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Tom Pursglove MP's CAMPAIGN TO DELIVER THE BREXIT WE VOTED FOR

I am campaigning to:

- 1. End the free-movement of people from the EU and control immigration.
- 2. Stop sending billions and billions of £s each year to Brussels.
- 3. Make our own laws in our own country, judged by our own judges.
- 4. Deliver the Brexit local people voted for.

If you support my campaign, please complete the postcard overleaf and return it to me.

*With best wishes,
Tom*

Tom Pursglove MP
Member of Parliament for Corby & East Northamptonshire



Don't forget,

Conservative MPs voted for the EU Withdrawal Bill, which takes us out of the European Union on the 29th March next year. Both Labour and the Liberal Democrats voted **AGAINST**.



OUR TASK FORCE TEAM HAS BEGUN DELIVERING THE POSTCARD SHOWN ABOVE

On the recent Bank Holiday weekend they spent 3 days covering a large area but more volunteers are needed to get out the message that Tom is still campaigning to deliver the real BREXIT. If you can help, even in just your street, please contact the office on 01536 200255

Conservative Association Chairman's Report to Members

CLlr Helen Harrison (Association Chairman)

Sep 2018

Dear Member,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer, I write this from France having finally managed to get away myself!

A few weeks ago, Global Britain published the results of a huge poll, into the attitude of voters to the Chequers Agreement, in the most marginal Conservative seats.

Corby was one of those seats.



The full Corby report is printed below. It makes for difficult reading, but vindicates our decision to run our **'Delivering the Brexit People Voted For'** postcard campaign. We must keep up the good fight, not get distracted by Labour and other noises off, and make sure we keep Corby blue.'

I look forward to hearing from you, but should you have any queries

please do not hesitate to contact Ann at the office - 01536 200255, or me on 07717 578772.

Sincerely

Helen

NEW POLLING SUGGESTS THE CHEQUERS PLAN WOULD SWEEP THE TORIES OUT OF POWER

Voters in Corby think that Brexit is the most important issue facing the country (44%) but they are unhappy with the Government's handling of the negotiations (78%).

Whilst most are aware of the Chequers Brexit Deal (85%) half of voters in Corby oppose it (50%) with only 27% supporting the Deal. Voters in Corby expect it will have a negative effect on both the country (51%) and them and their families (47%).

Voters don't think it respects the EU Referendum results (54%), or that it is reflective of a true Brexit (49%).

Consequentially, respondents say that if their local Conservative MP supported the Chequers Deal, they would be less likely to support them at the next election (26%). The polling amongst soft voters* (see below) shows similar figures.

Methodology: Survey of 500 respondents with a max margin of error of +/-4.4 percent at a 95 percent confidence interval.

Respondents were Corby residents and eligible to vote in UK General Elections.

Minimum quotas set by age, gender, region, education, occupation, tenure and ethnicity, and data weighted where necessary to ensure it is representative of the constituency.

Telephone poll between 6th - 7th August 2018.

**Soft voters are those voters who are undecided or likely to change their mind. They are the key group of voters that will decide the election outcome.*

Research by IQR for Global Britain

TOM PURSGLOVE

**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR CORBY & EAST
NORTHAMPTONSHIRE**

Parliamentary Private Secretary to the
Home Secretary, the Rt. Hon Sajid Javid MP.



Sep 2018

In recent weeks, there have been some important developments in relation to the ongoing situation relating to the future of urgent care services in Corby. I just want to make clear at the outset, as I have throughout, that my only concern is that my constituents, and those from neighbouring areas, are able to access the right care, at the right place, at the right time – and without delay. This means we must continue to have all the urgent care services available in the town, that we do now – an assurance that was previously given to me by the Corby Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), and which I expect to see delivered upon in full.

I should also add here that nothing I say below affects patients being able to access the Urgent Care Centre at present, and they should do so as they always have done - my comments relate purely to the future model of care the CCG wish to introduce, and which has been the topic of much debate locally in recent months.

As has been widely publicised in the local media, at the beginning of August, the outcome of the judicial review was announced. At the start of that legal process, I welcomed the fact that the differences of opinion that had been

robustly expressed by a number of interested parties, including the local action group, the current operator and the CCG - particularly around consultation obligations as set down in law - would finally be impartially settled. The final judgement does this, and after the outcome was announced, I requested an urgent meeting with the CCG, to once again reiterate my expectations as set out above, to try and obtain answers to some of the process mistakes the judicial review highlighted, to urge them to pause for thought before proceeding, to impress that they must implement the requirements of the judicial review in full, as well as to emphasise that our community needs certainty around their next steps.

At this point, a special mention must be given to the local action group, 'Save Corby Urgent Care Action Group', who have worked tirelessly in campaigning on this issue, and we all share a common objective in our determination to get this right.

In that spirit, during my meeting with the CCG, I once again robustly insisted that we

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must continue to have all the urgent care services available in the town, that we do now – an unequivocal assurance that was previously given to me by the CCG, which was reiterated by them, and as I say, I expect it to be delivered on in full.

I have also been consistent in saying that delivering new GP provision in the town and additional primary care services is very welcome - something I'm sure everyone would agree on, as this is evidently needed - and I also made a number of suggestions as to how the access arrangements could be got right, including expert triaging navigators on the doors - so people can be seen in person - in addition to the ability to be able to make appointments over the telephone, which may be more convenient for some. To my mind, it should be entirely possible for both methods of access to be built into the model - to put ease of access for patients, to the right care, at the very fore - and I have again urged the CCG to do so; an opportunity that pausing for thought, before properly consulting with residents on their plans presents, and as required by the judicial review.

