

# Nork & Tattenhams *intouch*



Spring 2021

*Welcome to the Spring newsletter from your local Conservative team*

## Our local green belt is safe from Housing Targets.....

Housing Ministers have confirmed to local MP Chris Grayling that councils will not be obliged to meet high housing targets by building on the green belt, and that they can take into account lack of availability of developable land locally in planning housing needs for the future. Conservative controlled Reigate and Banstead Council is ahead of other local authorities in preparing a local plan as to how it meets housing needs in the future. But this confirmation from the Government should provide extra protection for the local green belt. The news was welcomed by Conservative County Councillor candidate Ohis Ilalokhoin who said: "We do need to build new homes in the area. It cannot be right that so many young people are unable to live locally and get onto the housing ladder. But we also have to have the power to protect the character of the area we live in."



## Parking improvements for Nork shops



Conservative-controlled Reigate and Banstead council is expanding the parking available to the shops in Nork Way and Eastgate after ongoing problems affecting local businesses and residents. The move follows pressure from MP Chris Grayling and local Conservative campaigner Jane Illingworth, who helped with the petition to get more parking spaces. Many of the shopkeepers have complained that the existing parking is not sufficient and

that they are losing trade because people cannot park for a few minutes to drop in to buy things.

"This improvement is long overdue," says Jane. "The lack of parking has been damaging businesses, and at what is a hugely difficult time for small shops. I hope that this parking expansion will help them recover quickly after the lockdown."

**THANK YOU** to everyone at  
the **NHS** — particularly our  
team at Epsom Hospital

### Coronavirus Crisis

If you have questions relating to the pandemic or want to receive one of Chris Grayling's regular bulletins about the crisis, please email him at:

[chris.grayling.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:chris.grayling.mp@parliament.uk)



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## MP calls for rail services to be restored after the pandemic

Local MP Chris Grayling has spoken to the Rail Minister to seek assurances that services will be restored to previous levels when the pandemic has eased enough for normal commuting to start again. "I don't want to see the current financial pressures that the rail industry is under lead to the scrapping of much needed improvements such as new trains as well as a loss of some of the services that we enjoyed before the pandemic. I will keep up the pressure to make sure that commuters from Epsom Downs, Banstead and Tattenham Corner do not end up losing out."

## Conservative Council commits to more improvements in Nork

Conservative leader of Reigate and Banstead Council Cllr Mark Brunt has committed to continuing to invest in the Nork area following last year's upgrade when the Council paid for new outdoor gym equipment in Nork Park. "I hope what we have done in Nork Park will make a real difference for local people this spring as we all hopefully get a break from the lockdown."

## Local campaigner calls for car park reopening

Local Conservative campaigner Aaron Harris has written to the Epsom Downs Conservators urging them to reopen the car park on the Downs, as more and more local streets around Tattenham Corner become clogged up with cars owned by people coming to the Downs for a walk. "It's not fair on local residents to have their streets full of walkers when there is a perfectly good car park that should be open for them."



**SCAM ALERT!  
PLEASE BEWARE**

There are a lot of Covid scams around, particularly to get people to pay money for a job. These are all despicable attempts to con money out of the elderly.

**Please beware of any unexpected calls**

### Can you help?

If you want to get involved in the local Conservative Party, or in one of our campaigns, please email us at [office@epsomconservatives.org.uk](mailto:office@epsomconservatives.org.uk) or telephone 01372 277066



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