 3:

Statement
Harriet Harman MP, Camberwell and Peckham
Southwark Bus Cuts Meeting
Thursday 28 July 2022, 19.00
The Green, 5 Nunhead Green, London, SE15 3QQ

I am totally opposed to these proposals. They would mean fewer buses, longer waits at bus stops and needing to change more often. I don't think Transport for London (TfL) has begun to take into account the problems this will cause for people in the local communities that rely on those buses, particularly women and girls, those with disabilities, the elderly, and those on low incomes.

25% of the bus cuts they are proposing across London fall in Southwark, just one London borough out of 32 served by TfL. And people here need the buses. Most people don't have cars or can't afford the petrol to drive to work. And anyway that's bad for pollution and jams. We don't have a tube in Camberwell and Peckham for people to use as an alternative.

The cuts will mean people having to change buses or "more interchanges" as TfL put it. An elderly person who can do one journey might not be able to do two. For a young woman or girl on her own, waiting at a bus stop in the dark could make them unsafe. For a disabled person, getting on a crowded bus might feel impossible.

The cuts are a direct result of the Government's refusal to fund TfL sufficiently. During the pandemic Londoners took the right decision to stay at home to protect others. As a result, TfL lost around 90% of its income from fares. This loss of income has led directly to its current emergency funding issues and is no different to the situation faced by private train companies across the UK. In every case the Government has bailed rail companies out with no strings attached, with the exception of TfL.

However, in view of the fact TfL are forced to cut, they should be making these cuts in a way which is least harmful to those who will be worst hit. I've spoken to TfL and I'm working with Southwark's two other MPs Helen Hayes and Neil Coyle on this. I've said to TfL that they should completely redo their planned cuts. They should start with a map of London showing the greatest concentrations of low income people and make sure the cuts avoid those areas. TfL acknowledge in their "impact statement" that cuts to buses hit hardest at the elderly, women and girls, those with disabilities and those on low incomes. So it makes no sense that they plan to hit Southwark so hard.

I have had a number of meetings to hear from those affected by these proposals. On 29th June I attended a meeting with Unite representatives from across London to hear directly from them about how these awful cuts will affect their livelihoods and the communities they serve, and on 15th July I visited Camberwell Bus Garage along with

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Cllr Kieron Williams and Neil Coyle MP to hear more about how these cuts will affect the livelihoods and professions of those working at the garage.

I will be submitting a response to the TfL consultation. I have contacted Tenant and Residents' Associations along the routes affected to get their views so that I can include them in my response. I hope everyone who is affected by these proposed changes will respond to the consultation, or get in contact with me directly and I will include your views in my submission.

I assure you I will continue to insist TfL look again at these proposals and I will continue to object to them in the strongest terms.

**Annex 4: Article in Southwark News –
26th June 2022**



The Government is not giving Transport for London (TfL) enough funds to run the transport system that London needs. So TfL have worked out that they have to cut 4% from their budget for buses. They've published proposals that they have put out for [consultation](#) and I will be strongly objecting to them on behalf of people of Camberwell and Peckham.

They plan to withdraw the 12, 45 and 78 routes and change the routes of the 59, 148, 171 and 388. It would mean fewer buses, longer waits at bus stops and needing to change more often.

25% of the London Bus cuts they are proposing fall in Southwark, just one London borough out of 32 served by TfL. And people here need the buses. Most people don't have cars or can't afford the petrol to drive to work. We don't have a tube in Camberwell and Peckham for people to use as an alternative. And though many people here, especially young people, cycle, jumping on a bike is not possible for a mum with a couple of kids, a frail elderly person or a wheelchair user.

The cuts will mean people having to change buses or "more interchanges" as TfL put it. For an elderly person who can do one journey might not be able to do two. For a young woman or girl on her own waiting at a bus stop in the dark could make them feel unsafe. For a disabled person, getting on a crowded bus might feel impossible.