At the meeting, I also once again stressed the need for those from neighbouring areas - particularly rural East Northamptonshire - to continue to be able to access these services, and that the existing agreements with the CCGs representing those areas, should be rolled-over.

Given that I have a limited word limit here, I am unable to set all of these issues out in full, but my follow-up letter to the CCG on these points can be found here: <https://goo.gl/ZYopAC> and I would encourage readers to have a look at it, as it sets my comments in context.

Rest assured, ensuring that Corby and the surrounding areas are able to continue to access the fantastic level of urgent care which has been provided at the Urgent Care Centre, as seamlessly as possible in future, and in full, continues to be right at the top of my list of priorities, and something I will continue to campaign hard on, alongside the community - I am determined this must be got right.

Tom

Tom Pursglove, MP for Corby & East Northamptonshire

CORBY URGENT CARE CENTRE ANNOUNCEMENT

13 Sep 2018 Tom Pursglove, MP

Great news that NHS Corby Clinical Commissioning Group have today announced that the Corby Urgent Care Centre will remain open, exactly as it is now, for the next three years. Thank you to everyone who supported my Listening Campaign on this vital issue!

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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER STEPHEN MOLD



Sep 2018

Northamptonshire's policing estate currently consists of 39 sites, which includes main sites, joint/partnership sites and drop in locations. A lack of investment in the estate over the last 25 years however, will now require changes in terms of locations, functions and design to ensure it can support the delivery of effective policing across Northamptonshire.

Mobile technology for police officers and staff is improving and will allow for less reliance on fixed locations to perform their duties and complete essential administration.

With this in mind, several empty former police buildings are now up for sale, bringing significant savings in running costs as well as a cash receipt that will be reinvested in making the police estate fit for the future.



Kettering, Corby and Rushden police stations closed in 2017, either because they are in the wrong location to meet current operational police needs or they are too expensive to maintain and run. Some ex-police houses in Rushden and Earls Barton are also for sale.

The nature and type of threats continue to change and evolve, therefore our estate must allow emergency services and partners to both meet both current and also evolving threats. Technology and legislation have been fundamental factors in the changing nature of both crime and fire prevention also the required response. There is an increasing trend of online and technology enabled crime, which is not challenged by locality based estate. Additionally, the footfall within existing front counters is small and continuing to decrease.

We have provided police accommodation in a number of different ways so that it is efficient and affordable. New, modern facilities have been built, such as the Northern Accommodation Block and the Weekley Wood justice centre in Kettering.

Working with local authorities in Kettering, Corby and Northampton has ensured that police have retained an enquiry desk for people who prefer to visit face-to-face rather than call or go online. Fire stations at Thrapston, Mereway and Rushden are also now being shared by police.

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Investment in new technology is giving police officers and PCSOs mobile access to information, so that they can remain out and about in the community.

Selling these buildings will make an annual saving of £0.25 million, as well as an anticipated £3 million capital receipt. This will be reinvested in buildings that meet the needs of the community and the police now and in the future.

It is important to remember that it is our police officers and staff who keep Northamptonshire safe, not our buildings. The Force will continue to work smarter and collaborate with partners as we prioritise frontline policing services and our commitment to local policing.

Another key tenet to our commitment to local policing is ensuring that we keep local residents up to date with the work of the force. Neighbourhood Alert is our online, secure community messaging system that allows Northamptonshire Police officers and staff to log in and send messages to people who have registered their details.

It's a free service that aims to keep people up-to-date on what's happening in their area such as local crime, news and appeals as well as security advice. When you sign up, you can select the issues and areas you want to hear about and also give feedback about the messages you receive, so why not register today?

Register today at

www.northamptonshireneighbourhoodalert.co.uk

As ever, I am always happy to provide any help or assistance and can be contacted at: Commissioner@northantspcc.pnn.police.uk

Stephen Mold

Police and Crime Commissioner for Northamptonshire



DEAD SERIOUS

Conservative backbencher Sir Mike Penning is well liked on all sides of the Commons, and all wings of his own party. As the former key aide to Iain Duncan Smith during the dark days of 2001-2003, he also has bitter experience of the ruthless disloyalty that the Tories can show to their leaders. And he was a key figure in Theresa May's own leadership campaign. For all those reasons and more, his new warning that her Chequers Brexit plan is 'as dead as a dodo' ought to make No.10 sit up and take notice.

A working class Tory (he's an ex-firefighter and Grenadier Guardsman), he represents a formerly marginal Labour seat and he's now had enough of the Chequers spin and the whips' pressure. Here's a few choice quotes: "She is playing a game of Russian Roulette with the country which is frankly an insult to the referendum result...Whoever is advising her that she can get Chequers through Parliament is deluded... To say to the likes of myself: 'It's Chequers or a hard Brexit'. It's like making us sit on the naughty step at school." That right there is what you call a Whip's nightmare.

Note also that Penning says the PM's stance has forced him to join the European Research Group (ERG) of backbench Tories. This is despite his worries about being 'labelled swivel-eyed' and his doubts about Jacob Rees-Mogg: "I don't need to be led by an old Etonian who uses language which most of my constituency including me don't even know". "But we stood on a manifesto pledge to deliver Brexit, not remain half in half out."

David Davis is in Munich but he's in no mood for appeasement of either Brussels or No.10. Pre-released extracts of his speech have him warning that "Chequers is devoid of democracy altogether".

