

**ANNUAL REPORT 2021**

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## ***Standing up for Streatham***

**It's been a privilege representing Streatham as your Labour MP for another year.**

The last year has been incredibly difficult for everyone across the constituency. My thoughts and prayers go out to all those who have lost loved ones and to anyone struggling to cope with the impact of the pandemic.

The pandemic has seen a big surge in casework locally, with my team and I taking on thousands of cases to ensure constituents get the help they need.

Together, we made collective sacrifices during the pandemic to keep each other safe, drawing on community traditions of activism, faith and strength in diversity.

It is clear that we have been undermined at every stage by a Government that repeatedly broke their own rules, contracted out services to friends and family members, and ignored scientific evidence.

It's not just poor short-term decision making. Our preparation for the pandemic was a decade of wage stagnation, public service cuts and rising poverty that clobbered the poorest and left us in a weaker position than ever before.

We won't address the challenges of the years ahead by repeating the mistakes of the last ten years. We have to build back from the bottom up to create a society where everyone enjoys a good standard of living.

### **Keep up with my work**

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## Refugees Welcome



Helping newly arrived refugees at the Dudley Hotel in Clapham Common

In the face of relentless attacks on migrants from this embattled Tory Government, I'm proud our community continues to celebrate the massive contribution people from around the world have made and continue to make to our area.

In the last year, I've stood up for people seeking safety and sanctuary in the UK, supporting newly arrived refugees to access local services, working with local charities to get them warm coats for winter, and opposing the Tories' draconian anti-refugee legislation in Parliament. I'm proud to live in an area where we treat people with compassion, not contempt, and will continue to fight for a fair and humane immigration system that reflects our economic needs.

## Community Safety



Discussing youth services with Tenants and Residents Association

## Safe & Secure Homes For All



Campaigning on Clapham Park Estate, where I helped residents facing Christmas evictions

My time as an MP leaves me in no doubt that the housing crisis is only getting worse. Over the last year, I've supported hundreds of constituents with housing repair issues, defended renters facing eviction, called for rent freezes and cancellation and campaigned for local homeowners trapped in unsafe and unsellable properties by Government inaction on the cladding crisis.

Housing remains the most frequent personal issue that constituents raise with me. A safe and secure home is the most fundamental right but it is one denied to far too many under this Government.

## Opposing Tory Brexit

I voted against the Tories' hard Brexit last year. Their last-minute deal, rushed through without proper debate or scrutiny has left us poorer in every way. Since it has passed, I've highlighted the damage it has done: from the impact on local businesses facing rising import costs, new blue tape and supply chain issues to the way they threw vulnerable EU citizens under the bus with their EU Settlement Scheme.

It's clear the only people who stand to gain anything from Brexit are the elite that steered the Leave campaign from start to finish. I will continue to shine a light on this Government's attempts to drive down workers' rights, environmental standards and migrants' rights and fight back against their race to the bottom.

## Defending Our NHS



Standing with local protesters to oppose the sell-off of our GP surgeries

Our NHS is facing the biggest challenge of its lifetime. How are the Tories responding as waiting lists reach record highs? By speeding up their long-term project to open up our NHS to their private sector paymasters. During the pandemic, they have even allowed three local surgeries (Streatham High Practice and the Edith Cavell and Streatham Place Surgeries) to be sold to an American healthcare corporation, Centene. I joined local residents to protest this.

I also opposed and helped to expose their plans to sell off our private health data and voted against their Health and Care Bill, a plan to entrench the corrupt contracting we've seen during the pandemic and give private companies a bigger role in our NHS. From PPE shortages to the failure of our privatised test and trace system, the pandemic has been a reminder that NHS money must go into the services we all rely on, not into shareholders' pockets.



Standing against Government plans to ramp up privatisation in our NHS



## Supporting Small Business

Out listening to business owners on Small Business Saturday

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with the Tulse Hill Association (TRA)

Our community was shaken to the core this year by the murder of Sarah Everard and the aggressive response to a vigil held on Clapham Common in her memory. This event highlighted many shortcomings in our current approach to policing. In the last year, I've pushed for an action plan to tackle violence against women within the Metropolitan Police, a review of the discriminatory and counter-productive stop and search policy and greater community policing.

I'm committed to creating a safer community for everyone in Streatham. That starts with restoring tried and tested social supports that prevent crime: high-quality jobs, mental health services, schools, and youth centres.

## Improving Local Transport



Talking transport with local residents

Rail fare increases in 2022 will mean the cost of a season ticket between Streatham and London Bridge has risen by 46% since the Tories came to power. People are paying more money for poorer services.

In the last year, I've raised service reductions with train operators, campaigned to keep free travel for under-18s and pensioners, stood with transport workers to avoid further cutbacks to our transport system and pushed the Government for a sustainable, long-term funding settlement for Transport for London (TfL). If we're going to clean up our air and meet our climate targets, the Government must do much more to get people onto public transport and make it greener.



