



# Parliamentary News

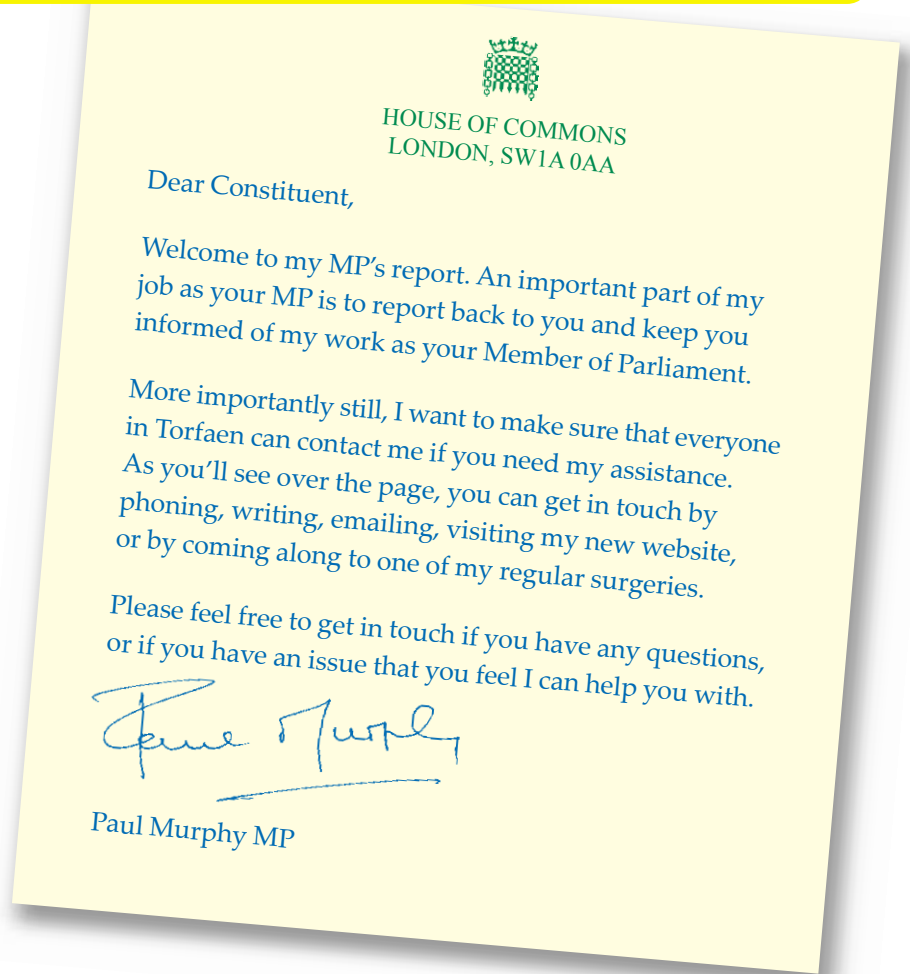
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**Paul Murphy MP** – Report to Constituents

## Paul Murphy – Working for Torfaen

In this spring's report, as well as details of how to contact me and news of my work as your MP, you'll find information about my new website.

The site is intended to be a useful source of information for local people. It will be a good place to find out about my work as your MP, and another way to contact me. Don't worry if you haven't got internet access though - just ask and I'll send you regular updates in the post.



## Crack Down on Illegal Bikes



**Meeting local representatives to discuss illegal bike use**

**Paul Murphy MP has called for action to tackle the illegal use of off-road vehicles in our area.**

As well as looking at ways to tackle the problems caused by illegal bike use around Torfaen, Paul has supported a Bill in Parliament calling for a registration scheme to help the Police deal with persistent offenders.

Paul Murphy said: "The illegal use of off-road bikes can make peoples' lives a misery. I have had dozens of calls from constituents alarmed about the noise and damage caused around their houses by people using these vehicles illegally.

"Together with other local representatives, I will continue to meet with residents, the Police and the Council to look into what can be done to tackle the problem locally."

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# MP's Website Launched!

From April this year, there will be another way to find out about my work as your MP – my new website, [www.paulmurphymp.co.uk](http://www.paulmurphymp.co.uk). The site aims to be easy to use, providing local people with:

- Details about how to contact me
- News and views from Parliament
- Local news, events and issues
- Information about Torfaen and about me as the MP
- Links to other useful websites and phone numbers for local people

As well as a link to Government, Assembly and Council sites, this includes sites providing information and advice on issues including public services, utilities, finances and debt, health, services for older people, travel, education for local people of all ages, jobs and your rights at work, volunteering in Torfaen, local places of interest, benefits and tax credits, housing and things for young people to do in Torfaen.



Visit my new website – [www.paulmurphymp.co.uk](http://www.paulmurphymp.co.uk)

## Working for Torfaen

I will continue to raise issues in Parliament that I feel are important to local people.

Recently, I have been involved in campaigns to appoint a Valleys Minister, keep Tax Office jobs in Pontypool, tackle illegal off-road bike use and oppose the building of a prison in Cwmbran.

As well as speaking about these issues in the Commons, I have asked Parliamentary Questions to Government Ministers on funds for policing in Gwent, local manufacturing jobs, off-road bikes, provision for carers, Tax Office jobs and the future of the Cwmbran Driving test centre.

I have signed Parliamentary Motions on issues such as tackling

climate change, 'cold calling', support for disabled children and their families and improving services for those affected by prostate cancer.



Paul Murphy MP – working hard for Torfaen

## Newsflash

### STAYING IN TOUCH LOCALLY

Over the past few months, I have visited a wide range of local groups and companies spanning the length of the constituency, from Blaenavon to Llantarnam; including choirs, schools, churches, sheltered housing complexes, charity groups and adult learning facilities. I appreciate being able to talk to local people and find out more about issues in our area. If you have a suggestion for a place I should visit, please pass it on to me.

### CASEWORK – HERE TO HELP

All my casework is handled confidentially, so I can't give examples, but I have held around 20 surgeries in the past year and dealt with a large number of cases. Contact my office if you think I can help you.

### REGULAR REPORTING

I will post regular reports and news on my website. If you don't have access to the web, you are welcome to contact my office and the reports can be posted to you.

### INTERESTED IN VISITING PARLIAMENT?

Over the past year, it has been a pleasure to arrange 'Members Tours' of Parliament for local groups, ranging from school children to pensioners' groups. If your local group would be interested in a trip to see Parliament, please contact my office.

## ways to contact Paul Murphy

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⑤ **WEB** [www.paulmurphymp.co.uk](http://www.paulmurphymp.co.uk)

⑥ **VISIT** one of my regular local surgeries.  
Call to book an appointment