Source: Huffington Post 20 Sep 2018

Seven practical messages for local authorities

Published: August 14, 2018 Conservative Home



Tony Devenish is the London Assembly Member for Hammersmith & Fulham, Kensington & Chelsea, and the City of Westminster.

Margaret Thatcher's legacy continue to have an impact. Whenever local government leaders ask for more autonomy, the nagging fear at the back of HM Treasury's mind is figures from 30 years ago: Lambeth's Red Ted Knight and Liverpool's Derek Hatton. Those battles still resonate.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, issues more press releases than most. Almost every week he's calling for "fiscal autonomy". Like many people in local government, I'm often sympathetic to this message. While not a natural fan of the last Chancellor George Osborne, on devolution, Osborne was right. The West Midlands Mayor Andy Street and the other Metro Mayors are a force for good. Yet Khan has undermined devolution with his actions of fiscal incontinence. In just two years, he has blown a £1 billion black hole in our largest and economically vital infrastructure: Transport for London.

Recent alarming news that local authorities such as Northamptonshire are close to bankruptcy raise questions about local government – but not the pathetic cry from the Left that "it's all the fault of austerity/cuts". The UK's tax take is at a 49 year high.

In my 12 years as a local councillor, there are seven simple messages I routinely give to elected colleagues as we tighten our belts like any individual, family, or company often has to do.

So here they are:

1. Empower just two elected councillors – often including the Deputy Leader or Cabinet Member for Finance – with the power to sign off all expenditure over £500. Do not allow any local authority officer the power to countermand or circumvent this on pain of dismissal. I have seen this with my own eyes. Even the most spendthrift local government officers become more frugal when they know they will be held accountable for justifying taxpayers money. You will find much proposed spending simply is filed in "the waste paper bin" by the officers themselves and never reaches you.

2. Ringfence – admittedly the largest and most sensitive portfolios – adults/children social care (circa 40 per cent of many councils spending). Appoint specialist oversight before attempting to redesign for improved service delivery for our most vulnerable citizens. Such departments should never be handed over to an accountant "axe man".

3. While mindful of health and safety and equalities issues – again please seek specialist advice or necessary reforms will be unpicked by trade unions. Push ahead with challenging "line by line" the budgets of your council. Ask "What is this budget for?" "How many officers, on what staffing grades does this pay for?" Learn to spot full time equivalent posts are not the same thing as actual staff in post. Officers inevitably wish to "protect their empire". Often, literally hundreds of staff in one department include risk and contingency. Eight years into such "cuts" with an annual "root and branch" change programme. A friend in another major council found a £1 million unexplained & forgotten contingency "down the back of the council's sofa", or rather buried in an Excel spreadsheet.

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4. Ask the question: highlight all services, or parts of services which are non-statutory, e.g. legally not essential that a council provides? Libraries and sports and leisure centres cost a large council tens of millions of pounds. Or rather overstaffing does. Retain the buildings and the valuable community services which the public rightly values. Ask why officers are (possibly) paid twice the market rate with gold plated final salary pensions.

5. While keeping buildings that are being fully used to provide a community service, I wrote recently about both offices which are half empty and land banking. Many public bodies are closing dozens of buildings, improving staff morale and work efficiencies by having staff co-located together. This is helping pay for services for our most vulnerable. What is an outrage is that many councils have sat in a time warp and refused to reform while screaming “cuts”.

6. Get outside your own council and visit others. You will find some councils share services and staff, and some councils have

merged with a neighbouring council or public body. This must be driven by locally elected councillors – few officers (with some honourable exceptions) will embrace change with anything other than reluctance. Change is difficult and time consuming but so is the pain Northamptonshire is going through.

7. Rebutting the oldest myth “we’ve had eight years of austerity, we are down to the bone”. Yes, change gets tougher. But it is absolute nonsense that a complex organisation employing hundreds and often thousands of people with assets of tens of millions of pounds, in the case of a county council, a budget each and every year of over one billion pounds (with new money every year), cannot continuously change for the better.

The derision such simple but practical messages receive from our critics owes a lot to the snobbish, arrogant, opinionated nonsense of the infamous 364 “eminent economists” screeched at Mrs Thatcher in The Times in 1981.

CCA Membership 2018/19

Our existing Councillors are reminded that Membership of the CCA became due on 1st June. **All councillors seeking re-election in May 2019 must have up-to-date CCA membership otherwise they will be ineligible for nomination.**

Once again, CCA are offering a **special membership for Conservative council candidates** who have been selected to run in the 2019 local elections. New Council candidates are welcome to join for a special rate of **just £12**. Please ask at the office for more information.

Tom Pursglove MP at Westminster

At the end of business in the House on Wednesday, I presented a locally organised petition against the proposed development on Nicholas Road, Irthlingborough.

This is the second unwanted proposal submitted to develop this land, and which I have objected to, as it still raises a number of very legitimate concerns for local residents.

I look forward to the Government’s response and very much hope that local wishes will be respected when this application is determined by councillors.

18 Sep 2018

Just a thought: *‘There’s no reason to believe that those who won’t accept one referendum will honour a second one.’* Daniel Hannan, MEP

A MEMBER WRITES TO US

Oh dear, seems NCC are in a little trouble. There is the old saying 'You cannot go on robbing Peter to pay Paul' yet it seems NCC have been doing just that.

