

A personal message from Mike PENNING

Dear Resident

On the 8th June, I need your vote to give Theresa May the strong hand she needs when negotiating with our European friends as the UK leaves the EU. The referendum last year was a defining moment for our country and earlier this year Conservative and Labour MPs voted overwhelmingly to respect that and to begin our departure from the EU.

Whether we voted Leave or Remain, we now need to move forward to get the best Brexit deal through the strong leadership of the Prime Minister, backed up by a strong and supportive Parliament.

I have always made it clear that I firmly believe Britain will be better off without the interference of an unelected and heavily bureaucratic layer of government in Brussels. Quite simply, we will be able to put our interests first and foremost.

Having said that, when we leave the EU, we will not be leaving Europe. We have strong links with Europe and will continue to work in co-operation with our neighbours on issues ranging from education to security. We have a lot of European citizens living in our area and I am also determined to resolve the issue of their status post-Brexit early in the negotiations.

Theresa May has already proved herself a most able Prime Minister and I will give her all the support she needs to secure a deal that is good for Britain and good for the rest of the EU.

I hope you will vote for me on Thursday, June 8th to allow me to continue to be your strong local voice!

Yours sincerely

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MIKE PENNING

A strong local voice, fighting for the Hemel Hempstead area



I consider myself incredibly lucky to live in Hemel Hempstead. I love my town and will always fiercely defend every bit of the Hemel Hempstead constituency.

With our geographical location, just outside London on a main arterial route to the midlands and the north, we are well positioned to take advantage of the great state of the UK economy. Locally we have very low unemployment and a thriving business district supported by the excellent Hemel Hempstead Business Ambassadors scheme.

I refuse to let Labour have selective memory loss. Our A&E was shut by Labour

I will continue to campaign with my local community for a new hospital to serve all three major towns in West Hertfordshire. Labour closed Hemel's hospital in 2006 in favour of Watford in a desperate (and



unsuccessful) bid to retain Watford's then Labour MP ahead of the 2010 general election. The A&E unit, children's and maternity services, stroke unit and a host of other services were all lost.

We must never forget that Labour closed our hospital

Whilst I accept it is right that our health services are run by clinicians and not politicians, it is very frustrating when they don't listen to the clear wishes of the local people. We have no way to hold them to account - we can't vote them out! I would encourage them to listen to the people of Hemel Hempstead. We need a new hospital on a site accessible from Hemel, Watford and St Albans with room for expansion and plenty of (level) parking. We also want to retain as much as possible at Hemel Hempstead hospital, including overnight Urgent Care.

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OLD TOWN HIGH STREET SPEED LIMIT CAMPAIGN

Following the success of the one-way restriction and the regeneration, the Old Town is proving more and more popular as a “go-to” destination. I now want to encourage Hertfordshire Highways and Dacorum Borough Council to install average speed cameras to enforce the 20mph limit.



REDUCING HEAVY LORRIES ON LEIGHTON BUZZARD ROAD

I am delighted that the Leighton Buzzard Road has been downgraded to a ‘B’ road. The A4146 is now the B440. This means later in the year we will be able to put weight restrictions on the bridge at Water End and ensure that all the heavy lorries no longer plague this beautiful hamlet and other nearby communities.



STRENGTHENING LOCAL TIES WITH OUR BRAVE SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN

It was a great honour to watch members of the Royal Anglian Regiment taking advantage of their newly-granted Freedom of the Borough status and march through the High Street. I am proud to have played a part in making this happen for them and RAF Halton.



6 GOOD REASONS TO VOTE CONSERVATIVE IN HEMEL HEMPSTEAD

SUPPORTING LOCAL BUSINESSES

Whenever possible I support local small businesses and one of the highlights of my year is playing the role of “dragon” in Dacorum Borough Council’s inspirational ‘Dacorum’s Den’ where small grants are awarded to fledgling businesses.



NEW COUNCIL HOUSES FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A GENERATION

I very much welcome the building of new council homes. These new houses and flats are of the highest standard and are energy efficient. Houses in Gadebridge and Apsley have recently been finished and there are more on the way in Figtree Hill and Maylands.



REGENERATING OUR TOWN

The local council have done great work leading the regeneration of our town. The recent opening of the Forum, the imminent opening of the Hemel Hempstead campus of West Herts College and the restoration of the Jellicoe Water Gardens have transformed the area.

