

Bim Afolami MP: Standing up for Wheathampstead

## OPPOSING LUTON AIRPORT EXPANSION



Bim and Cllr Annie Brewster continue to campaign to limit further growth of Luton Airport. They have met with the Head Commissioner from the Independent Commission of Civil Aviation Noise, who is raising the profile of aviation noise as a public health issue.

Annie is currently Vice-Chair of the London Luton Airport Consultative Committee. She says "It is vital that we keep our voices heard and that we continue to press for a reduction in traffic, not an increase."

## OUR PRIORITIES

- 1 Dealing with traffic issues.** Residents' concerns about traffic along the Lower Luton Road continues to be a priority. We are also working to improve safety at the roundabout junction of the Lower Luton Road, Lamer Lane, Codicote Lane and Station Road.
- 2 Fighting for our Bus Services.** An Inter-Parish Bus Group facilitated by Cllr Sandra Wood saved the Sunday service for this current year. We will continue to monitor bus services and encourage District Council support. Residents are urged to use buses more often. It is very much a case of 'use them or loose them'.
- 3 Fixing local roads.** Potholes are a continual challenge at this time of year. HCC have an ongoing programme of road repairs, footway and cycle route development. Residents should report any highways faults on: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/highways - roads-and-pavements.aspx>.

## BIM SAYS, "THANK YOU FOR RE-ELECTING ME"



Bim Afolami was delighted to be re-elected as the Member of Parliament for Hitchin & Harpenden in December's General Election with a majority of nearly 7,000.

Bim said, "It's a true honour to have been re-elected as the MP for Hitchin & Harpenden. I'd like to thank everyone who voted for me for your support.

We now have a great opportunity to drive the country forwards and I will continue working hard for our area in Parliament."

## BIM'S PLAN FOR 2020

- 1 Oppose Luton Airport Expansion.** Any expansion will increase noise, pollution, and traffic. I will work with local councillors and interest groups to oppose expansion.
- 2 Stop the Harpenden Luton Incinerator.** This would devastate our area, with increased traffic on the Lower Luton Road and poorer air quality. I will continue to work to stop these plans.
- 3 More Money for Our Schools.** The Conservatives have secured an average increase of 4.64% more funding per-pupil in 2020/21 for our local schools and more funding for SEND.



Let Bim know your views:  
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# News from your local Wheathampstead Conservative Councillors

Cllrs Annie Brewster, Gill Clark, David Davies, Linda Halford & Sandra Wood, Standing up for Wheathampstead

## ST HELEN'S SCHOOL SAFE CROSSING



Bim Afolami MP is working with our County, District and Parish Councillors to help St Helen's Primary School with the safe crossing of pupils on both Brewhouse Hill and The Hill.

The difficulties include the unsafe road and finding people able to take on the role of crossing patrol attendants.

Bim met with County Cllr Annie Brewster, District Cllr Gill Clark, parents and teachers in January to look at the situation first hand.

## OUR PLAN GOING FORWARD

**1** **In the short term:** Following this meeting one of the school's crossing attendants has returned to her post and another candidate has been interviewed for the other vacant post.

**2** **In the longer term:** Permanent pedestrian crossings will be needed on both Brewhouse Hill and The Hill, where the pupils need to access the school gates. Bim is supporting Annie's call to Hertfordshire County Council to install Zebra Crossings for the safety of both the pupils and the wider Wheathampstead community.



## THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thank you for your ongoing support and the re-election of Councillor Sandra Wood in last year's local Elections. She continues to work hard for our team and this year was appointed Deputy Mayor of St Albans City & District.



- The replacement of the missing rubbish bin outside the Post Office was finally resolved with the help of Councillor Sandra Wood.

- Annie Brewster, your County Councillor, is throwing her support behind an initiative to create a Wheathampstead Community Gym and she would very much like to hear from residents about this idea.

- Parish Councillors David Davies & Linda Halford, District Councillors Gill Clark & Sandra Wood, and County/District Councillor Annie Brewster work to represent all residents in Wheathampstead.

Please do contact them if you have any issues relating to the village.

We hope you have found this latest news update useful. If you have time to help us in supporting the residents of Wheathampstead, then we'd love to hear from you: we are currently seeking helpers for the occasional delivery of items and in particular the delivery of these 'InTouch' publications.