

**Miatta
Fahnbulleh**



**Peckham
Newsletter**

A positive start to the year

Dear Friend,

I'm proud to represent Peckham as your MP, and I want to keep you updated on the work I'm doing - locally and in Parliament - to stand up for our community.

In this edition, you'll find updates on key issues affecting our area, the campaigns I'm fighting for, and how you can get involved.

Thank you for reading and for being part of this community.

Miatta Fahnbulleh.

Foreword

There's no denying that this month has been tough for the Government and the Labour Party. However, I am very clear that in times like these, it is crucial that we do not look inward, but that we redouble our efforts to do everything that we can to deliver the change that this country, and our community, need.

It really is true that our country is at a crossroads. We face a clear choice: to unite and rebuild a country that works for the majority, or to drift towards a darker, more divisive politics that blames "others" and trades in grievance rather than progress. For me, the possibility of a Reform Government in 2029 is intolerable. We must do all we can to prevent this.

That's why I was proud to support the Prime Minister at a recent speech he made, where he set out that Britain is strongest when we are a tolerant, decent and respectful country, rooted in fairness - in rights and responsibilities, in contribution, and in the belief that those who work hard and buy into our shared future should be able to get on and feel they belong.

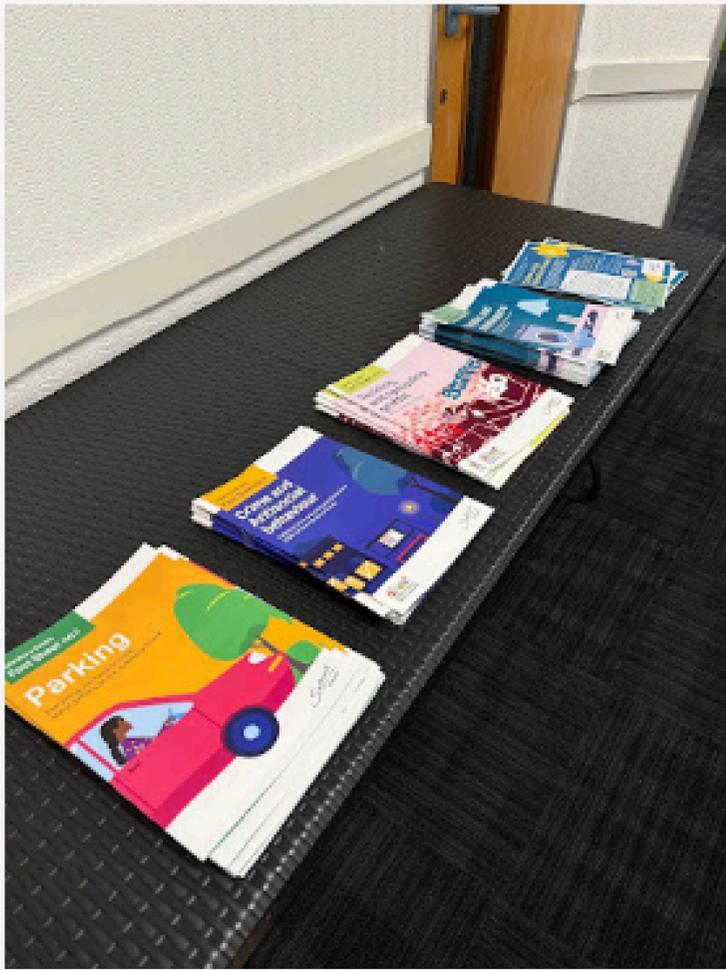
But we must also be honest about the challenges we face. After fourteen years of Tory austerity and a prolonged cost-of-living crisis, too many families are struggling to make ends meet. High streets have been hollowed out, youth clubs and libraries closed, and the places that bind communities together left to decline. It is little wonder that people are frustrated and searching for change.

Our responsibility now is to rebuild: to raise living standards, tackle the housing crisis, invest in our public services and restore pride in our communities. And just as importantly, to defend our values with confidence - rejecting division and making the case for a fairer, more hopeful future.

You have my word that I will do everything in my power to do just that for this community.

Constituency updates

Meeting with the TRA/ Repairs Day



Supporting Aylesbury residents remains a key priority for me. Southwark Council's Aylesbury Taskforce recently provided me with positive updates on the progress of plans to address anti-social behaviour on the estate, conditions of the homes and customer service for residents when engaging with Southwark Council.

A key aspect of this is ensuring that residents who have needed repair work done get quick and good-quality support, which is why I have pressed Southwark Council to hold repairs days on the estate.

I am pleased to announce that the first Aylesbury Estate Repairs Day was held on Wednesday, 25th February. The event was a huge success; we will continue to listen to residents and ensure their homes are safe and well-maintained.

