



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 a part of this community.

Miatta Fahnbulleh

## Foreword

It's been another busy month in Peckham, from our repairs day to our Members' event with Lucy Powell in Parliament, it has been brilliant to see so many of you, and I have loved hearing directly from so many people on their doorsteps whilst out campaigning.

Here's a round-up of what we've been up to - and what is to come.

**Please check the noticeboard section for upcoming events and surveys you can contribute to!**



## Ask Miatta anything!

Have a question or concern you'd like to raise? Whether it's local issues or just a question you've been meaning to ask, I'd love to hear from you.

Fill out the form below and send in your questions. I'll pick one or two and answer them in my next newsletter!

[Ask your question here](#)

# Constituency updates

## Aylesbury estate



### Repairs Day Follow-Up

Residents on the Aylesbury Estate have asked for more action to tackle the disrepair and bad conditions in their properties. I subsequently worked with Southwark Council to hold a Repairs Day for all residents to get face-to-face help from experts on a number of issues, including mould, damp, leaks and broken doors.

Since then, I've been in touch with the Council to ensure that all repairs flagged that day are being actioned and that residents' concerns are being heard.

I am pleased to report that, of the 64 residents who raised repair requests on the day:

- 42 repairs were completed on the day.
- 12 repairs were referred to follow-up appointments, either due to resident availability or the complexity of the work required.
- 12 heating jobs were also completed during the day.

Some residents also met with housing officers and councillors. The Anti-Social Behaviour team also spoke with residents regarding concerns about the estate.

Every resident deserves to live in a safe, warm and well-maintained home. I was pleased to see Southwark Council on the ground at Aylesbury, responding directly to residents' concerns. I will continue to work closely with residents and the Council to ensure that issues are resolved swiftly, especially throughout the split from Notting Hill Genesis.

### Mural

Last year, I asked residents what specific changes could improve their day-to-day lives on the estate. Residents shared that the dark-painted hoarding made the Estate feel unwelcoming, and suggested a visual change to brighten the surroundings.

In response, the idea for a community mural was born.

Since then, I've been working with Southwark Council and local groups to



create a piece of art that the whole community can be proud of.

I'm pleased to say that the initial painting of the hoarding to prepare it for a mural started last week. I'm excited to share more about this project soon!

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## Business Forum

Following the gathering with local businesses last month, I was pleased to convene a meeting with the Peckham Business Forum to continue discussions on establishing a Business Improvement District (BID) for Rye Lane. It was valuable to hear from representatives of successful BID initiatives in Brixton and London Bridge, whose insights will help inform the next steps for Peckham.



## Peckham event in Parliament



It was a real pleasure to welcome members of the Southwark Labour Party to Parliament this month, bringing together dedicated local councillors and activists from Peckham for a special evening of conversation and reflection. Moments like these remind us of the strength of our movement – rooted in our communities and driven by a shared commitment to deliver real change.

I was particularly delighted that Lucy Powell could join us; she gave a thoughtful and inspiring speech on the challenges ahead and the values that guide our work.

Above all, it was a valuable opportunity to reconnect, share experiences from Peckham, and renew our determination to keep delivering for the people we represent.



