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Reflections on elections elsewhere ... and a question of sport

Dear Resident

This week we saw local elections held in some other parts of the country, and there is no point pretending the results are anything other than a rejection of the two traditional parties. My iron law of politics is that the British people are never wrong, and as your MP, and as a Conservative, I believe the only response can be searing honesty about the state of our politics, and the challenges facing our country. This is what I sought to do in a long interview I gave to Peter McCormack just before the local

elections — if you would like to watch the discussion, please click on the picture below.



Despite the headline, I hope I was as honest about my own Party's record as I was tough on this Labour Government. "The post-Brexit immigration system was designed to be incredibly liberal," I said, "which was not what people had voted for. And I'm angry about that." I talked about the new economic model I believe Britain needs. If you have time to listen I would love to hear what you think.

Your voice in Parliament

During the Second Reading of the Football Governance Bill on Monday, I took the opportunity to congratulate **Haverhill Rovers** for winning the League this season. My speech argued that the creation of a football regulator is a mistake, which will risk the success that has not only made English football the best in the world but financed brilliant grassroots facilities, such as the New Croft – where Rovers and more than fifty teams play. If you would like to see my speech, please click [here](#) or below.



Regular readers will know that I have campaigned for some time now against exorbitant energy prices, for households and for industry alike. High costs are caused not by international markets — as Ed Miliband likes to claim — but the energy system and policy costs imposed by successive governments. On Tuesday, I challenged ministers about their secret plan to align our carbon price with the higher European one — and they came very close to admitting it. If you would like to watch the question, and the response, please click [here](#).



Out and about in Suffolk

This weekend I am looking forward to attending the Guineas Festival at **Newmarket**, where I hope to see many of you. If you are attending and see me, please come to say hello! I am pictured below with Benevento, a colt who is running in today's race.



The roads and railways are a regular feature of my correspondence with residents, and I have asked Parliamentary questions about improving our connections to Cambridge and Ipswich, and joined other local MPs to demand the upgrades to Ely and Haughley junctions, which will help us to get more freight off roads and onto the railways. I have written to Greater Anglia, too, to make the case for more trains to stop at **Kennett** and **Newmarket** stations. For more information, click [here](#), or on the picture below.



In the media

The *East Anglia Daily Times* recently reported on my work to help residents worried about speeding traffic outside **Moulton Primary School**, as well as my support for calls by local parish councils to improve safety at the **Boy's Grave Junction**, just off the **B1506**. You can read an electronic version of the article by clicking [here](#) or on the picture below. Suffolk County Council reported back that measures to improve the signage at the junction are scheduled to be delivered by 20 June. Please watch this space. If you would like to read more about this topic, please click [here](#).

EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES



Nick Timothy, MP for West Suffolk. (Image: David Beavan)

This comes as Nick Timothy, MP for West Suffolk, recently wrote to Suffolk County Council in support of further speed restrictions at Boy's Grave Junction near the villages Kentford and Moulton, near Newmarket.

Data from Moulton Parish Council showed that around 84% of residents in the village backed a 20mph speed zone.

He said: "I would like to add my backing for the efforts of residents in Moulton to have a 20-mile-per-hour zone introduced.

"My own view is that 20-mile-per-hour zones are not a universally appropriate solution for traffic management.

"However, I believe there may be a case for them in some locations, where local residents support them."

As the *Haverhill Echo* reported this week — see a clipping below — I had an excellent time at Castle Fields Pre-School in **Haverhill**. It was wonderful to meet the team, and to see all the kids' activities, from cooking preparation to planting vegetables in the allotment.

I really valued the chance to hear in more detail about the pressures facing nurseries, which I will raise in Parliament. A huge thanks to Charis Goulding, Amy Weekes, the teachers and other staff — and the children — for their very warm welcome. To read an electronic version of the article please click [here](#).

The MP for Haverhill joined children in fun activities when he visited Castle Fields Pre-School in the town.

Nick Timothy participated in a gardening activity and food preparation with children but also welcomed the chance for a discussion with the pre-school's manager Charis Goulding and deputy manager Amy Weekes about the various challenges

facing nurseries.

These included from the Government's National Insurance rise for employers to the inadequacy of income for funded places and regulations preventing charges for services like cooked lunches.

Because of huge and growing costs, said the MP, and the time required to deal with burgeoning regulation, staff

teams across the sector - who are passionate about helping and educating children - are overstretched, and many nurseries could go bust.

Mr Timothy said: "I had an excellent time at Castle Fields Pre-School. It was important to hear more about the pressures facing nurseries and I am fighting to raise this issue in Parliament."





Scrutinising the Government

Following news reports that Serco is seeking new agreements with private

landlords to house asylum seekers — and that **West Suffolk** is one of the target areas — I got in touch with Serco and West Suffolk District Council to establish what is going on. Fortunately I was able to allay concerns, because the list published in the media last weekend was in fact an old page from the Serco website, and does not reflect a new push to move asylum seekers into **West Suffolk**.



We need the Government to do far more to stop the illegal immigration fuelling the massive rise in asylum claims. The Channel crossings — up twenty per cent on last year — are completely unacceptable, and anybody entering the country illegally should be removed, not housed here. This will require changes in human rights law, which I continue to advocate in Parliament. In **West Suffolk**, new homes should be for British families and those who came here in accordance with the law, not illegal immigrants.

On the subject of immigration, on Thursday I challenged ministers about their plans to liberalise visa rules for Indians as part their trade negotiations

with Delhi. India wants Britain to give away more visas, and the Government needs to say no, as the Conservatives did. From the answer to my question — given by Business Secretary Jonathan Reynolds — it is clear that the Labour Government is going to cave. To watch the exchange, please click [here](#) or on the YouTube icon below.



As Nick Timothy MP said in the House of Commons on 1 May 2025, the Government should reject the idea of giving away more visas as part of a new trade agreement with India.

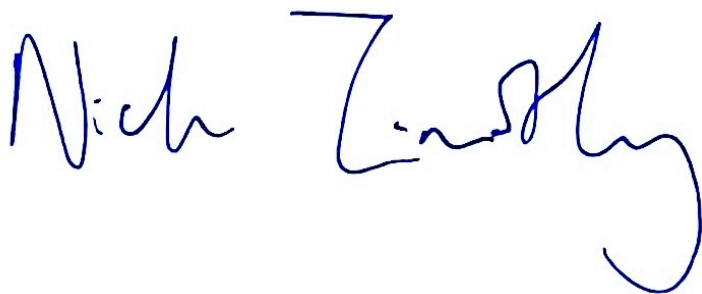
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Best wishes



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