We remain committed to engaging regularly with the Taskforce and Chairs of the Tenants and Residents' Association (TRA) to ensure that residents' voices are heard and acted upon.



Business Forum

This month, I met with numerous inspiring local businesses, supporting them with challenges such as high rent and safety in the area.

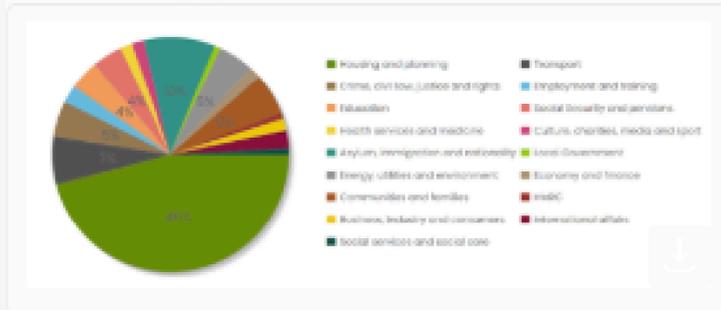
I am pleased to be working alongside Peckham Business Forum to support them in their work with local businesses in the area, including their application for a Business Improvement District (BID) on Rye Lane.





Casework updates

Breakdown of Cases by Type



This month, I have received just over 1100 casework enquiries. A third of my casework has been related to housing, whilst 10% has been related to immigration cases, and a further 7% has involved transport.

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

Casework win 1 - Correction of naturalisation certificate

A constituent contacted me when her daughter's naturalisation certificate was printed with an error, and she had not been able to get in contact with the Home Office. I wrote to the Home Office on her behalf, and the correction was issued.

Casework win 2 - Prevention of housing delays

A constituent contacted me after experiencing lengthy delays in having a housing priority star added to her bidding account. After raising the issue with the council, the priority was applied, improving her chances of securing a home.

Casework win 3 - Family rehoused in Southwark

A homeless mum and child had been moved by the council from the constituency to temporary accommodation outside the borough. That council then moved them to a third borough but then decided to evict them. I raised my concerns with both councils, and the family have now been rehoused in Southwark.

Updates from Parliament

Pride in Place announcement

This month in Hastings, I joined the Prime Minister to announce the expansion of the Pride in Place programme to 40 additional communities. The update set out how participating areas will have the opportunity to shape local priorities and work on initiatives that bring people together.

Each community will have the power to decide how £20 million of funding will be spent.



Mayor of London Community Spaces announcement

No one should feel scared or excluded in their community - that's why I'm delighted to see the Mayor of London launch a new Community Spaces Regeneration project. An initiative designed to strengthen and revitalise the local spaces that bring people together.



Backed by the National Lottery Fund, this programme will invest in community hubs across the capital, helping to ensure they remain welcoming, inclusive environments where residents can connect, access support, and thrive.

I'm especially thrilled that among the 30 organisations selected to receive investment is Walworth Living Room (Pembroke House), located in the Peckham constituency.

Their work has long been a cornerstone of community life, and this recognition highlights the vital role they play in creating safe, vibrant, and empowering spaces for local people.

Labour's Local Power Plan and Community Right to Buy

This month, the Co-operative Party and Labour outlined new proposals focused on expanding locally led, community-run energy projects. These proposals explore how neighbourhoods could have a greater role in developing renewable power, such as solar, wind, and other clean energy sources.

Community-run energy is a way to reduce household energy costs, stimulate local investment, and give neighbourhoods greater influence over how their energy is generated. These models aim to cut costs, increase clean power production, and return more decision-making to residents through locally led energy schemes.

This represents one of the most significant pushes towards community energy to date, offering neighbourhoods the chance to take a more direct role in building a cleaner, more resilient, and community-centred energy future.

Statistics

Over the past month, my office has responded to 502 policy inquiries from constituents, reflecting strong engagement on issues affecting both our community and the nation. Providing thorough and timely responses remains a top priority for me, and I sincerely appreciate everyone who has reached out to share their views.

Commitment to online safety and tackling AI

Many constituents have contacted me in recent months to share their concerns about online safety - including the minimum age for accessing social media, children's exposure to harmful content, and the growing use of AI on online platforms. I know how deeply this issue resonates with families, parents, and young people, and I remain committed to ensuring these concerns are heard.

This month, the government introduced new requirements for social media companies, including a rule that tech firms must remove abusive AI-generated images within 48 hours. This marks an important first step in strengthening online protections. At the same time, it is clear that enforcement alone will not be enough, and further work is needed to ensure digital platforms prioritise safety, transparency, and accountability.

I am pleased that the Government is consulting on what further measures should be introduced to keep children safe online, and I am following this issue closely.