The official debt owed/lost seems to be £70 million. I am not surprised though as there are lots of reasons why this has happened, and it is likely there are other authorities in the UK going in the same direction. Here are just a few of my personal points:

1. Jobs not being done properly first time by contractors and having to be re-done several times, Rockingham Road Corby by the Jet garage/Aldi/Samuel Lloyd area. The roundabout there is one of the busiest being used by huge, long lorries and the brickwork around it is often damaged by the lorries trying to get around it. **Three times in two months** workmen have been out for days blocking off the roads with traffic lights in place just to repair the damage done. Anyone can see that the roundabout is not really the problem, it is the shape of the footpath at the entrance/exit of the Shire Lodge Park. For lorries to go around the roundabout avoiding the footpath, they drive their lorries over the roundabout causing damage. Orders to repair are not good enough - it needs the director of public works to go out and see the reason this happens first. Now on top of all this there have been major water main leaks within 50 yards; yet another problem caused by lack of investment and pre-inspection.

2. Monies each authority has to spend on children's services especially to unaccompanied migrant children arriving in UK. **NCC is one of the most badly hit by this.**

3. Problems with many claiming benefits that really do not require the level they are getting (obviously there are many disabled people who really do need help financially and these must be helped). I have seen others at Corby's Lakeside Urgent Care Centre attending clinics etc 'To make sure they don't stop benefits.' Some claim in some other name to receive attendance allowances.

4. Migrant workers' pensionable age parents claiming all entitlements here. Homes, in some cases even cars, to look after the grandchildren while their own children work. Do all E.U. countries do this too?'

Is the whole of the EU going to pay the immigrant grandparents 'Care Packs' which may come in or just us Brits supporting these pensioners (who have NOT paid into our system all their working lives)? After all, the EU insists we continue to pay for their grand buildings and other projects after we leave so tit for tat surely?

In Corby an under-performing contractor was engaged year after year even though constant complaints were made. Hopefully improvements will be seen now we have a new contractor. Labour councillors responsible for their elected wards do not bother to walk around their wards to see for themselves the poor standard of jobs the contractors were getting paid for.

CBC claim to be a viable council in finance terms. How can they be when they owe well over £100 million to other town authorities? It all has to be paid back by Corby Tax payers. I trust the new unitary council will look very carefully into CBC financial balances.

the use of companies on contracts known as 'Outsourcing' has been a growing mistake.

Let's face it, no authority can afford to do a £150 job which costs tax payers £200, and still be 'In the Black!.'

For years consecutive Governments have encouraged Local Authorities to use 'outsourcing' with silly clauses that make it more costly to end contracts, when services are brought back 'In House' again.

I could go on: the NHS with too many managers, the HS2 costing us more every day; a simple vanity project which will probably never be completed. Train companies who keep messing up travel arrangements, **19th July 2018**—Announced that Police are **Outsourcing** to Private Investigators Police Work to solve crimes !——Holmes lives.

And the most obvious to all—there are too many people in our small country now.

Britain used to be a forward-looking country but something has gone wrong.

Please let us not forget why the British people voted to leave the EU, we are fed up of giving money to a dictatorship and foreign aid to countries that have space programmes.

For defence of our realm we are proud to have our new aircraft carrier but this only relates to the fact that we send that amount to the EU every 12 weeks, pigeons will be able to land on it as we have no money for new aircraft. The main reason for voting leave was seeing migrant workers coming here in huge numbers, many **NOT** wanting to integrate or accept our culture, only to gain so much more than the average British person can.

Some of you may criticise me for this statement but I have always been willing to accept new cultures. I used to smile and say good morning without even a smile in return, now I do not bother.

(Oh my goodness, I am turning into a Miserable Old Git)

Member Dee Davies

Now this is strong stuff—
are there any members out there who would like to make a response to Dee? She is not afraid to say it as she sees it is—so are you?

Dee's views are of course her own and do not necessarily represent the views of the Association or its Management or the Party. If you would like to comment directly to Dee please email the editor and your email will be passed on to her.

The people vs Brexit: a very elite insurgency

Rod Liddle The Spectator – 30 Aug 2018

The People's Vote and its sister campaigns are a convocation of luvvies plus some of the country's most serially useless and reviled politicians. There's that bloke from *Star Trek* and Bald-rick — there's always Baldrick — and the political colossus Gary Lineker, along with loveable old Richard Branson, who's donated cash and office space to a bunch of Blairite hangovers intent on stopping Brexit in its tracks.

Then there's **Paddy Ashdown**, who said shortly before the referendum result came through: 'I will forgive no one who does not respect the sovereign voice of the British people once it has spoken. Whether it is a majority of 1 per cent or 20 per cent, when the British people have spoken, you do what they command. Either you believe in democracy or you don't.' He's changed his mind now.

As has **Anna Soubry**. 'We are trusting the British people. We will go to the people, and let the people decide whether or not to stay within the EU.' That was in 2015. Now listen to her: she backed the referendum 'only because I thought we would win. Obviously, I wouldn't have if I thought we would lose.' Aaah, OK, Anna, got you. Democracy is a bugger, isn't it?

And **John Major**. You remember John. Bloody marvellous prime minister — introduced the motorway cones hotline and a back-to-basics campaign while doing Edwina Currie. Yes, I thought you'd like to be reminded of that. What did John have to say about the referendum at the time? 'There will not be another referendum on Europe. This is it.' All of them now agree, then, that we should have a second vote solely — solely — because they did not like the result of the first one.

