



# Parliamentary News



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**Des Turner MP's report** – Palace Pier to Peacehaven, Marine Drive to Moulsecomb

# Partnership work cuts local crime

**Burglary is now at its lowest ever recorded levels in Brighton & Hove, with overall crime down by a 1000 incidents on the previous year.**

This doesn't come as a surprise to Des as he has long been involved in campaigning on community safety issues with local communities. He was Chair of the Whitehawk Crime Prevention Forum and has only recently passed that particular baton onto local councillor Warren Morgan.

Des says: "The government has greatly encouraged partnership working, we tend to take it for granted now that the police, councils and the community all have a role working together to make our communities safer. A lot has been learnt in areas like East Brighton through government cash for eb4u, the regeneration partnership, with best practise now rolled out across the City. It's not just about the City either, in the east of the constituency, from Saltdean to Peacehaven, you can see how much the Police are working alongside local people.

"There are still plenty of challenges but if we all pull together we can improve the quality of life in all our communities."



**Des Turner MP with City Council Deputy Leader Gill Mitchell and Police officers outside the Winterbourne Centre, Whitehawk**

## Getting Community Results

"I'm delighted to have been able to support many grassroots community campaigns since becoming the local MP. These seemingly small issues can make a really big difference to a local community," Des says.

"A recent one was for the installation of a pedestrian crossing across Eastern Road at the bottom of Park Street. Residents took the issue up with

local councillors, Simon Burgess, Delia Forester and Ken Bodfish, who approached me about running a petition and together we collected many signatures and lobbied the City Council. The Council said yes and now the crossing is helping a lot of older people, who live in the neighbouring sheltered blocks, as well as young families heading to local schools. It's great to get results!"



**Local Councillor Simon Burgess with Des Turner MP at the new crossing in Eastern Road**

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## Working for you

### BEST MP

*"Des's willingness to help literally thousands of constituents over the time he has been our MP does in my opinion make him the best MP we have ever had."*

Environmental campaigner,  
John Carden, Saltdean

### STAFF WORK SO HARD

Des tries to help every individual that contacts him.

*"I feel for my staff who work so hard, without whom I could not tackle a fraction of the difficulties that residents bring to me."*

### DON'T ALWAYS WIN

*"We don't always win but we do try hard. It's a real honour to represent the people of Brighton Kemptown and I feel the very least I can do is be there for them – to use my position for their benefit whenever possible."*

## Protecting Natural Beauty

Des has been giving evidence, and has cross-examined Southern Water, at the Peacehaven Sewage Works Public Inquiry.

*"I have always argued that Southern Water should build their new sewage works on a 'brownfield', ex-industrial, site. I'm very disappointed that they have taken their plans to build on an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) to a public inquiry. Sadly we've been here before with their Portobello proposals, where I also spoke at the Inquiry – they lost their appeal there I believe they should also lose it again."*

*"They are struggling to prove that they have exhausted all other less sensitive sites. Once we lose AONB land its gone forever, we need proper sewage treatment but not at the price of destroying our local environment. I will continue to fight hard to represent my constituents concerns at the inquiry."*



**Sheila Crafter, Senior Researcher and Caseworker, reviews the evidence for the Peacehaven Inquiry with Des**

*"It's very unusual for an MP to get so involved in a public inquiry – his involvement shows what a champion of local people he is."*  
Peacehaven resident

## Nuclear Power – no thanks, renewables please

Des has long campaigned for a massive expansion of renewable energy. *"On its own renewables probably can't fill the gap in our energy needs for some years, though wave and tidal energy have huge potential. A lot more needs to be done on the energy efficiency side and I have promoted both that and renewables in my work on the House of Commons Science & Technology Select Committee."*

*"Nuclear comes at enormous cost, and with some risk, and I want us to invest that money in renewables instead where we could become world leaders in a valuable technology. We could leave the planet a really positive legacy instead of a dubious one."*



**Westergate House, Moulsecoomb – one of the most energy efficient business developments in the country. Local Councillor Anne Meadows with its wind turbine in the background**

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Contact my office for a list of surgeries.