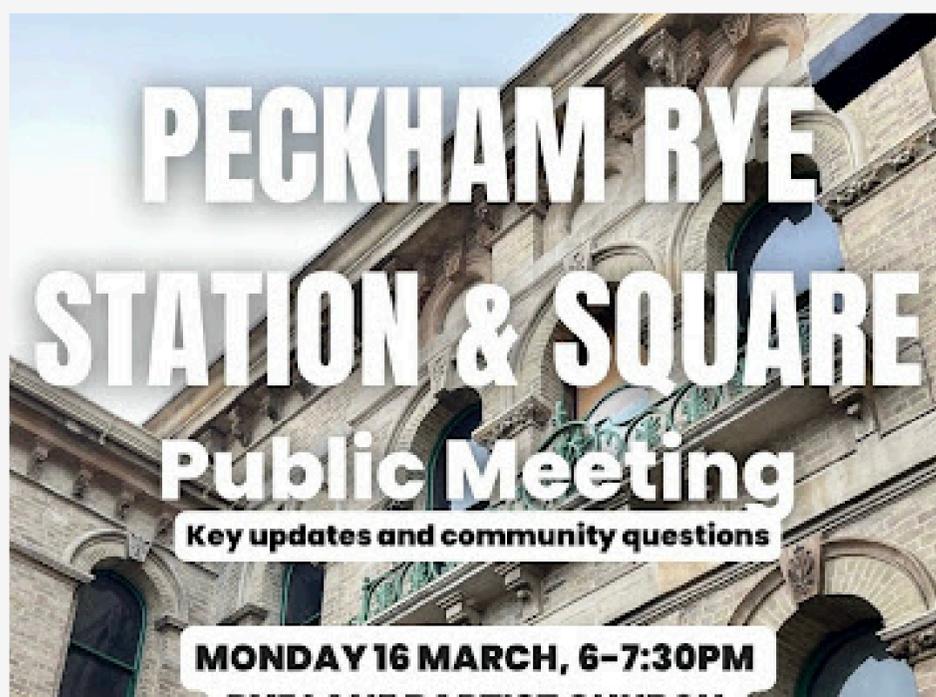
Community noticeboard

📌 Advice surgeries - Book an appointment

I continue to hold regular casework surgeries. My next surgery will be on Friday 13th of March. If you need support or wish to speak with my team and me, please get in touch with my office at miatta.fahnbulleh.mp@parliament.uk.

📌 Station and Square Public Meeting

There will be a public meeting on 16th March, 6-7:30 pm, Rye Lane Baptist Church, to provide key updates on the station regeneration and answer any questions from constituents. Please come along and have your say.



RYE LANE BAPTIST CHURCH (MAIN HALL AT THE REAR)

Speakers include:

- **Miatta Fahnbulleh**, MP for Peckham
- **Cllr Helen Dennis**, Cabinet Member for New Homes and Sustainable Development, Southwark Council
- **Neil Kirby**, Head of Sustainable Growth, Southwark Council
- **Andrew Wood**, Senior Commercial Scheme Sponsor, South Eastern Railway, Network Rail
- **Jasmine Ali**, Councillor for Rye Lane
- **Esmé Dobson**, Councillor for Rye Lane
- **David Parton**, Councillor for Rye Lane

Additional information

Youth Summit



I'm delighted to continue advancing our work to support youth workers and young people, and I am looking forward to holding a Youth Summit with our young people in April.

This event will be another important opportunity for me to hear directly from young people about their experiences with youth clubs and programmes, ensuring their voices shape the future of our work.

In the lead-up to the Summit, my team and I will also be launching a social media campaign to spotlight the incredible champions of youth work across our communities.

By sharing their stories and celebrating their contributions, we hope to shine a light on the vital role youth work plays in improving young people's lives.

Business Focus

I remain committed to championing local businesses across the constituency.

In the months ahead, my team and I will continue visiting businesses in different parts of the community to understand their priorities, the challenges they face, and how we can offer meaningful support.

We are also preparing to launch a new Business Spotlight social media campaign, which will showcase outstanding, innovative, and community-minded businesses operating locally.



Through this campaign, we hope to highlight the contribution these businesses make to our local economy and celebrate the people who keep our high streets and neighbourhood centres thriving.

That's a wrap on my monthly newsletter - if you want to get in touch with my office, please contact:

Follow me on social media:



Emergency contacts list

Cost of living support

Cost of Living support -

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

Emergency and hardship support -

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

Citizens Advice Southwark

National Citizens Advice Helpline -
08082787849

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

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: 9:00am - 5:30pm.

Email: enquiries@southwarklawcentre.org.uk

Migrant Support

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

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/>

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

Support for Victims of Crime

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

Supportline -

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/>

Domestic Abuse Help and Support

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.

National Domestic Abuse Helpline -

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

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 individuals with disabilities-

Scope: Disability Helpline: 0808 800 3333
Opening Hours: 9am to 6pm on weekdays, 10am to 6pm on Saturday.

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.