

InTouch Newsletter

Dear Members,

This month we at the Spelthorne Conservative Association have been working hard to provide you with more information about what we are doing and what's happening.

Firstly, we want to hear from you! Last month, we created and published an online survey to find out what you want to hear about. This survey is still going and you can access it here: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5CN7TPR. Thank you if you have already or are about to fill it out, it is an exceptionally useful tool for us to get feedback from you on how the Association is doing and what we need to improve on.

We have also expanded our social media. You can now follow us on Twitter at: @CASpelthorne. Here, you can keep up to date with current events both nationally and locally through our regular updates. Alternatively, you can follow what's happening either through our website (www.spelthorneconservatives.org) or on Facebook.

Locally, the Spelthorne Borough Council recently bought the BP site at Sunbury-on-Thames. As detailed in our press release, the purchase is a radical yet necessary move, providing rental income to the council over the next twenty years, holding a significant asset, and to ensure the council will be able to continue providing excellent services to local people. The Conservative council took such a bold and unprecedented move because the government is reducing the amount of money it gives to Spelthorne year on year (a process started by Labour). As the money from central government falls each year, the only options

are to either cut services, increase community charge or a mixture of the two. As Spelthorne Conservative council is committed to maintaining our excellent local services and keep the local tax burden down, thus they made this investment to generate a sustainable investment to generate sustainable income and continue providing our local services.

In regards to the Heathrow expansion, Spelthorne Borough Council has welcomed the government's announcement to build a third runway at Heathrow. While a public consultation will be held on the impact of the runway before MPs vote on it in winter 2017/18, Spelthorne has been a long-time supporter of Heathrow, with many of the Borough's residents employed at the airport and in related industries.

Nationally, reports have shown our economy has grown 2.2% in the last year. This shows not only are we, the Conservatives, improving the economy, but we have created an economy that works for everyone. On Brexit, in the wake of Court decisions, Theresa May has reaffirmed she is optimistic about the separation from the EU, and is listening to the British people and delivering on the result of the 2016 EU Referendum. Lastly, figures from the Office of National Statistics that more people are in work than ever before with a record high 31.7 million in work and unemployment at it's lowest in over a decade. Good news for Britain and its families.

Lastly, from us here at the Spelthorne Conservative Association we hope you have a good November.

Sincerely,

Spelthorne Conservative Association