## Peckham Rye Station Meeting

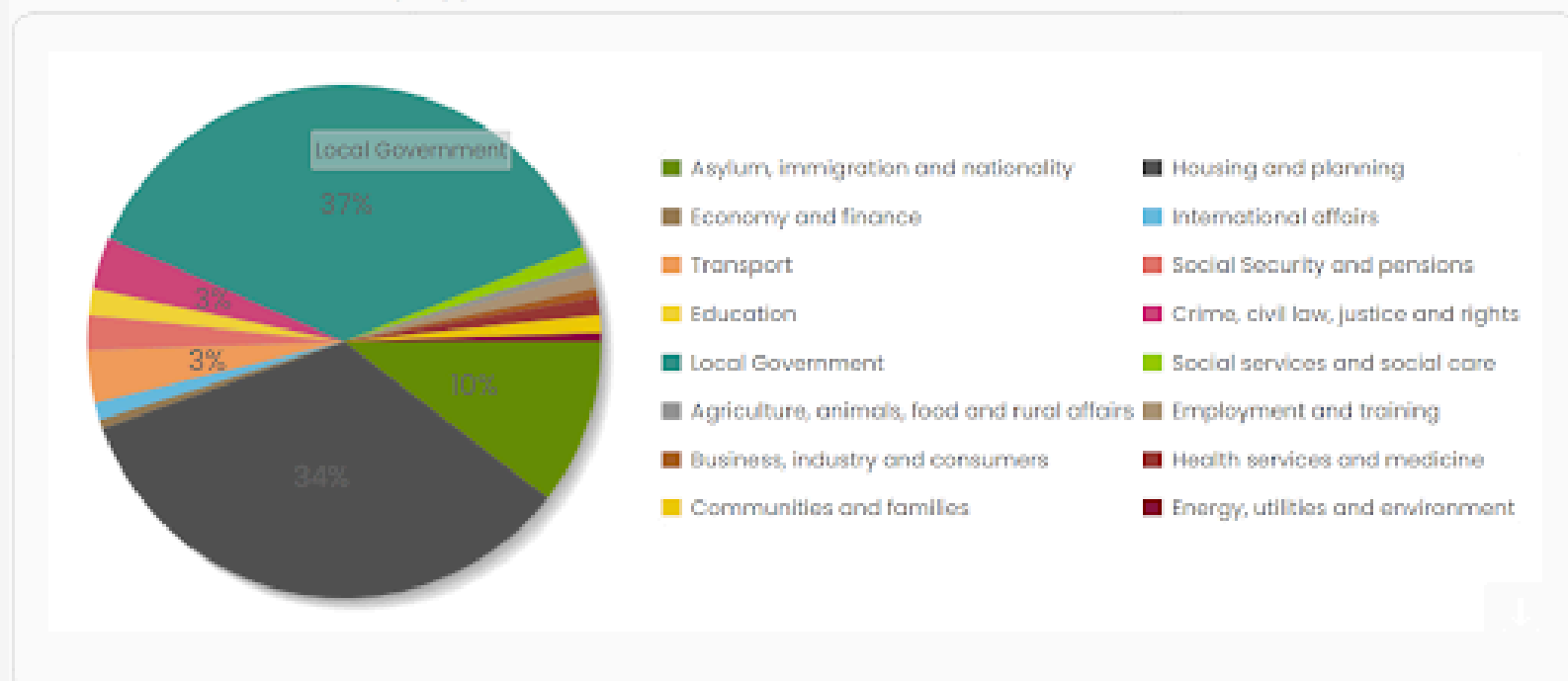
I was pleased to attend the meeting with Southwark Council on the redevelopment of Peckham Rye Station this month. Residents and commuters highlighted concerns around accessibility and safety, and we had a constructive

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I will continue working with the transport authorities and local partners to ensure the station redevelopment meets the community's needs and is delivered in a timely manner.

## Casework updates

Breakdown of Cases by Type



This month, I have received just over 1,100 casework enquiries. Approximately half relate to housing, with the remainder concerning a local business issue.

A significant proportion of housing enquiries continue to focus on temporary accommodation, repair concerns, and homelessness.

This month also saw a notable increase in correspondence regarding a local female-run business facing licensing challenges, with many constituents contacting me to express their support and concerns.

### Casework win 1

Supported a constituent and her daughter who attended one of my surgeries as refugees seeking settled status. Their applications were delayed due to a previous police matter involving the daughter when she was younger. Following representations made on their behalf, I am pleased to share that they have now both been granted settled status.

### Casework win 3

Resolved a case for a constituent left with her ex-partner's broadband debts and credit blacklisting after fleeing domestic violence in 2020.

After the Ombudsman ruled in the

### Casework win 2

Assisted a constituent and her child who were stranded abroad due to an issue with the child's passport.

I liaised with the FCDO and the Home Office and supported the family throughout the process, resulting in their safe return to the UK.

### Casework win 4

Secured a constituent's place on the housing register from Band 3 to Band 2 (with medical priority) after 10+ years on Band 3.

provider's favour, I intervened directly, resulting in the debt being cancelled and the blacklisting being lifted.

## Updates from Parliament

### Social cohesion action plan

Peckham is a borough of sanctuary, a place where people from across the world have built strong, connected communities and a shared sense of belonging.

The government's Social Cohesion Action Plan builds on this kind of success, backing local communities with more power and investment, strengthening integration, and taking action against hate and extremism to help create more welcoming communities like Peckham across the country.

### Immigration concerns

I have heard from many of you regarding your concerns about the proposed immigration changes, and this was reflected by the fact that a large number of constituents turned up to the immigration mass lobby in Parliament this month.

Members of my team were pleased to meet constituents and hear about their concerns - I am sorry not to have been able to be there in person, but I was very pleased to hold a separate online session with constituents later that week, and grateful for constituents' feedback, which I have fed back to the Home Office.

### Iran update

I know a lot of you are very concerned about the troubling escalation of conflict in Iran.

The Prime Minister has been very clear that he wants to see a de-escalation of conflict and, critically, he wants to see the Strait of Hormuz open again to ensure that this war does not cause further increases in fuel and energy prices.

