



MIATTA MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

JANUARY
REPORT

A MESSAGE FROM ME

This year has started with some brilliant announcements in Peckham and nationally.

I am very pleased that the Government has announced a £5 million investment in Peckham Rye station to make it brighter, easier to use and reduce crowding. Our Labour Councillors for Rye Lane have campaigned tirelessly for the Government to invest in the station, and I know that their success in securing these upgrades will be welcomed by residents across the constituency.

This month also saw the announcement that 4 more schools in our constituency: Bellenden Primary, Pilgrims Way, Bird in Bush and St George's Church of England School, have all received funding to open free breakfast clubs from this April. I wrote to the schools back in November encouraging them to apply for the scheme, and I am delighted that they have been successful. From April, their breakfast clubs will save parents up to £450 a year, whilst also providing them with around 95 hours of additional childcare. I know how much this additional support can help families across our constituency. I also want to thank those school leaders and staff, without whose hard work and dedication this programme would not be possible. Breakfast clubs are only one of a raft of measures which will support families with the cost of living.

As we start the New Year, we are clear that tackling the cost of living is the number one priority for this government, and we are taking immediate steps to cut costs and increase money in people's pockets.

From April, all households will get £150 off their energy bills and £300 if they are on means tested benefits. At the same time, we are rolling out our Warm Homes Plan that will upgrade millions of homes to make them warmer and cheaper to run. Rail fares, prescription charges, fuel duty are all frozen. And for families, free childcare from 9 months to school age will save them £7,500 a year on average. As well as cutting costs, we have boosted the National Living Wage and ended the two-child benefit cap, lifting 450,000 children out of poverty and providing financial relief to hundreds of thousands of families.

This is just the start, in May our Renters Rights' Bill comes into force, ending no fault evictions and ensuring higher quality of rental accommodation. The introduction of Awaab's law will mean that social landlords are required to provide decent homes, putting an end to damp and mould in too many people's homes.

And we are tackling the affordability crisis by delivering the biggest boost to social housing, backed by £39 billion pounds of investment and reforms to planning rules to get the homes we need built.

My priority in the year ahead is to ensure that communities across Peckham feel the benefit of this continued focus on affordability, stability, and long-term resilience.

Miatta Fahnbulleh

MY WORK IN PARLIAMENT



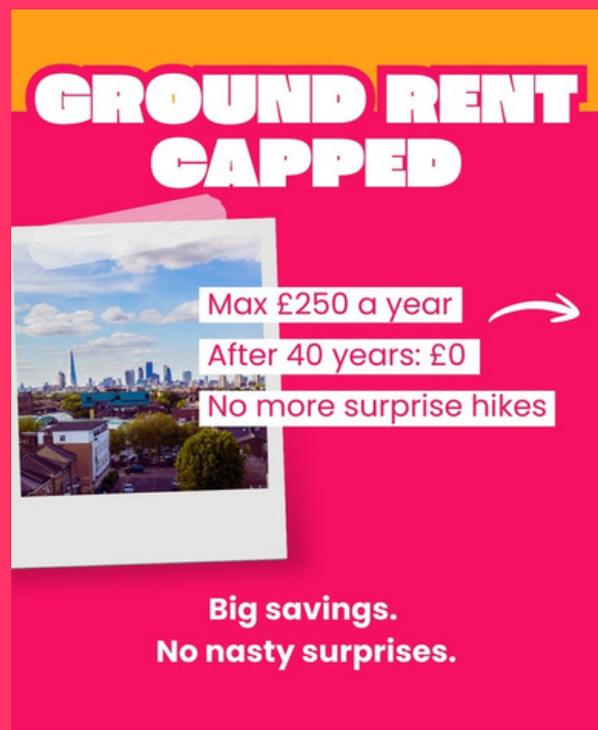
THE HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL BILL

This month, I led the legislation needed to establish the national Holocaust Memorial and Learning Centre through Parliament. The urgency of this project has sadly only increased, and our focus is now on moving the Bill forward so the memorial can be delivered as quickly as possible. The Government remains committed to the cross-party aim, set since 2015, of creating a national space that deepens public understanding of both the Holocaust and antisemitism. The Learning Centre will offer a clear and robust historical account, with governance arrangements that ensure the independence and permanence originally envisioned.

MY WORK IN PARLIAMENT

COMMONHOLD AND LEASEHOLD REFORM

I have heard from hundreds of you suffering from burdensome and crippling ground rent charges. This government has always been clear that ground rents need to be reformed, to ensure that residents are no longer at the mercy of rising and disproportionate ground rent charges. The government has acted on that promise, announcing that ground rents will now be capped at £250. This will be game changing for so many residents, and is just another way that we are acting to tackle rising costs and make life more affordable.



