

Peter Gibson MP DARLINGTON MATTERS

Updates from Peter Gibson MP | Member of Parliament for Darlington | Issue 12

Darlington Link Road takes a step forward



DRIVING FORWARD

MEETING WITH BEN HOUCHEN AND THE ROADS MINISTER TO PRESS THE CASE

Peter said, 'The £250 million pounds of Network North money delivers the Northern Link Road and is a fantastic example of our Mayor Ben Houchen delivering for Darlington' A Northern Bypass would see a new connection between Junction 59 on the A1 and Great Burdon on the A66. This missing section causes traffic to snake through residential parts of North Darlington like Whinfield and Harrowgate Hill, causing congestion and emissions.

Let's honour our Darlington hero



WILLIAM MCMULLEN

FEETHAMS HOUSE IS THE TEMPORARY HOME OF THE ECONOMIC CAMPUS

Campus will receive all the jobs that were promised? And would she consider the proposal to name the permanent home of the Darlington Economic Campus "William McMullen House" in honour of William McMullen to recognise the sacrifice that William made for the people of Darlington". On January 13, 1945, Pilot Officer William McMullen was returning to RAF Middleton St George on a training exercise when his Lancaster bomber caught fire. His six-man crew jumped to safety before he alone successfully steered the blazing plane away from the residential houses at the east end of Darlington but was killed when it crashed in a fireball into fields off what is now McMullen Road. Darlington Economic Campus recently announced 200 more jobs in addition to the 600 already created, with 80 percent going to the local people from our region.

Peter Gibson MP has praised the £250 million pounds of Government investment for the Darlington Northern Link Road.

Peter has been campaigning for the Northern Link Road since being elected as Darlington's MP in 2019 and praised the decision that funds are to be allocated for the project by the Tees Valley Combined Authority Mayor, Ben Houchen.

Peter Gibson MP for Darlington has asked the Chief Secretary to the Treasury Laura Trott MP if she would support naming the new Darlington Economic Campus after Pilot Officer William McMullen, when it is built on Brunswick Street.

Speaking in the House of Commons Peter Gibson MP said "Can the Minister reassure my constituents that the Darlington Economic

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Darlington Dentist Update



Parliamentary Update

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35,476
Cases dealt with



19,905

Policy questions answered

Data snapshot from week ending 01.02.2024

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Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to read the twelfth edition of *Darlington Matters*, which I've created to keep you up-to-date with some of the positive activities and achievements that are happening right here in Darlington.

This newsletter hasn't cost you anything. As well as regular door knocking, hosting surgeries and circulating surveys, this is just one of the ways I communicate with you as your Member of Parliament. I do hope you find it useful and informative. Since 2019 I've distributed over 1 million newsletters.

If there is ever anything you would like to bring to my attention or raise with me, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me. My details can be found at the top of this page.

Peter

Member of Parliament for Darlington



SCHOOL VISITS

PETER WITH PUPILS FROM
HEATHFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL



COFFEE MORNINGS!

THE INNER WHEEL COFFEE MORNING
AT ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH HALL.



MOUNTAIN RESCUE

MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL MOUNTAIN
RESCUE ON EXERCISE WITH PETER



LICENCING TOUR

VISITING LOCAL SHOPS TO TALK
ILLEGAL VAPES AND TOBACCO



DARLO'S BEST PUB

PETER JOINED SHAWZY & GAZ
ON THEIR TOUR OF LOCAL PUBS



DARLINGTON FC YOUTH

PETER MEETING WITH YOUNG
PEOPLE ENGAGED IN SPORTS



LOVE YOUR LIVER

ATTENDING AN EVENT HOSTED BY
THE BRITISH LIVER TRUST



HONOURING DARLINGTON LIBRARY

PETER RECENTLY DONATED A PIECE OF ARTWORK
PAINTED BY BRIAN RAMSEY TO THE LIBRARY



CEMETERY CLEAN UP

HELPING THE TEAM CLEAN UP THE EAST
CEMETERY READY FOR THEIR NEW CHAPEL



NEW TOWN CENTRE BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS OWNER CHEF MATEI
BARAN AT THE OPENING IN TOWN



AMBULANCE SHIFT

PETER RECENTLY JOINED A
CREW ON AN OVERNIGHT SHIFT

Dental Update

Peter Gibson MP has spoken in the House of Commons dozens of times about dentistry in Darlington. He's also been working tirelessly with local partners and stakeholders to get a

Darlington dentist delay: MP makes 'pull your finger out' demand

11th December 2023

BBC

new service back up and running at Firthmoor Community Centre. Peter raised the point that there are no dentists serving on the Integrated Care Board and criticised a focus on "internal bureaucracy" rather than delivering for Darlington. Peter Gibson MP said "Firthmoor Community Centre has a ready-made and well-established facility".