TfL don't want to make these cuts. They know we need more buses, not fewer. But in view of the fact they feel forced to cut, they should make those cuts in a way which is least harmful to those who will be worst hit. I've spoken to TfL and I'm working with Southwark's two other MPs Helen Hayes and Neil Coyle on this. I've said to TfL that they should completely redo their planned cuts. They should start with a map showing the greatest concentrations of low income and make sure the cuts avoid those areas. TfL acknowledge in their "impact statement" that any cuts to buses hit hardest at the elderly, women and girls, those with disabilities and those on low incomes. So it makes no sense that they plan to hit Southwark so hard.

Please get in touch with me to give me your views about the buses in your area that you use so I can include what you say in my strong protests to TfL. You can email me at harriet.harman.mp@parliament.uk.

TfL have tough choices to make. But they shouldn't make life tougher for those who can least afford it.

Writing to the New Home Secretary on Behalf of Local Food Banks

Local food banks have witnessed an increase in the number of asylum seekers using their services. These asylum seekers are being housed in local hotels or Home Office temporary accommodation. Along with my South London colleagues Helen Hayes MP, Florence Eshalomi MP, Ellie Reeves MP and Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP I have written to the new Home Secretary, Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP, asking what her department is doing to improve the standards of asylum accommodation in our local communities to ensure that they don't need to make use of food banks.

The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP
Secretary of State for the Home Department
Home Office
Direct Communications Unit
2 Marsham Street
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SW1P 4DF

Our Ref: ZA65099

15 September 2022

Dear Home Secretary,

We are writing to you following your appointment as Home Secretary on behalf of local food banks in South East London.

We have recently met with Trussell Trust food banks who are seeing surging demand from asylum seekers staying in local hotels or Home Office temporary accommodation.

Asylum seekers report that the food in hotels is of poor quality and often served at inappropriate times. This includes frequently being served cold pasta or sandwiches for dinner. They often do not have any access to basic cooking facilities to prepare alternative food. This would be unappealing for a short term, but many asylum seekers are being left in hotels for months.

Our local food banks are also concerned about the lack of any basic dignity afforded to asylum seekers staying in hotels. They tell us that the hotels are failing to provide basic toiletries including sanitary products. Staff do not have the appropriate training to work with vulnerable asylum seekers, for example one volunteer reports that staff entered an asylum seeker's room without their knowledge to confiscate a fan. Food banks report that they have received unclear guidance from hotel staff with some informing them that the Home Office does not allow them to deliver food parcels. It would be very helpful if you could clarify the current guidance for food banks.

The food banks are extremely concerned by this level of need. Some are receiving up to 50 requests for a food parcel a week. They are working hard to support as many people as possible but are struggling at a time of rising food poverty in the wider community due to the cost of living and due to the work they are already doing to support Ukrainian refugees.

We share their concerns about the poor service of food and support asylum seekers are receiving in local hotels. The Home Office is spending a huge amount of taxpayer funding on hotels and it is clear that basic standards are not being enforced.

We would be grateful if you could set out what your department is doing to improve the standards in initial asylum accommodation and to review the performance of substandard private sector providers.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Helen Hayes MP

Florence Eshalomi MP

Harriet Harman MP

Ellie Reeves MP

Bell Ribeiro-Addy MP

Calling on the Government to Provide Financial Support for People on Heat Networks

An estimated half a million people receive heat to their home through communal heat networks rather than directly through an energy provider, including at least 17,000 households in Southwark. Communal heat networks are not regulated by Ofgem and are therefore not subject to the energy price cap, so restrictions on rises are based on the individual circumstances of each network.

Some people on communal heat networks are already facing huge increases in their bills. The wholesale price of gas has increased over 200% in the past year and is forecast to continue to rise. The Government should have acted far sooner and it is unacceptable that heat network customers are being treated this way.

The Government must provide financial support for those facing significant increases in their bills due to being on heat networks. Ahead of the Government's announcement on its energy price policy, I wrote to the new Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy demanding that people on heat networks are included in the Government's plan to freeze energy prices. I was pleased to see that this was taken into account and that the Government has now announced that people on heat networks will receive the same price guarantees as people receiving heat through energy providers.

7th September 2022

Dear Jacob,

Re: Financial protection for people on communal heat networks

Congratulations on your new role as Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

I am writing to you to ask that you ensure people who receive their heat through communal heat networks are included in the Government's upcoming policy announcement to control energy prices this winter.