Then there's the old New Labour contingent. Tony Blair, a prime minister who visited upon the UK the most injurious foreign policy misadventure (the illegal invasion of Iraq) and injurious domestic policy misadventure (the doors opened to unlimited immigration) this country has seen. This is the man who achieved the unheard of — uniting Jews and Muslims, Palestinians and Israelis, in total accord in the belief that he was the most useless Middle East envoy yet visited upon them. A man whose opinion is revered only by grotesque tyrants in the 'stans and the Arab despot states, who cheerfully bung him and his grasping Scouse missus sacks of wonga every so often. Oh, and Mandelson, a Labour politician, twice disgraced as a minister and loathed by more people in the Labour party than Margaret Thatcher. And the busted flush Chuka Umunna.

Just a thought: The luvvies know everything and believe it is the Leavers who were ill-informed — thick, stupid, pig-ignorant northerners, tattooed *untermenschen*. Come on, you morons! Off to the ballot box again, and this time get it right. (Rod Liddle)

REMEMBER WHEN PARLIAMENT VOTED TO GIVE EFFECT TO THE REFERENDUM?

Gina Miller is intensely political. She leapt to fame as the anti-Brexit campaigner who won the case in the Supreme Court which obliged the Government to pass an Act of Parliament in order to start the process of leaving the EU.

Then she declared, having won in the High Court and while calling on the Government not to appeal to the Supreme Court, that the case was "about process, not politics".

Her decision to bring the case was, of course, intensely political. She wanted to stop Brexit, and she failed to do so, for on **February 1st 2017 the Commons voted by the overwhelming margin of 498 to 114 to give effect to the referendum decision**. In the short term, the conclusiveness of that vote actually strengthened Brexit.

Gina Miller has not given up the fight to stop Britain leaving the EU,

OLD CORBY LABOUR CLUB BUILDING TO GO

Plans to Adapt and Extend Former Social Club to 14 dwellings with associated landscaping and parking have been submitted..

The Corby Trades and Labour Club, also known as Bevan House, on the corner of Stuart Road and Elizabeth Street has been vacant since it fell into administration.

It was originally constructed in the 1960s when local people paid a shilling a brick to build a base for the town's Labour and trade union movement.

A £50,000 refurbishment grant was supposed to give the building a new lease life in 2012.

It had been suggested by community leaders that it could be part of an overall redevelopment of the neighbouring police station and magistrates' court site.

Although it has been on the market for use as a social club, there have been no takers.

But now new owners, lettings agent Eastern Rose, owned by Rutland property tycoon Roger Canham, has applied for permission to build 14 new two-bedroom properties there.

A design and access statement submitted to planners at Corby Borough Council says: "Using this redundant building to provide 14 dwellings will positively contribute to the area on an economic, social and environmental front.

"Economically by raising the value of the building and by bringing increased footfall to local businesses. Socially, by strengthening the local community, providing surveillance



and contributing to the boroughs long term vision for having mixed use in the town centre to help with revitalization.

"Environmentally by improving the fabric and appearance as well as improving the

thermal performance and energy use of the building.

"The building is clearly a former social club and adds little to the attractiveness of the area.

"Key to this character change will be the removal of the rear service features and various additions around the building.

"Also, key is the treatment of the principal elevations as seen from the public realm of the town centre and Stuart Road.

"The proposal builds on the long elevations and flat roofing to develop a contemporary vision for the building. Firstly, the expansive brickwork and concrete elements will be addressed with a mixed palette of weatherboard cladding and through colour render at first floor."

The application can be viewed at the Council's website.

Source: Corby Evening Telegraph 18 Aug 2018

Interestingly, there are 14 parking places for the 14 dwellings. If approved will the Council be repeating the parking mistakes of the recently rebuilt Olympic Square area which has become a nightmarish chicane for traffic.

If you are in Corby shopping and looking for somewhere to eat why not try the Corby Conservative Club. Lunchtime snacks available from Wednesday to Sunday for under £7. Non-members welcome. Phone 01536 203711 for details.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM PROPOSALS AGREED BY MAJORITY OF NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCILS

NCC Report - 31 Aug 2018

A proposal for local government reform in Northamptonshire has been agreed by seven out of eight councils in the county.

Daventry District Council, East Northamptonshire Council, Kettering Borough Council, Northampton Borough Council, Northamptonshire County Council, South Northamptonshire Council and the Borough Council of Wellingborough all decided to submit the proposal while Corby Borough Council decided not to.

This is the conclusion of a process initiated following Government inspector Max Caller's investigation into finances at Northamptonshire County Council. He proposed in his Best Value Report that two new authorities be formed, one for the west of the county and one for the north.

The Secretary of State then wrote to the county's eight local authorities inviting them to explore options for reform and to submit one proposal, stating that a range of options would not be accepted.

In April 2018, the then Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government set the following criteria:

- A single county-wide unitary is explicitly excluded as an option
- Each new proposed authority must have a population substantially in excess of 300,000
- The proposal must be based on existing council boundaries

In addition to the criteria set out by the Secretary of State, Government has stated that:

- Only one proposal will be accepted, not a range of options
- It must demonstrate clear potential for savings
- It must command a good deal of local support

- Due consideration should be given to the recommendations in the Best Value Report
- Any solution should prioritise the Government's wider housing and growth agenda
- Extensive consultation must be carried out

A joint consultation was held, focussing on the two-unitary model – the only option which met all of the Government's criteria. The proposal is for two unitary councils: West Northamptonshire, comprising the current area of Daventry, Northampton and South Northamptonshire; and North Northamptonshire, comprising the current areas of Corby, East Northamptonshire, Kettering and Wellingborough.

