

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2020



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At Davenport green, 7th February with Rachel Giles, Cheshire Wildlife Trust

Dear all,

Welcome to February's Newsletter.

At 11 pm on 31st January, we left the EU, we now control our laws and our borders. I am confident that we will go from strength to strength. In the meantime, there are many other issues to address. The picture above shows me visiting ancient woodland at Davenport Green, which would be destroyed by building a station on top of it for HS2. A few days after visiting Davenport green I raised HS2 again, in particular the so-called 'Golborne Spur' which would add between £2 and £3billion to the cost of the project and damage Warburton. I raised it in the House of Commons with the Prime Minister:

Graham Brady Chair, Conservative Party 1922 Committee **12:45 pm, 11th February 2020**

I welcome the increased priority for [Northern Powerhouse Rail](#) and the link from Manchester to Leeds in particular, but will my right hon. Friend ensure an urgent review of parts of the route for phase 2b, including the Golborne spur, which is entirely unnecessary and likely to cost more than £1 billion—completely wasted money? Will he also look at the fact that the station for Manchester airport is absurdly not at Manchester airport, and will instead be built on ancient woodland at Davenport Green in my constituency?

The Prime Minister's reply can be seen by double clicking the icon below:



HS2 PQ.mp4

I tabled the following written question to the Department of transport:

Written Answers - Department for Transport: *No heading* (24 Feb 2020)

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/wrans/?id=2020-02-12.1169.h&s=speaker%3A10062#g1169.q0>

Graham Brady: To ask the Secretary of State for Transport, if he will publish the (a) business case and (b) estimated cost for the Golborne Spur section of phase 2b of High Speed Two.



With the team from Cunning Plan

I was delighted to show my support for the Helping Britain Prosper campaign, helping to place apprentices like Ruby, pictured, into local businesses like A Cunning Plan, by donating unused Apprenticeship Levy Funds, in this instance it is Lloyds Bank that is helping out.

I visited Add People, an exciting Altrincham business and one of the UK's largest digital marketing agencies to open their offices. I told them: '*Being here eight years ago and seeing the spectacular growth, from fewer than 50 people to around 150 people today is an amazing achievement. But also, the fact that it is a business that focuses on helping small business to grow, ensures the work that they are doing is helping so many other people to prosper and thrive.*'



With Add People

I was delighted to speak to local businesspeople at the Altrincham and Sale Chamber of Commerce New Year Dinner at the Cresta Court Hotel, marking the Chamber's 110th Anniversary. It's an excellent event where businesspeople meet in a social atmosphere and swap experiences. I spoke to them about the positive prospects for business post Brexit and the mood in Parliament following the election. I was able to indulge in some local history and also make the case for enterprise and the good it does the world.



Speaking at Altrincham and Sale Chamber of Commerce New Year Dinner



I have established a new all-party parliamentary group (APPG) on Sustainable Aviation, co-chaired by Labour MP Catherine McKinnell, whose constituency contains Newcastle Airport. It's to bring together Members of Parliament who think it's important that aviation should continue to be part of business and leisure activity, but that we should support the industry to do what it can to achieve the best environmental performance possible and to implement its own 'Road Map' to net zero emissions from aviation by 2050.



Attending a community rehabilitation event.

I supported an event in Westminster organised by the Royal College of Occupational Therapists, Chartered Society of Physiotherapy and Sue Ryder. They are campaigning for everyone to have fair access to rehabilitation services in their local community, whether they need support because of a long-term condition, following an injury, or to be in the best shape possible in advance of a medical procedure.

That's all from me for now, I'll be back with more news next time.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Graham Brady". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Sir Graham Brady MP