## A Greener Streatham



Meeting with residents who created a vibrant community green space, Railside Gardens

Our green spaces are a vital source of exercise, entertainment and escape. In the last year, I've supported local efforts to create local community green spaces, including at Railside Gardens, where residents reclaimed disused railway land for the benefit of all.

In Parliament, I've called on the Government to take serious action on air pollution, supported the ground-breaking Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill and delivered a letter to Downing Street calling on them to end fossil fuel subsidies in the next year. During COP26, I coordinated a letter on debt cancellation to allow Global South countries to prioritise the fight against climate breakdown. In the last year, I've also consistently voted to stop water companies pumping sewage into our waterways.

## Funding Our Children's Future



Delivering laptops to local schools during lockdown

I've pushed the Government to give local schools the extra support they need for Covid-secure education and remote learning: from laptops to better ventilation. When promised devices failed to show up at local schools, I worked with local charity Community Tech Aid to deliver devices to over a hundred school children in our constituency so they could keep learning through lockdown.

I've helped expose stealth cuts to the pupil premium, successfully lobbied for repair funds for local school buildings and visited dozens of local students to discuss the issues that matter to them and encourage them to get involved in politics. I'm passionate about teaching young people about democratic participation and how they can exercise their power as citizens and supporting local schools to proactively do this.



## Businesses

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Small independent businesses aren't just the lifeblood of our local economy, they're the lifeblood of our local community. But the Tories' mismanagement of Brexit and Covid are having a devastating impact on small independent businesses in our area.

It's not the Amazons of the world that are feeling the pinch, it's ordinary people and small independent businesses. In the past year, I've pushed the Government to level the playing field for local businesses. I've joined my party in calling for business rates reform, lobbied for economic support packages which match public health measures and pushed for action on corporate tax avoidance.

## Your Priorities Are My Priorities



Holding Johnson's feet to the fire

In the last year, I've secured four **Prime Minister's Questions**:

- Pushing the PM on the **sell-off of three local GP surgeries** and his **atrocious record of NHS privatisation**.
- Calling on the Tories to **reverse their 70% cuts to youth services** since 2010 to keep young people safe after the tragic stabbing of Denardo Samuel-Brooks.
- Fulfilling my promise to children in our area by calling for a **reduction on the sky-high citizenship fees** which create so much misery for families in Streatham.
- Asking why the Government is **blocking plans to increase Covid vaccine supplies** to some of the poorest countries in the world, increasing the risk of new variants emerging.

If there's a policy issue you'd like me to raise in Parliament, just get in touch!

## Cost of Living Crisis

More than one in three children in our constituency are growing up in poverty.

In the last twelve years, a combination of welfare cuts, rising housing costs and the growth in low-paid insecure work has left too many people struggling to afford the basics. The Government's pandemic response has exacerbated this trend, with the need for food parcels in our area increasing by 127% in the last year.

I have campaigned and voted against the brutal £1,000 a year cut to Universal Credit imposed on 13,800 families in Streatham. I continue to call on the Government to take action to address soaring energy bills, by cutting VAT on household energy bills and placing a windfall tax on oil and gas companies who've profited from rising prices.



Helping out at Brixton Norwood Foodbank

## Fighting for our rights

The Government has been relentless in their attacks on our hard-won rights and freedoms.

Rather than addressing the major social and economic injustices of our time, the Tories have chosen to crack down on the people raising them and their ability to seek justice for them. In the last year, I've opposed their authoritarian legislation inside and outside of Parliament.

I joined demonstrators to push the Government to scrap the Policing Bill and also spearheaded efforts to throw it out in Parliament by tabling a reasoned amendment. I've also opposed legislation designed to rig the electoral system further in the Tories' favour and undermine the power of the courts. I will keep standing up for our rights in the face of this authoritarian Government.



Joining demonstrators in Windrush Square

## 2021 in numbers

- Over 10,000 constituents helped with casework and concerns.
- Over 150 constituency visits.
- Over 150 written and oral questions tabled.
- Over 100 laptops and devices delivered to schools.
- Over 100 speeches and interventions in Parliament.
- Over 200 Early Day Motions tabled or supported.



Helping constituents at one of my pop-up summer surgeries

## Get Boosted Now

The vaccine programme is well under way in our area, with millions of people across the UK vaccinated and boosted.

The success of the vaccine rollout shows what we can achieve when we put a publicly funded and run institution like the NHS in charge of delivering a big project. Everyone who comes forward to get vaccinated takes us a step closer to ending the death and disruption of Covid. Get boosted now.



Getting my first dose of the vaccine

## Here to Help

As well as representing Streatham in Parliament, I also help people in our constituency with a range of issues:

- » Benefit payments
- » Housing problems
- » NHS services
- » Immigration issues

Please don't hesitate to **get in touch with my office** if there's something you'd like me to help with. If I can't help you myself, I may be able to tell you who can.

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