



# Ruth Cadbury

Member of Parliament for Brentford & Isleworth

## MP's REPORT TO BRENTFORD & ISLEWORTH RESIDENTS; July 2019

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### FIGHTING FOR OUR ENVIRONMENT:



All parents in London worry about rising levels of air pollution, but parents at two primary schools in Chiswick are tackling it directly. With the leadership of a St Mary's dad, Andrea, their Chiswick Oasis campaign has raised money, matched by the London Mayor's funds to build a 130metre long living wall that divides William Hogarth School, Chiswick Youth Centre and St Mary's school from the busy A4. The plants in the wall help to reduce air pollution in the playgrounds. On top of that a classroom at St Mary's has been decorated with paint that really does remove particulates and other pollutants from the air in the room. I celebrated their success with London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, as well as Council leader Steve Curran and Hounslow Mayor Tony Louki



- I joined constituents at the 'Time is Now' Climate Lobby where they told me their views, and what urgent action they want to see happen about the Climate Crisis



- Although the Government followed Labour's lead and declared a **climate emergency** in June, they have not backed this up with action. They need to scrap Heathrow expansion, fund green transport links, and support renewable energy. At **ministerial questions** I asked Michael Gove if his Department have spoken to the Department of Transport about the impact Heathrow expansion will have on noise/air pollution, and I asked Chris Grayling why the Government continues to push Runway 3 given they are now committed to net **zero carbon emissions by 2050**

## YOUR VOICE IN PARLIAMENT

### During June In Parliament I

- spoke in the debate on the IFS report into Sure Start; and criticised the Government for allowing Sure Start centres to wither on the vine due to austerity. I pointed out that during the Labour Government the Tories had, on the basis of evidence come round to support the multi-agency, universal service for children and families.
- asked what Justice Minister is doing to address 5 year low in rape prosecutions.
- asked why EU citizens were unable to vote in EU elections despite warning from the Electoral Commission.
- asked Cabinet Office what steps were being taken to tackle dark money adverts online.
- asked Amber Rudd about insecure work and general cost of living crisis.
- asked a series of written questions of the transport ministers about the monitoring of aircraft noise and how the impact is measured.

### EVENTS IN PARLIAMENT



Labour MPs in west London met a large contingent of shop stewards and officials representing Unite members at Heathrow. We committed to support their members on their concerns, in particular the air quality at the airport, pay, and terms and conditions at work.



- As Chair of the All Party Group on Cycling, we had the annual bike ride to launch Bike Week, and welcomed Michael Elliott MP (yet another transport minister who committed (yet again) to do more for walking and cycling but (yet again) was promising no additional funding.
- I also met producers of electric (stand-on) scooters which are currently not legally allowed on our roads. I committed to work on the needed law-change.



National Guide Dogs day meant dogs and their owners came to lobby MPs about their needs including Glynis and her dog Poppy. It's shocking to hear that they are regularly turned away by cab drivers and retail premises. I am committed to stop that.

## LOCAL UPDATE: SCHOOLS

One of the most delightful parts of my job is to visit schools, meeting children, answering their questions and celebrating their achievements. Children in Hounslow benefit from attending some of the best schools, achieving well above expected results based on "value-added" and also on the mix of languages and backgrounds of our families. Schools and Hounslow Council work closely together sharing expertise and support through the Hounslow Education Partnership (HEP).



In June I was at the official opening of the new **Hounslow Town Primary School**, built using funding from the sale of flats on land next door. Half the school is already 5-form entry and when full it will be the second largest primary school in the country. Children there benefit from specialist food technology and music tuition and there is also a unit for children with special needs who learn and play with the other children for part of their day.

### MENTAL HEALTH



**Woodbridge Park Education Service** is Hounslow's pupil referral unit (PRU) serving children who for various reasons cannot attend mainstream school either because they have been excluded due to poor behaviour, or because their mental or physical health means they are unable to cope with school. Headteacher Ian Berryman told me when I visited that the numbers of children with bad behaviour and mental ill-health being referred to his service has grown significantly in the last ten years. He attributes this growth to the impact of poverty and poor housing on family stress that then affects children.

Theresa May has said that she wants every teacher to be trained to recognise when children have **mental health problems**, but school staff and the parents tell me the problem isn't knowing how to spot it, but it is the lack of appropriate support for children at an early stage when the teachers spot problems. I'm therefore really pleased that Hounslow is one of only a handful of councils that has won a competitive bid for extra support for mental health support in schools, and I look forward to learning more about the work as it develops. However this funding is roughly **a quarter of the funding** that has been taken from children's mental health & wellbeing support since 2010, and of course it doesn't touch the issues of poverty and stress that are the cause of many of the problems faced by children in the first place.



Mental Health is a key campaign focus this year's Hounslow Youth MPs Kainaat and Fatima-Zahra. They told me when I met them that they will be ensuring that secondary students are engaged in improvements to mental health support in the borough.

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### During July:

I joined the celebrations in **Shrewsbury Walk** in Isleworth for South Street cafe's 7th anniversary and the opening of Manu's fruit and veg shop; dropped in at the **Bedford Park** Greendays festival; saw the amazing work of the **Our Barn** garden for people with learning disabilities; attended **Brentford Chamber of Commerce** AGM; visited Ealing Law Centre (serving some Hounslow residents too) and held a coffee morning in Brentford.

Hounslow's young people have no shortage of musical talent as I discovered when I was asked to judge the schools' **Battle of the Bands** at Isleworth & Brazen, the winners being the home team "New Eyes". I also attended the School Roar Concert at the incredible Kempton Steam Museum, performed by the musicians from **Hounslow Music Service** and the Philharmonia orchestra.



**Hounslow RedBox:** No girl should miss school because she cannot afford period products, yet this is happening to too many young women as poverty increases. Yeliz runs Hounslow Redbox and ensures that every secondary and primary school has a red box of period products, including pants, available for any girl who needs it. Yeliz told me that she hopes to provide the boxes to more places where young women may need them. She would welcome financial support to buy more products, and volunteer help; [redboxhounslow@gmail.com](mailto:redboxhounslow@gmail.com)

### HEATHROW have launched yet another consultation on their plans for Runway 3.

They say that they want to hear people's views on their plans to deal with the impacts on our area – yet they still refuse to admit that residents of north Chiswick, Brentford Osterley and north Heston will be beneath the final approach to Heathrow when Runway 3 goes ahead, meaning significant aircraft noise for areas that are relatively quiet most of the time at present. The consultation closes on 13th September. They have organised a number of consultation events. **The local exhibitions are as follows;**

- 24th July | 2pm–8pm: Hammersmith Town Hall, King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 9JU
- 27th July | 10am–4pm: Feltham Assembly Hall, Hounslow Road, Feltham
- 2nd August | 2pm–8pm: Hounslow House, Bath Road, Hounslow TW3 3EB
- 7th August | 2pm–8pm: Holiday Inn - Brentford Lock, Commerce Road, Brentford TW8 8GA
- 23rd August | 2pm–8pm: Chiswick Town Hall, Chiswick, London W4

Also on 19th July - Central London 2pm–8pm: 20 Cavendish Square, London W1G 0RN

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