CONSTITUENCY UPDATES



THE MAYOR VISITS PECKHAM TO ANNOUNCE RECORD-BREAKING DROP IN HOMICIDE RATES

It was great to welcome the Mayor of London to the Damilola Taylor Centre, where he highlighted the impact the Violence Reduction Unit (VRU) is having across the capital. Thanks to targeted action and sustained investment led by Sadiq Khan, London has now recorded its lowest per-capita homicide rate on record. This is such an important announcement, representing so much more than just statistics. Every single reduction is a life saved, and a family saved from grief. I hear from too many children and young people that they do not always feel safe outside of home and school, and that is why I am so grateful for the work of the Mayor's MyEnds consortium in Peckham. Their work shows that long-term investment in youth work, mentoring, youth clubs, support networks and targeted interventions can reach young people effectively and make a real difference in reducing crime. I will continue to advocate and work towards expanded youth provision across the constituency, so that we can continue this success.



CONSTITUENCY UPDATES

SUPERMARKET SURGERY AT MORRISONS, PECKHAM

I recently held a supermarket surgery at Morrisons in Peckham, where I had the chance to speak with local residents about the issues that matter most to them. Thank you to everyone who stopped to chat. These informal surgeries are a vital way for me to listen directly to constituents and raise their concerns both locally and in Parliament.



CASEWORK UPDATE

Since the start of 2026, I have received just over 1300 casework enquires. A third of my casework has been related to housing, whilst 19% has been related to immigration cases, and a further 7% has involved crime and justice cases.

A lot of my casework continues to be about temporary accommodation, maintenance or repair issues and homelessness.

RESTORATION OF BRAMCOTE NATURE PARK

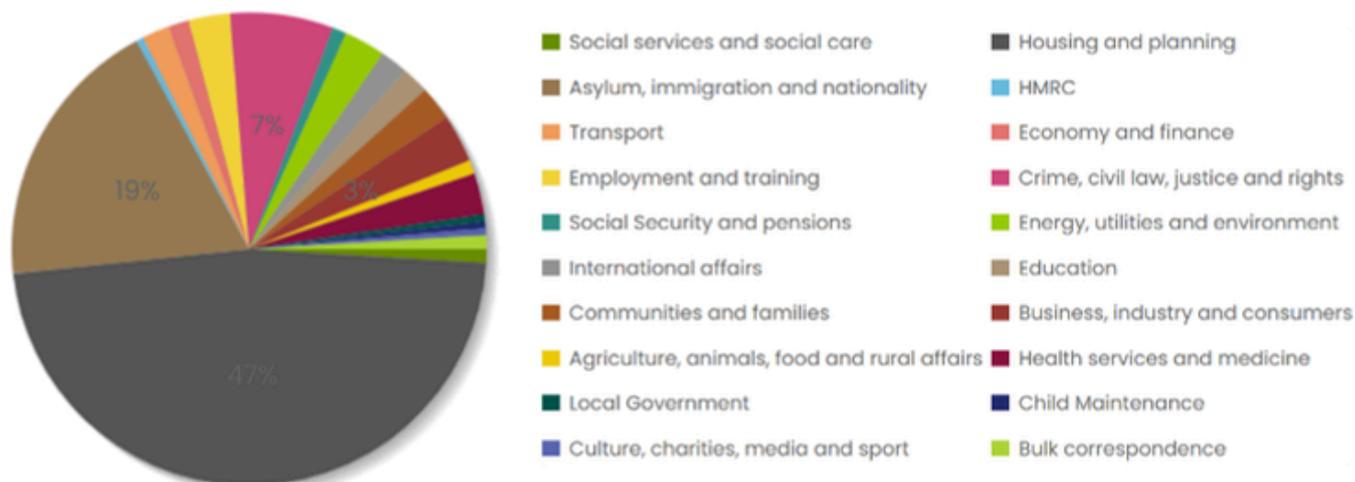
Delivered urgent action after a constituent raised concerns about pest infestations and poor maintenance at Bramcote Nature Park, which were causing distress and health and safety risks for residents. I pressed the housing authority on this issue at the start of the month and, by the end of the month, received confirmation that repairs had been completed and the park restored. The authority also committed to improved maintenance processes to prevent a repeat of these failings.

REMOVED GRAFFITI TAG ON THE BEACON HOUSE CAMBERWELL

Secured the rapid removal of a large graffiti tag from Beacon House in Camberwell after a constituent contacted my office seeking urgent action. The vandalism appeared while scaffolding was in place outside the council housing block on the corner of Southampton Way and Havil Street. Following my representations, the Council confirmed the graffiti had been removed, restoring the building and addressing residents' concerns.

CASEWORK UPDATE

Breakdown of Cases by Type



HELPED CONSTITUENT SECURE INDEFINITE LEAVE TO REMAIN

Secured immigration status for a constituent whose Indefinite Leave to Remain application had been refused despite paying over £3,000 in fees and holding valid leave until 2026. The refusal was based on a historic NHS debt dating back to 2014. Following my intervention with the Home Office, the decision was overturned and the constituent has now been granted Indefinite Leave to Remain in the United Kingdom.

CLEARED RENT ARREARS FOR A CONSTITUENT

A local resident contacted me after building up rent arrears due to an error in Housing Benefit payments. Following my intervention with the Council, the error was corrected and £2000 of rent arrears were cleared from their account.

POLICY UPDATE

This month, my office responded to 2,026 policy emails from constituents, covering a wide range of local and national issues. I remain committed to providing timely and thorough responses, and I am grateful to everyone who took the time to get in touch.