Feedback from the consultation showed that while there were differences of opinion across the county, with a strong preference among many respondents in the West for a 3-unitary solution, ORS concluded that:

'The government requirement for the proposal for two unitary councils to command "a good deal of local support as assessed in the round across the whole area of the proposal" is more than satisfied.'

PricewaterhouseCoopers' evaluation of this option concluded that:

'The analysis in this report has identified that whilst local government reorganisation can achieve a level of cost savings, in itself, it will not lead to the creation of two new sustainable unitary local authorities. Indeed, it potentially risks only redistributing the existing financial instability across two new organisations, unless steps are taken to address the existing cost and income challenges.'

The proposal has now been submitted for consideration by the Government as it was not a requirement for all councils to agree to it. We expect a response in the Autumn and will be seeking early discussions with Ministers to agree how the councils and the government can work together to ensure that the two new unitary authorities will be financially sustainable and provide high-quality services from the moment they are created in April 2020.'



Cllr David Sims with residents of Oakley Vale meet to discuss the Cheltenham Road developments.to discuss unwanted planning application July 2018

The Planning application was due to go the September meeting of CBC but Network Rail have also objected on the grounds that the development could cause access problems to the railway. The site was originally allocated as a Railway Halt and it has been suggested that this could be opened as a Halt for Oakley Vale residents but David believes that this is unlikely to happen.

16 Sep 2018

Surprise, surprise: London's failing Mayor Sadiq Khan has now thrown his lot in with hardline Remoaners to re-run the Brexit referendum.



Writing for the pro-EU Observer, he now wants a **"public vote on any Brexit deal obtained by the government, or a vote on a No Deal Brexit if one is not secured, alongside the option of staying in the EU"**.

During the referendum Sadiq Khan said **"if we as a country decide to quit, then we're out for good. There's no going back."**

Now he wants a second vote.. This man has no honour and no respect for the will of the people!



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All emails will be acknowledged.

Corby & East Northants Conservative Association

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Guest Speaker:

Nadine Dorries

Member of Parliament for Mid
Bedfordshire



Tom Pursglove, MP for Corby & E
Northants will also be in attendance

Friday 14th December

in the Churchill Suite
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12 for 12.30pm
Tickets £20.50 pp

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Secretary of State for International
Trade & President of the Board of Trade



Saturday 24th November 2018

at

The Holiday Inn, Corby
Geddington Road, Corby, NN18 8ET
7pm for 7.30pm Dinner
(2 courses with coffee and mints)
Menu selection available

Dress code: Lounge Suit/Evening Wear
Raffle/Auction
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ASSOCIATION DINNER

Friday 19th October

Guest Speaker:

Rt Hon Esther McVey

Member of Parliament for Tatton,
Secretary of State for Work and
Pensions



Venue: the King's Head, Wadenhoe
7pm for 7.30pm.
Tickets £32

September 15 **Tom Pursglove MP**

This week, I received this letter from the Health Secretary, about the measures and extra funding he has allocated ahead of winter to support the NHS, and particularly the extra £2.4 million for Kettering General Hospital, which I am sure will be very welcome - additional funding I am pleased to have campaigned for, to help with winter pressures.

Dear Tom,

Improved emergency care, new beds, and enhanced equipment at part of major funding boost for hospitals ahead of winter.

To make sure the NHS performs as well as it possibly can this winter we are funding hospitals to deliver improvements in the A&E performance.

A total of 81 new schemes, totalling £145 million of capital investment, have been prioritised from within the Department's capital budget for hospitals across the country to help staff prepare ahead of winter.

This funding will enable the NHS to deliver additional beds, redevelop A&E units and upgrade wards, enhance bed management systems, and improve 'same-day' emergency care.

I am delighted to inform you that your local NHS trust will benefit from this funding as part of the action the Government is taking in advance of winter.

Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust has identified a scheme that can help with its patient flow, and has been allocated £2.4m. I would be very interested in your views if there is more that we can do to help Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust deliver for your constituents.

Last winter was challenging, but thanks to the efforts and dedication of hard working frontline staff, over 500 more people were seen in A&E and admitted or discharged within four hours every day. This further investment in the NHS will help those staff to deliver the best possible care for patients.

Yours ever,

MATT HANCOCK

TOM PURSGLOVE, MP's WEEKLY ADVICE SURGERIES

As your local MP, Tom believes it is extremely important to be as accessible as possible, in order to be able to best help with any problems or concerns that constituents have. As such, unlike most MPs, he holds weekly advice surgeries, both in Corby and in East Northamptonshire. The venues for his surgeries are:

Corby: Corby VCS, The TA Building, Elizabeth Street, Corby, NN17 1PN

Irthlingborough: Irthlingborough Children's Centre, Scarborough St., Irthlingborough, NN9 5TT

Raunds: The Hall, Thorpe St, Raunds, NN9 6LT.

Oundle: Oundle Baptist Church, 1 St Osyth's Lane, Oundle, PE8 4BG

Thrapston: Thrapston Library, High Street, Thrapston, NN14 4JJ

To book an appointment, please telephone 020 7219 8043, as Tom has decided to operate his surgeries on an appointments basis, in order to ensure that constituents do not have to rush through their concerns. This approach also allows Tom to provide immediate help - he often makes a start on casework matters prior to an appointment, to try and resolve concerns more quickly, whilst it also allows him to seek any appropriate advice, or obtain clarification on technical points, in advance of the meeting.

