

PHILIP HOLLOBONE MP



KETTERING AT WESTMINSTER



MAKING SURE THE VIEWS AND CONCERNS OF LOCAL PEOPLE ARE HEARD AT THE HEART OF THE GOVERNMENT

Pensions Minister Visits KCCA



Guy Opperman MP, Pensions Minister, with Mrs Valma Grady, KCCA President and Philip Hollobone MP

Pensions Minister Guy Opperman MP visited KCCA HQ for a Conservative Women's Organisation Lunch on Friday 1 July.

Earlier in the day he visited the Kettering Older People's Fair held in the Cornmarket Hall which was organised by North Northamptonshire Council to highlight the support available to local retired people to assist them with the global cost of living squeeze.

KCCA members and supporters enjoyed a superb lunch organised by Pamela Goodman. Guy Opperman made a well received speech and took questions. CWO Chairman Linda Saunders made the vote of thanks. Thank you to all involved.

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Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak MP



Rt. Hon. Liz Truss MP

Philip Hollobone MP writes: All of us as KCCA members face a real responsibility over the next few weeks in deciding who should become the next Leader of the Conservative Party and hence Prime Minister. At stake is the future direction of HM Government's policies and our chances of victory at the next General Election and a record fifth term.

I am not going to make a recommendation to local Party members, because I respect members' views and will leave it to everyone's best judgement. What I can say, however, is that both candidates support the redevelopment of KGH, which is the most important local issue for all of us.

I met with both candidates in Parliament to brief them personally on the plans to redevelop KGH. I made it clear to both candidates that KGH is a much loved local hospital valued by all and that we need to unlock the promised investment stream as soon as possible. Local residents know that we need a replacement for the overcrowded A&E and new wards in new buildings. I was delighted to secure a commitment from both candidates that should they become Prime Minister they will be fully behind the redevelopment plans.

Desborough's New Supermarket



Photo: left to right – Philip Hollobone MP, Cllr Mike Tebbutt, Cllr David Howes

Work has begun on building a new Sainsbury's in Desborough with £10m investment and 40 new jobs for the local community.

Located in Magnetic Park, Desborough, just off Harborough Road, the new 11,000 sq. ft. Neighbourhood Hub store is due to open in spring 2023.

Phillip Hollobone MP said: "Desborough has been crying out for years for an alternative supermarket to the Co-op. I really enjoyed visiting the site of the new Desborough Sainsbury's on 20 June alongside Desborough's councillors David Howes and Mike Tebbutt who have helped make this happen. This £10m investment will be Sainsbury's flagship Neighbourhood Hub store and will give local people a choice of where to complete their weekly supermarket shop within the town."

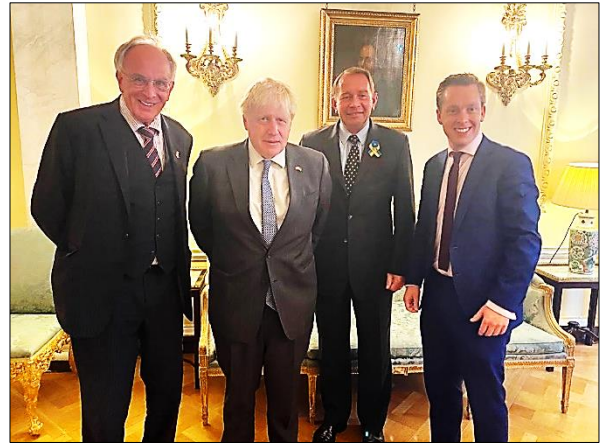
Health Secretary, Steve Barclay MP, Visits Kettering General Hospital

Secretary of State for Health, Steve Barclay MP, visited Kettering General Hospital on Friday 22 July to see first hand for himself how the redevelopment plans are being worked up.

Appointed Health Secretary on 5 July, just 18 days before the visit, Steve Barclay made KGH one of the very first hospitals he has visited since coming into post.

Welcomed to KGH by Kettering MP Philip Hollobone, Steve Barclay met with KGH Chief Executive Deborah Needham, was given a presentation on the redevelopment plans and was led on a tour of the site visiting the A&E department and the current temporary boilers. The redevelopment plans involve replacing the A&E with a new Urgent Care Hub and replacing the boilers with a modern new net zero energy centre.

Philip Hollobone MP said: "Steve Barclay was in the room when the three North Northamptonshire MPs met with the Prime Minister Boris Johnson in No. 10 on 14 June to press the case for more investment into Kettering General Hospital. I am delighted that just five weeks after that meeting Steve Barclay has prioritised a visit to KGH to see first hand for himself how the redevelopment plans are being worked up."



In the No. 10 meeting he was told by the three MPs that NHS bureaucracy was holding up the release of this initial funding and that the bottleneck needed to be unblocked.

KGH plans to use an early drawdown of initial funding to tackle its serious power supply issues. For power, KGH presently relies on a temporary steam boiler plant erected on flatbeds in the car park 10 years ago, a life expired 50 year old steam distribution pipework, 50 year old switchgear, and the main high voltage electricity supply has reached maximum capacity.

KGH submitted detailed business cases to the central NHS on 6 July to address the electrical infrastructure risk and the need for a new power plant. Hospitals Minister Maria Caulfield MP is due to sign off approval for this funding in the next few weeks.

Visits to the Houses of Parliament

Anyone can keep a track of what Philip is trying to do at Westminster on behalf of local residents via the independent website www.theyworkforyou.com. As always, if any member feels that Philip may be able to help with a particular issue, please do let Philip know via 01536 414715 or 020 7219 8373 or philip.hollobone.mp@parliament.uk or at House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA. Philip is also very happy to arrange visits to Westminster for those who haven't been before or for those who would like to come again for a tour and/or to watch Prime Minister's Questions.