Communal heat networks are not regulated by Ofgem, so individuals and families who receive their heat in this way, rather than through energy providers, are not protected by the Default Tariff Cap. Communal heat networks buy gas wholesale and then distribute it to residents, which means the soaring cost of gas is passed directly onto the consumer. The price of gas has already risen by 211% in the past year and this has led to some households seeing bills of up to £5,000. This is likely to rise further.

The Government has described heat networks as an essential technology for cutting carbon emissions whilst reducing bills and tackling fuel poverty. But this will not be the case for thousands of my constituents in Camberwell and Peckham this winter.

It is estimated that there are at least 17,000 homes served by heat networks in Southwark. The majority of residents in the UK on heat networks live in social

housing, and the majority of those in social housing are over the age of 55. Not only will costs be greater for those on heat networks, they will also disproportionately hit the elderly and those on lower incomes.

I am aware of the proposals in the Government's Energy Bill to introduce a regulatory regime for communal heat networks. But this will do nothing to protect individuals and families in Camberwell and Peckham this winter who rely on heat networks. That is why any plan to freeze energy prices must have specific provisions for immediate financial support for individuals and families not protected by the energy price cap.

In the longer term, the Government must move to pass legislation quickly to introduce a regulatory regime for heat networks. Heat networks have an important role to play in reducing our carbon emissions but no-one should face financial hardship as a result.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Harriet Harman QC MP

The Government Must Take Action on the Cost of Living

10th August 2022

Whilst the Conservative Party is bogged down in internal political crisis, the Government is not functioning and people in Camberwell and Peckham, already struggling with the very real cost of living crisis, face even higher bills. But even though the Government is in crisis, they must take action to ensure people are not left anxious and unable to pay their bills.

The cost of living crisis is hitting people with soaring inflation, petrol and food increases and above all rocketing energy costs. Latest figures show that consumers already owe £1.3bn to energy suppliers, and this is before bills are expected to jump by over 80% in the Autumn. Households are projected to face annual energy bills of up to £4,200 next January. And inflation hits the poorest families in the UK hardest, because they spend more of their total budget on gas and electricity than the better off.

The crisis therefore hits particularly hard in Camberwell and Peckham where more people are on tight budgets. We have a higher percentage of people on low incomes than the regional average and the constituency is in the top 15% nationally for the proportion of people relying on Universal Credit. People just aren't able to afford sudden price increases for things that are essential to their daily lives. And this crisis will not only hit individuals and their families but also the local economy in Camberwell and Peckham, as local people will have far less money in their pockets to spend in shops and in the local community.

In light of these price increases it is even more scandalous energy company profits and their payouts to shareholders and bonuses to top executives have soared. BP announced its profits had tripled to £6.9bn between April and June this year, and that it would be handing out £4bn to shareholders as a result. The BP Chief Executive took home £4.5m in 2021 alone. These profits show Labour was right to repeatedly call for a windfall tax on energy companies, something which the Government only reluctantly did after a U-turn following political pressure from the Opposition, and it shows how totally wrong it is that the Government has given big tax cuts to oil companies. Labour would abolish these tax cuts and use the money to help insulate people's homes to help them cut their energy costs.

In the face of this looming crisis, the Government has done nothing to assure people that they will get the support they need to afford the basics this Autumn. That is why I strongly back calls from Labour former Prime Minister Gordon Brown for an emergency budget before the UK hits a "financial timebomb". Only this can stop millions being pushed into poverty and debt when energy prices rise again in October. I also strongly agree with Labour leader Keir Starmer that the Government should cut VAT on gas and electricity bills now. Taxes on low income people should also never have been raised and the Government should scrap their National Insurance tax increase, which they promised in their manifesto they wouldn't do but which came into effect in April this year, just when people could least afford it and hitting hardest those who can least afford it.

The Labour Party is putting forward workable policies which would make a difference to people's lives right away when they need Government support most. So far neither of the two candidates to be the next Tory leader and Prime Minister has put forward a credible and clear plan to help those most in need and the current Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, is rejecting calls to get a grip of the situation. But a crisis in the Conservative Party and a crisis in Government cannot mean that people are left without support in the face of mounting debt and a struggle to afford the basics for themselves and their families. The Prime Minister and the leadership candidates must act now before it is too late.