Emma McClarkin MEP for the East Midlands



Australia must be the UK's No.1 target post-Brexit

*Emma McClarkin, East Midlands MEP &
Chair of the Commonwealth Forum in
Brussels.*

Sep 2018

It is 10,545 miles from London to Canberra, but along with the over 670,000 Brits visiting annually, when I arrived into Australia for the Commonwealth Games and parallel Commonwealth Forum in April, I felt at home.

Since the landing of the First Fleet in 1788, our intertwined fortunes have fostered a shared outlook on many global issues, including international security, open markets, and trade liberalisation.

We share extensive trade, investment and cultural ties. The UK is Australia's fifth largest trading partner and the second largest destination for Australian overseas investment. We have commonalities in systems of law and governance and a shared heritage as members of the Commonwealth. This common outlook demonstrates why Australia must be one of the first countries with whom the UK signs a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) post-Brexit.

Australia has a strong and consistent commitment both to the multilateral trade agenda and to opening new markets at a bilateral level. With an independent international trade policy, the UK should seek to emulate and exceed this approach.

Upon taking its fully independent seat in the WTO, the UK will need to consider which countries to work with to achieve its objectives and priorities. The Cairns Group of 20 countries, which is de facto led by Australia, could provide the most natural setting.

The UK has the opportunity over the coming years to negotiate a modern, twenty-first century trade agreement with Australia: a new model of trade agreement that will be bold enough to tackle modern-day issues where liberalisation is complex. There's an opportunity for a fresh look at sectors such as electronics, financial services,

telecommunications, digital trade and e-commerce, addressing key issues such as data localisation and privacy requirements that are often not included in standard trade deals.

An ambitious FTA must strive for significant market access opportunities for both sides to each other's goods and services markets. There is potential to open up sectors to ensure that there is no discrimination against foreign partner firms, as well as to address temporary movement of service providers. This could be achieved by finding an agreement over movement of people between the two countries, as well as putting provisions in place to ensure protection for intellectual property rights.

Liberalisation of government procurement in the UK and Australia represents another significant opportunity. A post-Brexit agreement could offer "national treatment" for foreign firms in specified areas, complementing efforts by the WTO under the Government Procurement Agreement.

It would be foolhardy to expect Australia's formidable trade negotiators to give the UK an easy ride, but the process would sharpen our negotiating skills for future FTAs.

For too long, the EU has been slow to identify, negotiate and sign FTAs, no more so in the case of Australia. Brexit presents an opportunity for the UK to make up for lost time.

Australia and the UK share similar values, levels of development, and historical and cultural ties. We are both eager to open up new markets and liberalise trade across borders.

As the UK identifies its trade priorities post-Brexit, Australia must be at the top of our list.

Emma McClarkin, MEP

RAY JACKSON - 'A Great Team'



Ray Jackson

19 September 2018

'What a pleasure it is to see those large photographs of the canvassing teams about to go to spread the good news about us Conservatives: obviously getting on well with each other and enjoying what they are doing. It reflects hope and optimism and the expectation that this hard work is going to be rewarded.

This attitude is open, honest and straightforward and a wonderful antidote to the negativity that keeps coming up in the Press and radio. Trump is going to break all the special bonds between countries which have held the western nations together to their advantage since WW11. Distrust of active politicians has led to cynicism and possibly a withdrawal of support by some activists. The Labour Party is said to have 50,000 new, young members who because they lack leadership lack direction. We can assume a few of them will get around to voting, but should they all do, we would be put to it. The general ignorance of parliament, recent history, business or anything scientific of many of the new, young MPs who came in in 2015 when revealed on radio or TV is so embarrassing one wonders if they do much more than wander from radio and TV interviews, polishing up their image and talking about the little insignificant organisation they have been lured into since becoming an MP. Their trotting out the party line is also sad because usually subsequent questioning shows they don't actually understand it. Of course with Lady Thornberry and Diane Abbott as role models, I suppose they are doing rather well. The worry is that in times of crisis, which may be coming, these are the people who are going to lead us. It's one thing to trust Tom and his colleagues to see them off by the dozen, but these people are as thick on the ground as in the head.

Obviously the human/British ability to muddle through will save us from disaster. All three parties have some excellent and experienced MPs, not always recognised, like Frank Field. But with the possibility of parliamentary, economic and political chaos, how long will they need to bring stability back?

I feel that in these uncertain times we ought to do all we can to sink any personal disagreements and come together as a constituency. The cheerful co-operative spirit shown in the photographs should be reflected throughout Corby and East Northants. Some social events are coming up. Please attend them and meet other members. We have somehow got to get social media working for us.

The Conservative Party has the duty and the honour of leading the country out of the EU. The outcome will satisfy no-one, however brilliant it is because the circumstances will be soon forgotten. Hopefully, with our hands on the levers of power and unity at last within the Party we can tackle the problems Trump and Brexit have left us. I wish we could avoid this challenge, but am very pleased indeed to be a member of the Conservative Party which I know has by far the best chance of solving the problems.

Ray Jackson

If you would like to submit a letter or an article for the Magazine or comment on our contributors' articles please email the editor on ray.boyd@talktalk.net

BREXIT : THE PRIME MINISTER'S LATEST STATEMENT

1 Sep 2018

"The coming months will be critical in shaping the future of our country and I am clear about my mission. This government will fulfil the democratic decision of the British people by ensuring that the UK leaves the European Union on 29th March next year – and that as we do so, we build a stronger, more meritocratic Britain that is fit for the future. At Chequers in July, the government came together around a set of proposals that could break the deadlock on the negotiations and bring a fresh dynamic to the talks.



