

NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2020



SIR GRAHAM BRADY

Member of Parliament for Altrincham and Sale West



Dear all, welcome to this month's newsletter,

Remembrance Sunday was a strange one; with no services organised locally, those of us who felt strongly that we should remember, did our own thing; I ordered some wreaths and laid them in Altrincham Garden of Remembrance; Chapel Street; Hale and Hale Barns. Quite a few people were in attendance at the Garden of Remembrance including representatives from the fire service and others. A young volunteer from AGSB did a great job as our bugler at the Garden of Remembrance lending poignancy to the occasion.



Altrincham Garden of Remembrance, featuring Kai from Altrincham Grammar School who gave up his Sunday to play the bugle so that we had a 'Last Post' and 'Reveille.'

At Altrincham Garden of Remembrance



Hale

Chapel Street



Hale Barns, with Cllr Patrick Myers



I have been trying to get some clarity regarding the draconian measures being taken which affect all our lives. I have asked repeatedly for full impact assessments and for transparent criteria for the return to regional tiers. I have been lobbying against Trafford going into tier 3, including limits on household mixing, when we are significantly below the national average for infections and the numbers are going down rapidly.

Covid-19 Update (2 Nov 2020)

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2020-11-02a.24.0&s=speaker%3A10062#g35.1>

Graham Brady: Before Wednesday, will my right hon. Friend publish a full impact assessment, setting out the cost of the lockdown in terms of the jobs that will be lost, the businesses that will fail, the enormous toll on people's mental health and other aspects of their health and the lives that will be lost as a result of lockdown, as well as those that we hope to save?

<https://thecritic.co.uk/sir-graham-brady-a-lot-of-people-are-near-the-end-of-their-tether/>

International support: <https://twitter.com/brianlilley/status/1324188565916602368?s=21>

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/search/MemberContributions?house=Commons&memberId=435>

'I cannot be the only Member who has sat in a constituency surgery with a constituent in tears...'

I spoke in the debate on the measures being taken to suppress Coronavirus which involves removing people's freedoms, I have included a few paragraphs but a link to the full speech is available.

[Sir Graham Brady \(Altrincham and Sale West\) \(Con\)](#)

'We are being asked today to take away the fundamental freedoms of nearly 68 million people in this country. First, I thank Mr Speaker for his strenuous, successful efforts to persuade the Government that we should have three hours' debate on this subject, and not 90 minutes, but the fact that we have three hours of debate on such a massive intervention taking away liberty shows how little we

value the liberty of our constituents. It is not good enough: it should have been at least a day of debate before we took such extreme action.

I fully accept the sincerity of the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State in bringing forward these measures, and their belief that they are doing the right thing. Nonetheless, I have to say that, in more than 23 years as a Member of Parliament, when I vote against this motion tonight, I will do so with greater conviction than I have in casting any vote in those 23 years...

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In my last two minutes, I want to raise a more fundamental question. I want to ask whether the Government actually any right have to take the measures they are taking. What troubles me most is that the Government are reaching too far into the private and family lives of our constituents. There is an arrogance—unintended, perhaps—in assuming that the Government have the right to do so, that they have the right to tell people whether they can visit their elderly parents in a care home; that they have the right to tell parents and grandparents that they cannot see their children or grandchildren; and whether they have any right, for heaven's sake, to tell consenting adults with whom they are allowed to sleep.

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So, I have a fundamental problem with much of what we are being asked to do here—the economic impact as well as the human toll. I cannot be the only Member who has sat in a constituency surgery with a constituent in tears as they have said that they cannot see a vulnerable elderly parent with dementia in a care home. We must not do it.

Link to full speech:

<https://hansard.parliament.uk/search/MemberContributions?house=Commons&memberId=435>

I asked a question about funding for cancer services:

Question:

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, if his Department will expand funding for immunotherapy for advanced cancer in cases where clinical trials have shown that patients have responded well to that treatment. (102688)

Answer:

Jo Churchill:

NHS England funds licensed medicines that have been recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), or off-label use of licensed medicines that have been approved by the NHS England clinical policy process.

The Cancer Drug Fund allows early access to drugs with residual clinical uncertainties which can be addressed following further data collection.

Companies should go to NICE for licensed indications with any new data – and as long as drugs are priced appropriately, they will be made available for patients via the National Health Service. For drugs which will not be licensed, clinicians should apply to NHS England for a clinical policy and a commissioning position based on the strength of clinical evidence for use.

The answer was submitted on 05 Nov 2020 at 13:52.

The Department of Health and Social Care has provided the following answer to your written parliamentary question (102688):

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Question: Sir Graham Brady:

To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to amend the guidance on hospital and care home visitations under the Tier 2 and Tier 3 covid-19 rules to accommodate visits beyond exceptional circumstances at end of life. (104049)

Tabled on: 15 October 2020

Answer: Ms Nadine Dorries: Care homes and hospitals look after some of the most vulnerable members of our society. We recognise this has been a difficult time for many residents, patients, their families and staff members and that visits are important for those in care settings. However, the first priority must remain to prevent infections and local hospitals being overwhelmed from outbreaks.