RAISING THE MINIMUM AGE ON SOCIAL MEDIA TO 16

Many constituents have contacted me to express their views on proposals to raise the minimum age for accessing social media to 16. It is essential that children are protected from online harms, and I therefore welcome the Government's recent announcement of a consultation on children's social media use.

The consultation will consider a range of measures, including the potential effectiveness of age restrictions, the impact of phone curfews, and ways to limit addictive design features. Ensuring that technology supports children's wellbeing and development remains a key priority.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD

This year I will continue to hold regular casework surgeries. My next surgery will be on Friday 30th January 2026. If you need support or wish to speak with me and my team, please get in touch with my office at miatta.fahnbulleh.mp@parliament.uk.

Your voice matters. This year I will be out door-knocking and holding pop up surgeries across the constituency to hear your concerns and press for action on your behalf. Please keep an eye out for further details on when I will be visiting your area.

LOOKING AHEAD

Over the next month, I'll be continuing my work on Young Futures, building momentum behind strengthened youth work and exploring how a Community Right to Buy could help protect and expand vital youth spaces.

I'll also be spending time on the Aylesbury Estate, meeting with local groups and continuing to reach out across the estate. I remain committed to ensuring residents' voices are heard and that they have a real say in the future of their homes and community.



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EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Cost of Living support

Please visit Southwark Council's website for Cost-of-Living support here -

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support>

Southwark Emergency and Hardship Support here -

<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/benefits-and-support/cost-of-living-support/financial-support-and-advice/grants-and-local-charities>

Domestic abuse help and support

Solace Women's Aid

- Advice line: 0808 802 5565
- Hours: Monday - Friday, 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Additional Hours: 6:00pm - 8:00pm on Tuesdays.
- Email: advice@solacewomensaid.org

National Domestic Abuse Helpline

- Freephone, 24-hour National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 2000 247

Support for victims of crime

Victim Support South London

South London Victim Assessment and Referral Service on Freephone: 0808 168 9291, then dial 3
Hours: Monday to Friday, 8:00am - 8:00pm

If you need support outside of open hours, call the Supportline on Freephone: 0808 1689 111
· Supportline is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. · Website:

<https://www.victimsupport.org.uk/resources/south-london/>

Citizens Advice Southwark

National Advice line: 0808 278 7849

Peckham Citizens Advice

97 Peckham High Street, London, SE15 5RS

Drop In Service: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Walworth Citizens Advice

6-8 Westmoreland Road, London, SE17 2AY

Drop In Service: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Housing and Homelessness

Southwark Council

Southwark Council Out of Hours
Homelessness Assistance: 0207 525
5000, choose option 3
Opening Hours: before 9am and
after 5pm, Monday to Friday and
during weekends Southwark
Council's Homelessness webpage:
<https://www.southwark.gov.uk/finding-a-new-home/advice-about-homelessness>.

Southwark Council Housing

Options: 0207 525 4140
Opening Hours: between 9am and 5
pm, on weekdays Email:
housing.options@southwark.gov.uk

Migrant Legal Action

Address: 53 Addington Square,
London. SE5 7LB

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday,
9:00am – 1:00pm (for appointments)
· Reception Telephone Number: 0207
701 0141

Advice Line: 0203 150 1470
Hours: Monday – Friday, 2:00pm –
4:00pm · Email:
info@migrantlegalaction.org.uk
Immigration: Migrant Help UK

Asylum Help Freephone: 0808 8010
503
Freephone is open 24 hours, 7 days
a week, 365 days a year

Email: info@migranthelpuk.org ·

Website:
<https://www.migranthelpuk.org/>

Legal advice

Cambridge House Law Centre

Address: The Printworks, Unit F, 22
Amelia Street, London, SE17 3PY

Telephone Number: 0207 358 7025

Email: lawcentre@ch1889.org · Website:
<https://ch1889.org/law-centre/>

Southwark Law Centre

Address: Hanover Park House, 14-16
Hanover Park, London SE15 5HG

Phone: 020 7732 2008

Opening hours: 9:00 – 17:30

Email:
enquiries@southwarklawcentre.org.uk

Mental Health Support

**Southwark Child and Adolescent Mental
Health Services (CAMHS) Crisis Service**
Telephone number: 020 3299 3219 or 020
3299 3220

Site Location: King's College Hospital
South London and Maudsley Crisis Support
If you need urgent help with your mental
health, please call 0800 731 2864 (Option 1)
24 hours a day, to speak to the mental health
crisis line.

**Support for the Elderly: · Age UK Lewisham
and Southwark**
Phone Number: 0207 701 9700
Opening Hours: 10am to 4pm, Tuesday to
Friday

Address: Stones End Day Centre, 11 Scovell
Road, London, SE1 1QQ
Advice Line for Age UK: 0800 678 1602
Opening Hours: 8am to 7pm, weekdays
Support with debt: · Debt Free Advice
Phone Number: 0800 808 5700
Opening Hours: 8am to 8pm, daily

Support for individuals with disabilities:
Scope: Disability Helpline: 0808 800 3333
Opening Hours: 9am to 6pm on weekdays,
10am to 6pm on Saturday