And there are signs over the Summer that this has happened, with real progress in the negotiations.

Neither will I give in to those who want to re-open the whole question with a second referendum.

In the Summer of 2016, millions came out to have their say.

In many cases for the first time in decades, they trusted that their vote would count; that after years of feeling ignored by politics, their voices would be heard.

To ask the question all over again would be a gross betrayal of our democracy – and a betrayal of that trust."

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THE PRIME MINISTER - CHEQUERS

7th JULY 2018

1. Leaving the EU on 29th March 2019
2. Ending free movement and taking back control of our borders.
3. No more sending vast sums of money each year to the EU.
4. A new business friendly customs model with freedom to strike new trade deals around the world.
5. UK-EU free trade area with a common rulebook for industrial goods and agricultural products which would be good for jobs.
6. Commitment to maintain high standards on consumer and employment rights and the environment.
7. Parliamentary lock on all new rules and regulations.
8. Leaving the Common Agricultural Policy and Common Fisheries Policy.
9. Restoring the supremacy of British courts by ending the jurisdiction of the ECJ in the UK.
10. No hard border between NI and Ireland or between NI and GB.
11. Continued close cooperation on security to keep our people safe.
12. An independent foreign and defence policy working closely with the EU and other allies.

Tom Pursglove MP at Westminster



In Treasury Questions, I again made the point that Corby & East Northants needs our infrastructure to keep pace with the housing growth we are seeing locally, and asked the Chancellor if he would consider a new round of Enterprise Zone bidding opportunities to support more growth and jobs, which he agreed to consider as a Budget submission, and which I have subsequently followed-up with the Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury and will continue to make the case for.

17 Sep 2018

THE MISERABLE OLD GIT - 'CHUCK CHEQUERS'

As MOG is on holiday his column has been taken over for this issue by MOGG

The Somerset Guardian, 21st August 2018

When the British people voted to leave the EU over two years ago it was an act of great political courage. They believed in Britain and the kind of country we can build.

The Government would be wrong to fear Britain enjoying an independent future. The Prime Minister's Chequers proposals would shackle us to the EU forever. This is why Mrs. May should "chuck Chequers" and instead seek a Canada style free trade agreement to make the most of the global opportunities that lie ahead.

The United Kingdom does not need to do a deal with the EU. However, the EU needs to do a deal with us at all costs. No deal means no divorce bill, handing a £40 billion Brexit bonus to the UK which we could use for tax cuts or to improve public services.

We should not be cowed by threats from the EU either. In every case the reality is that the EU's threats would simply rebound on the EU. Yet the more they threaten us the clearer they make the case for taking back control. Indeed, our history teaches us that we should never indulge or appease bullying behaviour.

It is time the Government realised that the EU stands to lose much from no deal being agreed. It is time to face down vested interests in the establishment and put democracy first. Most of all, it is time 'to chuck Chequers', respect the referendum, be out of Europe, take back control and believe in Britain.

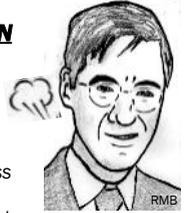
Jacob Rees-Mogg

A condensed and edited version of Jacob's letter to Association Chairmen is here:



Jacob Rees-Mogg is the Conservative Member of Parliament for North East Somerset and his comments are obviously his own opinion which do not necessarily reflect the views of our members, Association or its management.

THE WRONG DEAL FOR BRITAIN



On 3rd August, the Prime Minister wrote a letter to all members of the Conservative Party defending the Government's White Paper. Unfortunately, the letter fails to address several key points and shows that the Government's plan does not implement the will of the British people.

1. The British People will not be able to take back control The White Paper does not 'respect the result of the referendum' and does not give us control of our borders, laws and money. Ultimately everything depends on our democratic self-government. This means making all our laws, political and economic, in our sovereign parliament and adjudicating and interpreting them in our courts - as the Prime Minister proposed in her Lancaster House speech of January 2017. Tragically, this is not where we are now.
2. The Government's White Paper will maintain EU control over Britain The Prime Minister says the White Paper is driven by the need to 'put forward proposals they find credible'. But this is the wrong approach. The UK has done nothing wrong by leaving - the point of Brexit is to restore our independent democracy, not to propose things that satisfy the EU.
3. This deal would prevent taking back control of our borders. Instead, free movement will be replaced by 'reciprocal mobility arrangements'. This is dangerously close to free movement in new words
4. The deal would prevent control over laws, because it will mean a 'common rulebook' for goods, with 'consequences' if we diverge

The Prime Minister writes there will be 'no more vast annual sums paid to the EU'. But there will still be very considerable annual sums. The 'Brexit bill' alone would be around £35 billion (four years' worth of net budget contributions). But this depends on the EU agreeing a deal: so that means being made to pay for a bad deal.

The UK could negotiate a free trade deal similar to that between the EU and Canada, but with the addition of special rules that would allow British financial firms to retain their automatic access to European markets. Such a deal has been labelled 'Canada +++'

Leaving the EU on WTO terms would allow the UK to make its own laws, agree trade deals with the world outside the EU, and set our own course for a brighter future. It would also prevent undue retaliation from the EU.

The 2017 Conservative manifesto bound the Conservative Party to fully leave the European Union. This is not where we are now.

You can download the full text of the letter to Association Chairman at:
<https://www.jacobreesmogg.com/letter-to-chairmen>

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