Visiting is allowed in inpatient settings, in a very careful and COVID-19-secure way. Unfortunately, in local Covid alert level high areas and above, this means visiting restrictions will be limited to exceptional circumstances. Where visiting is restricted, care homes and hospitals should support visiting in a virtual manner. We will keep these regulations under regular review.

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I asked a question relating to hospital and care home visits.

Written Answers - Department of Health and Social Care: Care Homes: Coronavirus (10 Nov 2020)

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I wrote for the Telegraph on Coronavirus and the dangers of surrendering our human rights. Click to read:



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Graham Brady erupts at 'arrogant' Boris in lockdown rage: 'Heaven's sake BANNING sex!' | Politics | News | Express.co.uk

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/politics/1356167/Graham-Brady-UK-coronavirus-lockdown-debate-Boris-Johnson-House-of-Commons-video-vn>

I drew attention to the damage being done to the aviation industry – especially with Manchester Airport as a significant local employer:

<https://twitter.com/aviationfutgrp/status/1324349865489502210?s=21>

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I spoke to Birmingham University Conservatives:

<https://twitter.com/uobcons/status/1328448699203264514?s=21>

I asked Matt Hancock: Will he go further and publish the Government's assessment of what the impact is in both economic and health terms? Will he ensure that on Thursday, when it becomes clear which regions are going into which tiers, the Government publish the exact criteria that will be used to make that judgment?

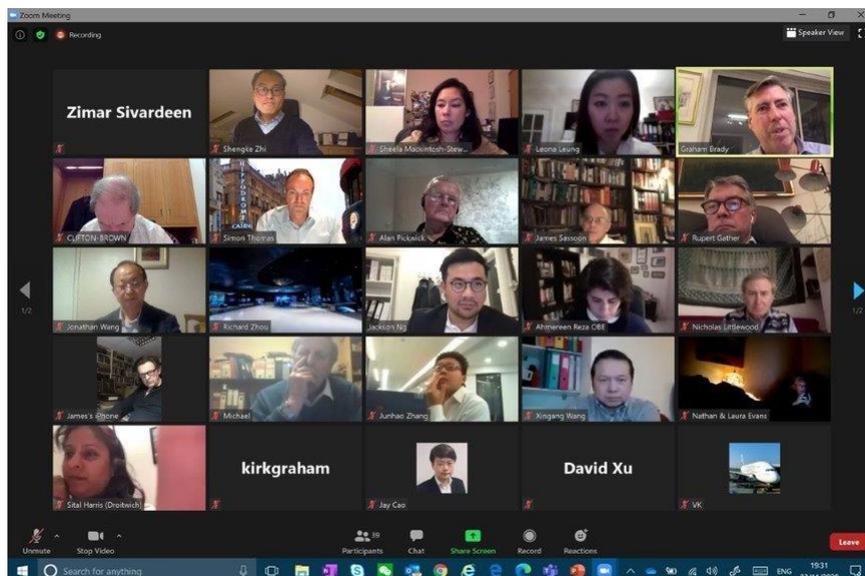
Covid-19: Winter Plan (23 Nov 2020)

<https://www.theyworkforyou.com/debates/?id=2020-11-23a.601.0&s=speaker%3A10062#g615.0>

18th November I asked a question to the Prime Minister; it was reported by the BBC: PM urged to replace quarantine arrangements. Conservative Sir Graham Brady says, "tens of thousands of jobs have already been lost in aviation and hundreds of thousands hang in the balance". He asked the prime minister to ensure a testing regime can be implemented to replace the current quarantine arrangements when England comes out of current lockdown restrictions. Boris Johnson said his government is "working hard to ensure we can replace the quarantine regulations for every category of self-isolation". "I certainly want to help the airlines," he adds. I am delighted that we have now secured a partial victory with the forthcoming introduction of a test on arrival regime that should cut quarantine from a fortnight to between 5 and 7 days. Most countries however have moved to a test on departure system which reduces the need for quarantine even further.



Many engagements now look like this:



This was a call with the Conservative Friends of the Chinese. I had a nice message thanking me for joining the call: 'Thank you so much for joining us tonight. It has been a wonderful event, very insightful. Many friends of CFOC and residents from Altrincham enjoyed last 60minutes. There were 39 people dialled-in just now, among whom there were two MPs, one Lord, one Mayor candidate and many party members and activists.'

This afternoon I chaired the National Security and Investment Bill in Westminster Hall; the second session of the Bill where I had done so.

That's about all for now; tomorrow evening I have an Advice Surgery and a virtual call with Hale Barns Cricket Club, then I'll be on BBC Radio 4's Any Questions, please tune in if you feel inclined so to do!

With best wishes,

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

Sir Graham Brady MP