I am pleased to see that the Government is already taking steps to consider how we can ensure that people get support with energy prices if bills rise, and that they are dedicated to mitigating the impact of this crisis on the cost of living for people across the country.

## Updates on policy

I'm incredibly grateful to everyone who has taken the time to write to me about the issues that matter most to them. Writing in does make a difference. This month alone, I responded to over 500 emails from constituents, and your messages continue to shape the work I do on your behalf.

From the volume of emails I received regarding the proposed reforms to the immigration system, I held a dedicated listening session to hear directly from residents about how these changes might affect them and how they're feeling about the proposals. Your honesty, insight, and lived experiences guide the

## Community noticeboard

### Advice surgeries - Book an appointment

I continue to hold regular casework surgeries. My next surgery will be before mid-April

If you need to book a surgery appointment, please don't hesitate to get in touch with my team. Email - [miatta.fahnbulleh.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:miatta.fahnbulleh.mp@parliament.uk)

### Easter events

- Easter Crafts at Peckham Library: Saturday 4th April 2-3pm and 7th April 10:30-12pm.
- Egg Painting at Southwark Heritage Centre and Walworth Library: Wednesday 1st April 2-3pm.
- Easter Crafts at Nunhead Library: Wednesday 1st April 10:30-12pm.
- Origami Easter Bookmarks at Una Marson Library: Saturday 4th April 11-12pm.
- Spring crafts at Nunhead Library: 8th April 9:30-11am.
- Easter Egg Hunt at Una Marson Library: Thursday 9th April 2-3pm.

[Find information on all events here](#)

### Fed up of fly-tipping in Peckham? Fill the survey

I know fly-tipping is a huge issue in Peckham.

Click the button below and answer a few quick questions and help my campaign to bin off fly-tipping.

[Fill out the survey](#)

### Nominate your favourite small business for April here!

Show your support for a small business you want to see celebrated this month.

[Nominate here](#)

## Spotlights of the month

### Business spotlights

#### Guacamoles



I recently visited Guacamoles in Peckham for a quick trip to Mexico with Manny, its founder and owner.

Over some of the most delicious food, Manny shared his journey to Peckham



and what it's taken to build his business from the ground up.

He spoke powerfully about the challenges many asylum seekers face, and how the strength of the local community in Peckham helped him stay resilient and keep going. It was a real reminder of how important community support is in helping people thrive.

He's built more than a business - he's built a community and a family. And while the tacos are reason enough to visit, meeting Manny and his brilliant team is just as special.

### **Pure Cane**

If you head to Choumert Road and follow the sound of summer, you'll find Pure Cane - a vibrant juice spot where everything is made fresh from sugar cane.

But this is about more than just great drinks. Pure Cane is rooted in the community, whether that's creating a welcoming, open-front space that brings people together in the warmer months or supporting local creativity by donating cane scraps to UAL artists for their projects.

It's no surprise there's a constant flow of orders - the juice really is that good - and it's clear the care and dedication the owners put into the business shines through in everything they do. It's a brilliant example of how local businesses in Peckham continue to give back and help our community thrive.



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## **Youth spotlights**



I met with Isaac from Southwark Young Advisors, who truly is a pillar of the Peckham community.

He supports other young people with his unique understanding of what it means to grow up in Peckham today.

He continues to do youth work alongside his other employment because he genuinely wants to support the next generation.

Isaac explained how often young people can feel misunderstood and how important it is for them to have trusted adults they can turn to.



He also highlighted that more needs to be done to change the narrative around youth work - to invest in its value, and to recognise it as a true profession and calling.

We are always looking for community champions and businesses to spotlight. If you know anyone or any businesses in Peckham who show up for our community, fill out the form below or email me at: [miatta.fahnbulleh.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:miatta.fahnbulleh.mp@parliament.uk)

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## 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](mailto:lawcentre@ch1889.org)

Website: <https://ch1889.org/law-centre/>

**Southwark Law Centre -**

Address: Hanover Park House, 14-16

### 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.

Hanover Park, London SE15 5HG.  
Phone: 020 7732 2008  
Opening hours: 9:00am - 5:30pm.  
Email: [enquiries@southwarklawcentre.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@southwarklawcentre.org.uk)

Email: [info@migrantlegalaction.org.uk](mailto: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@migranthehelpuk.org](mailto:info@migranthehelpuk.org)  
Website:  
<https://www.migranthehelpuk.org/>

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## 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 5pm, on weekdays.  
Email:  
[housing.options@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:housing.options@southwark.gov.uk)

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## 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](mailto: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

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## 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.

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