

## **Christmas Newsletter**

Dear All,

## **European Union Withdrawal Bill**

Many of my constituents will no doubt have followed with interest the passage of the EU (Withdrawal) Bill through Parliament. The bill reached another significant stage yesterday as it passed out of committee stage on its way to a third reading in the House of Commons in January.

In the referendum, millions of people voted to leave the EU. This Bill ensures that the UK does this in the smoothest possible way and I can assure you that I support it.

The Bill honours the referendum result and provides certainty for businesses. It repeals the European Communities Act 1972, which gives effect to EU law in the UK, and converts all EU law into UK law. It also provides ministers in the UK Government and in the devolved administrations with temporary powers to make corrections to the law. Without it there would be holes in our legal system and chaos for the British people.

The Bill does not, however, allow the Government to bypass Parliament. MPs will still be able to scrutinise any changes introduced by ministers using delegated powers and major policy changes will be introduced as separate Bills.

The Prime Minister has promised that Parliament will have a say over the final withdrawal deal but it is not within the Government's power to unilaterally extend the negotiation period for further discussions. EU law is clear that the UK will leave the EU, and the Single Market, in March 2019 whether or not a withdrawal agreement is reached. By voting for this Bill, the UK will leave the EU in a smooth and orderly way

and I am pleased to report this significant progress to my constituents ahead of the Christmas recess.

## Read more about this here-

It was a pleasure to meet this little fellow last week who is training to be a guide dog. The Guide Dogs for the Blind Association (UK) are campaigning to change the national law on pavement parking. Sight impaired constituents have been in touch with me in the past about the dangers they face with obstructions on footpaths, so this is a very worthwhile campaign.



It's always a pleasure to visit local businesses and groups in the Constituency. If you would like me to arrange a visit please do get in touch through any of the many methods listed below.

I've also continued to hold constituency surgeries and write my regular columns for the local press. If you missed them then they are all available from my <u>website</u>.

As ever, do contact me with events, issues, celebrations - my contact details are below. You can contact me via my website, twitter, facebook, phone, post and email. All the best



Matt is always available to meet constituents by appointment and in addition holds the following monthly events around the constituency.



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