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Faster medical checks and scans as a new diagnostic centre opens

Dear Resident

I was delighted to join the team for the official opening last Friday of the new £15 million Community Diagnostic Centre at **Newmarket** Hospital. Residents previously had to go to Bury or Cambridge for MRIs and CT scans. This means less travelling and lower waiting times. When I visited the site last year, I was impressed with the care and work that was going into the construction.



Our community is already benefiting from the clinic. In its first 100 days, the centre saw more than 6,000 patients and conducted almost 8,900 examinations. It is an exciting time for local healthcare as the new West Suffolk Hospital in Bury has received its capital allocation, which was in doubt after the election when Labour suspended the Conservative hospital-building programme. After our campaign, the project was allowed to go ahead.



On 2 May 2025, Nick Timothy MP joined West Suffolk Hospital Foundation Trust team for the official opening and ribbon cutting at the new £15 million Community Diagnostic Centre at Newmarket Hospital.

And — despite a planned reduction of 500 staff at West Suffolk Foundation Trust — there will be an increase in staff in the East of England Ambulance Trust to preserve call handling and Category 2 incident response times. I have been working with the Ambulance Trust, as well as other emergency services and local councillors, to see what can be done about relatively poor ambulance response times for the most critical incident calls in **Haverhill**, and I am campaigning for a new blue-light services base in the town.



Your voice in Parliament

As reported by the Echo (see newspaper clip below), a decision by Suffolk County Council on the planning application for the Acorn bio-digestion plant near **Haverhill** and **Withersfield** is scheduled on 19 June. Last month, a council officer recommended that it should be approved on the

basis that the proposal will not increase the flood risk — if certain mitigation measures are taken.



This is completely wrong, so I wrote to Suffolk County Council to object. I continue to be opposed to this scheme because it would harm the community — worsening the flood risk, adding to traffic problems on the A1307 and hindering investment into Haverhill. If you would like to read the letter, please click [here](#) and scroll down to Note 2. If you would like to sign my petition opposing the application, please click [here](#).



I raised the flood risk in Parliament on Thursday, and was glad to receive a substantive response from the minister, who reiterated that the National Planning Policy Framework means development should not take place without good reason on land at risk of flooding. If you would like to view my question — and the response — please click [here](#).

Out and about in Suffolk

Many of us know the pleasure spending time with animals. Our pets have their own personalities, and those of us who have pets know they are a part of the family. So I loved my trip to Our Special Friends, a **West Suffolk** charity that brings animals and people together for therapy. It is run by the brilliant Dr Bin Johnston and her exemplary team, and I highly recommend them. To find out more, or if you are able to volunteer your time, please go to their website: <https://ourspecialfriends.org>



Last Saturday, just before heading to the Guineas Festival, I really enjoyed my time at the breakfast club in **Kedington**. It's a chance for men from the village to get together over a full English. I had some great questions — and a few tough ones about the future of our politics — and left buoyed by the good sense and community spirit in **Kedington** and across **West Suffolk**.



In the media

The *Journal* reported on my recent visit to the historic Freemason Stables in **Newmarket**. Amy Drummond, the director and manager of Amo Racing took time out to show me the renovation work. It is being done with sensitivity to bio-security, animal welfare and the unique heritage of the yard — which dates to 1895. Newmarket's racing's future will continue to be bright if businesses like Amo continue to choose the town as their base.



Early in the week, the *East Anglian Daily Times* covered my call for action to address the huge number of accidents on the A14. This is not just about safety: the disruption caused by accidents means traffic is often diverted through **Newmarket**, **Kentford** and other villages — creating havoc for residents.

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Calls to resolve problems on the A14 have been renewed (Image: Houses of Parliament/A14 traffic cameras)

I have been in touch with National Highways, and will stay on the case in Parliament. I have also joined other Suffolk MPs in calling for the speeding up of rail infrastructure projects like the Ely-Haughley upgrade so more freight can be moved by train instead of by lorry.

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Leaders back rail improvements

Suffolk leaders have renewed calls to get things on the A14 with one branding journey on the road there when things go wrong.

Nick Timothy, MP for West Suffolk, has argued rail infrastructure projects like the Ely to Haughley upgrade are much-needed to ease pressure on the road. Meanwhile, Suffolk Coastal MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter said recent work on the Orwell Bridge, it's essential that plans are well communicated, disruption is kept to a minimum, and that non-essential works are postponed to help keep traffic moving.

A spokesperson for National Highways previously said it works "hard to keep the strategic road network moving."

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West Suffolk MP Nick Timothy is calling for upgrades to the Haughley and Ely railway junctions

Renewed calls to finally resolve A14 problems in Suffolk

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speed up delivery of rail infrastructure projects such as the Ely to Haughley upgrade, so more freight can be moved by train instead of lorry."

Dr Peter Prinsley, MP for Bury St Edmunds and Stowmarket, has previously called for upgrades to the Haughley junction.

The East of England All-Parliamentary Group, a cross-party committee of MPs, called for a scheme of improvements to the junctions to be prioritised.

Improvements to the Ely junctions could allow for an increase in the number of freight trains running from Felixstowe.

The calls come ahead of maintenance work which will be carried out on the Orwell Bridge over the summer.

Suffolk Coastal MP Jenny Riddell-Carpenter said: "The A14 is a vital route for Suffolk, and the recent disruption shows just how easily our journeys can turn into chaos when things go wrong."

"With major works coming up on the Orwell Bridge, it's essential that plans are well communicated, disruption is kept to a minimum, and that non-essential works are postponed to help keep traffic moving."

National Highways say the work on the bridge, on the outskirts of Ipswich, will ensure "long-term safety".

A contraflow system will be in operation while two joints are replaced.

Martin Fellows, National Highways regional director for the East, said: "Safety is always our top priority, and so this maintenance work is vital in helping to ensure the long-term safe operation of the bridge."

"The new joints are designed to last for 50 years, and completing this work now will help avoid the prospect of future closures being needed at short notice."

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Scrutinising the Government

The new trade deal between Britain and India will ease immigration access for Indian intra-company transferees and their dependants, and for some jobs such including chefs. The Government has agreed that Indian immigrants coming here for up to three years on intra-company transfers will pay no National Insurance Contributions, and neither will their employers. I challenged the Government about Indian workers being made cheaper to employ relative to British workers than they are now. The Trade Minister, Douglas Alexander, did not want to admit what Labour have done, as you can see by clicking on the YouTube link below.



On 6 May 2025, Nick Timothy MP challenged minister Douglas Alexander about the likely harm to British workers resulting from the Government's new trade deal with India

New regulations require producers to bear the entire cost of recycling the packaging they place on the market. This may be a noble aim, but businesses — including those in **West Suffolk** — have not yet even been told how much they will have to pay. I asked the Government when they plan to introduce a scheme that will help businesses with the transition costs. Unfortunately, no clarity came. You can see the written question and answer by clicking [here](#).

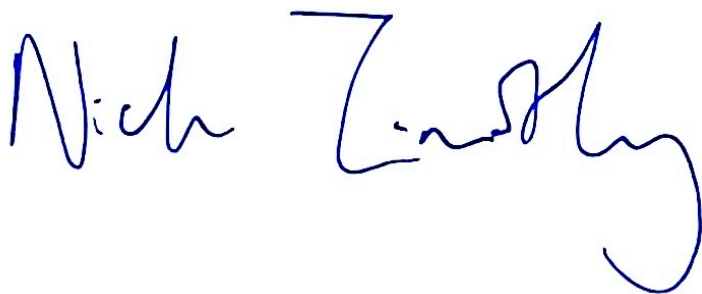
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Best wishes



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