
Covid-19 Memorial

Earlier this month I took the time to walk the Covid-19 Memorial Wall in London. While I welcome the announce of the enquiry into the handling of the pandemic, we must ensure that the enquiry involves bereaved family members from the outset to ensure their needs are fully taken into account.

Walking the wall was truly a heart-breaking experience and I want to send my heartfelt condolences to all constituents who have been affected by loss in the past year.

Know you are not alone in your grief; you can find support [here](#).



Greensill Lobbying Scandal

I had the opportunity to speak in Parliament on the Cameron-Greensill Lobbying Scandal. You can hear my contribution by clicking [here](#). We must not let the Government continue to sweep scandals under the carpet.

Armed Forces Debate

I spoke in the Armed Forces Debate on the government's plans to cut the size of the army. A slap in the face for our armed forced personnel after a continuing decade of decline under the Tory Government despite their election promise that they would not cut our armed forced. Watch my contribution [here](#).

GMB: British Gas Strike

Solidarity with GMB Union members from British Gas who were carrying out strike action this month in protest to the abhorrent practice of fire and rehire. I met up with British Gas workers on strike outside of Westminster and you can see my statement of support [here](#).

NHS Pay

My article in Labour Outlook this month was in support of a 15% pay rise for NHS staff. It is high time that the tory government gave our NHS heroes a restorative pay rise.

I am hugely grateful for the NHS and I will continue to lend my support to calls for an increase in pay and defend our NHS from privatisation.

Read my article [here](#).



Online Harassment of Female MPs – Westminster

I had the chance to speak in the Westminster Hall debate about online harassment and abuse of female MP's. Abuse of any nature - online or offline - is unacceptable and both damages democracy and equality.

Watch my contribution to the debate [here](#).

Support for SEND children

I spoke in the Westminster Hall debate in support of children with SEND. There is an urgent need for increased support for young people with SEND, their families, and their educational providers, watch my contribution to the debate [here](#).



Pride Media Centre Visit

I had the opportunity to visit the Pride Media Centre in Pelaw this month.

It was amazing to see such innovative and modern facilities and it was great to get the chance to see some of the amazing work going on there for for the LGBT community & its allies.

Post Office Scandal

Following on from previous questions I have asked the Minister for Business and the ruling in the High Court, I asked the Minister during an Urgent Question why the original 555 Sub-postmasters and Sub-postmistresses' claim cannot be included in the historical short fall scheme, creating two tiers of justice for those wrongly accused. You can watch my contribution by clicking [here](#).

Fire and Rehire Westminster Hall Debate

I had the opportunity to lead my first debate in Westminster Hall this month on the issue of Fire and Rehire. This practice is absolutely disgraceful, and it must be outlawed. We must come together to take a stand to end Fire and Rehire. It's time that this government bans this shameful practice which exploits its workers.

You can watch my full speech from the debate [here](#).

If you'd like to watch the debate in full, you can do so by clicking [here](#).

I will continue working closely with Unite and GMB to end the practice of Fire and Rehire.



European Super League

The attempted introduction of the European Super League this month was an attempt by the 'big six' to monopolise on the sport. I wrote a letter to the Secretary of State calling on him to severely sanction those involved for the attack on the integrity and fabric of our national game. Read the full letter [here](#).

I also wrote an article on the importance of fans to the success of football. We cannot allow further disconnection between fans and their teams, whilst the wealthy few line their own pockets. Because, ultimately, football is nothing without its fans. You can read this article for Labourlist by clicking [here](#).

In response to the European Super League and the power grab by the 'big six' I coordinated a crossbench letter alongside MPs and Peers to call on the government to legislate a 50+1% supporter control of Football Club in England.

See below the letter and full list of MPs and Peers who support it:



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(Correspondence sent via email)

29th April 2021

Dear Secretary of State,

Re: Legislating to protect the future of football in England

We are writing as a group of crossbench MPs & Peers to call on the Government to commit to legislating to secure the future of our national game in the forthcoming Queen's Speech.

The failed move by six of England's biggest clubs to form part of a 'European super league' highlighted how little control we have as a nation over our national game, and we know the threat has not gone away. Seeing what the events of last week nearly did to the football community shows that change is needed. We believe that this moment should act as a catalyst to give fans a real stake in their own clubs.