Help and Support

Concerned about British nationals who need assistance in Ukraine?

Consular support is still available to British nationals through the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office helpline (open 24 hours, 7 days a week) on:

+380 44 490 3660 (from Ukraine)

+44 (0) 1908 516666 (from the UK)

[Click here for UK Government advice about the situation in Ukraine.](#)

Concerned about non-British family members in Ukraine?

The British Government has announced that British nationals and people of any nationality settled in the UK will be supported to bring family members to the UK. This

includes immediate family members (under Family Migration visas) as well as parents, grandparents, adult children and siblings (under the Ukraine Family Scheme).

To check your eligibility and begin the application call the helpline (open 24 hours, 7 days a week) on:

From Ukraine: **+44 808 164 8810** – select option 1

From the UK: **0808 164 8810** if you are in the UK – select option 1

Find further information on UK Government guidance support to Ukrainian nationals and their families.

Concerned as a Ukrainian national in the UK?

The Home Office has agreed some temporary concessions to support Ukrainian nationals currently in the UK who are now unable to return when their existing visa expires.

If you are in the UK and need assistance, contact UKVI on:

0808 164 8810 – select option 2

Monday to Thursday (excluding bank holidays), 9am to 4:45pm.

Friday (excluding bank holidays), 9am to 4:30pm.

Find further information on UK Government guidance support to Ukrainian nationals and their families.

Need legal advice?

The Ukraine Advice Project UK offers free legal advice on UK immigration, visas and asylum by qualified legal advisors for Ukrainians affected by the crisis.

Send details of your circumstances and the advice you need to:
ukraine@freemovement.org.uk

Find further information from **Ukraine Advice Project UK**

Support and resources for British and non-British nationals who have been affected by the situation in Afghanistan from August 2021. Please click on link to information and advice:

- **Support for British and non-British nationals in Afghanistan**
- **Afghan citizens' resettlement scheme**
- **Afghanistan - Foreign travel advice**
- **Support for veterans**

Southwark Council:

- **[General information on Coronavirus](#)**

- [Covid-19: What can you do to help](#)
- [Financial support for residents](#)
- [Food access](#)
- [Coronavirus housing advice](#)
- [Covid-19: Support and information for businesses and employers](#)
- [Southwark COVID-19 community grants](#)
- [Voluntary sector help and advice on Coronavirus](#)
- [Impact on council services](#)
- [Advice on potential coronavirus related scams](#)

Bereavement support:

- The government has published a [bereavement support leaflet](#) to help those who have lost a loved one. The leaflet shares information to help bereaved families, friends, or next of kin make important decisions during this national emergency, sets out what to expect next, and signposts the extra help and support that is available.

Citizens Advice – Benefit advice:

- <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/benefits/coronavirus-check-what-benefits-you-can-get/>

Government business advice:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>
- Government's Business Support Helpline on 0300 456 3565, Monday to Friday, 9am to 6pm.

HMRC:

- [helpline for businesses and self-employed people who are concerned about their tax](#) due to COVID-19.
- 08000 241222, Monday to Friday, 8am to 4pm.

Domestic violence help and support:

- [Solace Women's Aid](#) - Advice Line - 0808 802 5565
- Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm. Additional 6pm - 8pm on Tuesdays.
- Email: advice@solacewomensaid.org

Mental health help and support:

- [Lambeth and Southwark Mind](#)

07871 940 763 - 8am to 3pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

- [Samaritans](#) - 116 123 - 24/7
- [The Nest](#) - 020 8138 1805

Legal advice

- [Southwark Law Centre](#)
- [Citizens Advice Southwark](#) has resumed drop-in sessions from 9.30 am to 4.00 pm 5 days a week at:
 - Peckham - 97 Peckham High Street, SE15 5RS
 - Bermondsey - 8 Market Place, Southwark Park Road, SE16 3UQ
 - Walworth – 6-8 Westmoreland Road, Walworth, SE17 2AY



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