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Labour Member of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green

Police cuts crisis

Local MPs tell Home Secretary to keep streets safe

A rise in violent crime, including moped muggings, robberies and assaults on school children, has brought fear to our streets. Our police forces have been decimated by years of Tory & Lib Dems cuts.

Everybody needs to be able to feel safe in our community, yet under the Tories police numbers have been slashed by 20,000 – with neighbourhood policing paying the price. Our local police need sufficient resources to respond quickly to call-outs and to have a strong visible presence on our streets. Yet all too often this isn't happening.

I meet regularly with Haringey's Borough Commander to raise these concerns and recently held my second Violent Crime Roundtable together with neighbouring MP David Lammy and Haringey Lead for Community Safety Cllr Mark Blake. I'm pleased that London's



David Lammy (left) and Catherine West (middle) demanding action from Sajid Javid (right)

Labour Mayor Sadiq Khan has launched a £45 million fund to help young Londoners, following years of Tory cuts.

I also demanded a meeting with the Home Secretary Sajid Javid, where I urged him to cancel the £325 million in further cuts the Metropolitan Police is expected to make by 2021. You can't keep our streets safe on the cheap.

Sign my petition to stop the police cuts at www.catherinewest.org.uk

Failing Grayling must get a grip on travel chaos

People across Hornsey & Wood Green have endured months of travel chaos due to Govia Thameslink's shambolic timetable changes. I've raised this repeatedly with the train companies and Tory Transport Secretary Chris Grayling.

Grayling must get a grip on this crisis and look at bringing these crucial services back into public hands. I'd like to see TfL and Labour Mayor Sadiq Khan take over the line. I've also pushed for a better way to claim compensation, which I'm pleased has now been introduced. Please get in touch if you're still experiencing problems.

Catherine supports living wage fight

Catherine and Clive Lewis MP with campaigning cleaners



Everybody deserves a fair wage for a hard day's work, yet too many Government Departments still think it's acceptable not to pay their cleaners a living wage. I've been using

Parliamentary Questions to name and shame the worst offenders and find out why a cleaner in the Ministry of Justice is worth less than a cleaner in the Department for Education.

A Labour Government would raise the minimum wage rate to the level of the real living wage to really start to tackle the problem of low pay that plagues our society.

Unite to fight far right

We are no strangers to fighting fascists here. In 1977 the people of Haringey stood strong against the National Front's attempts to march through Wood Green but recent months have seen a worrying rise in far-right activity across the UK, Europe and the US and attempts to stir up hatred, division and anti-immigrant prejudice.

With Haringey Council Leader Joe Ejiofor, I held a public meeting (pictured right)



on this concerning threat and how we defeat it and will continue to speak out to defend our strong diverse community.

Say No to a new runway

I voted against a new runway at Heathrow and am disappointed that the Tories are pushing ahead with complete disregard for the global threat of climate change.

Air pollution around the airport is already above legal levels of nitrous oxide and a third runway would mean an extra 200,000 people affected, exposing 124 more schools and over 43,000 more school children to unacceptable levels of noise.

I support the Labour Mayor of London and four local councils who have launched a legal challenge – and believe they've got a strong case.



I visited North Middlesex Hospital with Cllr Peray Ahmet (above) to thank the dedicated staff as we celebrate the 70th birthday of our National Health Service. Labour will always fight for healthcare as a right to all and kept in public hands.

More Brexit shambles

The Tory Government is hanging on a thread, with chief Brexiteers David Davis and Boris Johnson jumping ship, the Vote Leave campaign found guilty of electoral fraud and the Prime Minister bowing to the demands of the hard-right in her party who want to leave with no deal.

The Liberal Democrat leader and ex-Leader didn't even bother to turn up for key votes on the critical Trade Bill.

It's an utter mess and the clock is ticking. I voted against triggering Article 50 last year because the Tories had no plan and no clue. I have consistently voted to

stay within the Single Market and recently sponsored two amendments to the Trade Bill. The first would have allowed for a continued Customs Union – essential as millions of jobs and thousands of businesses depend on it. The second would have allowed Parliament to ratify and consent to future trade deals to ensure scrutiny and oversight.

I will continue to call for a People's Vote so the people of Britain can consider the reality of the deal we face, not the spin and lies of the referendum campaign. That vote must keep the EU membership deal we currently have on the table.

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