We have been pleased to hear of your own concerns of how football is governed and of your interest in the German 50+1% model of fan representation. It is also encouraging to hear that Tracey Crouch's review into the future of football governance will be considering the German model. However, history has shown that previous reviews have failed because of a lack of belief amongst football's powerbrokers that the Government will follow through with legislation.

To give the review real credibility, we the undersigned are calling on the Government to commit now to legislate in the forthcoming Queen's Speech, not just to prevent a repeat of last week but to secure the health of the national game into the future through the much wider reform of football regulation and governance.

We believe that supporters need to be empowered with an immediate 50+1% law. This would involve legislating now to require all Premier League and English Football League clubs to secure a 51% majority of their registered season ticket holders on any major decision that fundamentally affects the club's identity or future.

Whilst we understand that a move towards supporter ownership of clubs cannot be achieved overnight, we call on the Government and the game's authorities to adopt it as the long-term direction and create a legislative framework to support it. We call on the Government to legislate to allow accredited football



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supporters' trusts to be able to appoint and remove at least two club directors and be given first refusal on purchasing shares when clubs change hands.

Finally, we hope that you will agree that the only way to secure the overall health of English football is to legislate for a single, independent financial regulator for all professional leagues and clubs. The sad demise of several of our much-loved football league clubs over recent years highlights the inadequacy of the current arrangements. We would therefore like to see legislation in the forthcoming Queen's speech to ensure the suitability of those who seek to take ownership of our football clubs.

We hope you will agree that these measures would do the bare minimum to ensure that fans get a much bigger say in what goes on at their own club, which is how football should work as football is nothing without fans.

Yours sincerely,

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CC: Tracey Crouch MP

Grahame Morris MP
Rt Hon Diane Abbott MP
Rt Hon Lord Addington
Rt Hon Baroness Altmann
Mike Amesbury MP
Rt Hon Baroness Barker
Paula Barker MP
Apsana Begum MP
Rt Hon Baroness Bennett
Rt Hon Baroness Bonham Carter
Rt Hon Lord Browne
Dawn Butler MP
Richard Burgon MP
Ian Byrne MP
Dan Carden MP
Rt Hon Baroness Chakrabarti
Rt Hon Lord Clark
Rt Hon Lord Clement Jones CBE
Daisy Cooper MP

Rt Hon Jeremy Corbyn MP
Stella Creasy MP
John Cryer MP
Peter Dowd MP
Rt Hon Lord Dubs
Rt Hon Lord Dunlop
Rt Hon Lord Field
Rt Hon Lord Fox
Emma Hardy MP
Rt Hon Baroness Kramer
Ian Lavery MP
Emma Lewell-Buck MP
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Layla Moran MP
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Lloyd Russell-Moyle MP
Rt Hon Baroness Smith
Jamie Stone MP
Zarah Sultana MP
Rt Hon Baroness Goudie
Rt Hon Baroness Harris
Rt Hon Lord Hendy

Rachel Hopkins MP
Dan Jarvis MP
Kim Johnson MP
Mary Kelly Foy MP
Rt Hon Baroness Osamor
Rt Hon Lord Rowe-Beddoe
Rt Hon Lord Storey
Rt Hon Lord Taylor
Rt Hon Baroness Taylor
Beth Winter MP
Claudia Webbe MP
Mick Whitley MP
Rt Hon Lord Wills
Rt Hon Baroness Young

Local Government and PCC Elections:

Thank you to every one of you who voted for the Labour Party in last Thursday's local government and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

Thank you also to everyone who took to the streets, knocked on doors, delivered leaflets and I would like to offer my thanks to everyone who stood for election for Labour.

Advice Surgeries:

From the 28th of May, face-to-face advice surgeries will resume in a covid-secure way.

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Advice surgery dates

Second & Last Friday of each month.

Appointments available from the 28th May via telephone, Zoom or face-to-face.

Booking is essential. For an appointment, please email kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk or call 0191 466 1509.

Appointments will last no longer than 20 mins, and are only open to residents of the Jarrow constituency.

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As always if you need any assistance from me or my team please contact me at kate.osborne.mp@parliament.uk or call 0191 466 1509 and I will do everything I can to help.

Visit my website or social media to keep up to date with my work throughout the month.

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Warmest wishes,

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