"We have waited long enough for the Integrated Care Board to pull their finger out and fix this urgent problem. It is disappointing that the solution we're all looking for is right within the Integrated Care Board's grasp to resolve".

Peter Gibson MP urges NHS to fix Darlington dental crisis

20th January 2024

The Northern Echo



FIRTHMOOR DENTAL CENTRE
PETER AT ONE OF THE EMPTY SURGERIES WHICH ARE PERFECTLY PLACED TO GET BACK UP AND RUNNING

Mark "Just a quick thank you really I've noticed you care more about my town DARLINGTON than any other MP I can remember, keep up the good work Peter"

Cockerton Ward Resident

Paul "By a country mile outstanding MP for Darlington, always out and about visible to the people of Darlington, always supporting local businesses, seen many a time litter picking, always responds with a letter always, happy to talk and have a chat. Keep up the good work, defo got my support"

Facebook User

Deborah "You being elected our MP is the best thing to happen in Darlington. I hope people see sense and re-elect you. I definitely will be doing so"

Facebook User

Catherine "Peter just wanted to send you a quick note to say although our politics are not necessarily aligned, I love what a great MP you are for our lovely town. You work hard and I follow you on Facebook as great to see you support all the local businesses. I love how you put the trolls back in their box when they are rude to you. But you are human and sometimes it must get very tiresome. So, this note is to say thank you from one of your constituents, keep up the great work!"

Mowden Ward Resident

Glenis "I'm often amazed at the amount you fit into your day, seems to me you put your heart and soul into it. You use every opportunity to showcase local businesses"

Facebook User

Denise "I feel Peter goes above and beyond for Darlington, the town and its people. I've never seen such a visible politician doing so much to improve the town"

Harrowgate Hill

Lisa "In a nutshell the best MP that we have ever had, by a country mile."

Stephenson Ward

Gillian "I have always been a Labour supporter and never thought I would be thankful for what a Conservative MP has done for our town"

Haughton & Springfield

Aaron "I think you are an excellent constituency MP, Peter, managing to effectively represent and promote Darlington along with your duties in the House. Not all do! You also have a great office team here. Keep up the good work!"

Red Hall & Lingfield

Eileen "He has embraced our Town as his own and works nonstop on all sorts of issues. Keep up the hard work Peter, it's really appreciated. You have made such a change to Darlington in such a short time. Thank you"

Park East

WHAT PEOPLE JUST LIKE YOU, THINK OF PETER.

Steve "You are the best MP Darlington has ever had. Your work rate is phenomenal"

Facebook User

Rose "You do an amazing diverse job Peter for Darlington. We have never had such great communication and commitment from our local MP. Thank you for your hard work"

Facebook User

Paul "I'm sorry but whatever your politics you cannot deny that Peter is a lot more hard working and visible than his predecessor, who relied on the arrogant lazy guarantee that 'it's a Labour seat' so they didn't have to try. Vote him out at your peril!"

Facebook User

Jolyon "I think you an excellent constituency MP, Peter, managing to effectively represent and promote Darlington along with your duties in the House. Not all do! You also have a great office team here. Keep up the good work!"

Survey User

Westminster Update



Key Speeches

Darlington Link Road
Conversion Therapy
Levelling up
Treasury Darlington
Railway Heritage



DID
YOU
KNOW

In 2023, Peter asked 136
questions in Parliament
and delivered 78 speeches.



PETER ON A TOUR OF PARLIAMENT
WITH A GROUP OF STUDENTS FROM
ST. AIDAN'S ACADEMY IN DARLINGTON

You can watch Peter live in the House of Commons at
www.parliamentlive.tv/Commons and view past appearances.

Boundary Changes Info



At the next General Election, the Heighington & Coniscliffe Ward will become part of the Darlington Parliamentary constituency. The Sadberge, Middleton St. George and Hurworth Wards will then form part of the Stockton South constituency.



Keep those canvassers away!

I've created your very own poster, and I would appreciate your support in the General Election. Save time by cutting out this poster, which you can display in your window. That way we'll know not to disturb you. It will keep those canvassers away too!



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**I'M
BACKING
PETER GIBSON**

DARLINGTON
MATTERS

Working hard for Darlington all year round