



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Neighbour,

Yesterday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Jeremy Hunt, announced the Government's Spring Budget to address our economic priorities of halving inflation and growing the economy. I welcome yesterday's announcements, which will continue the Government's strong record of supporting both households and businesses following rises in inflation that has affected the world, which was no doubt largely caused by Putin's unjust invasion of Ukraine.

In recent months, many constituents and businesses have contacted me about the effects price rises have had. These concerns have not gone unheard, and I am pleased that this has also been the case with the Chancellor. Whilst price rises have increased the heat on many across the country, I am pleased that a key feature of the Chancellor's budget was freezing taxes on hard-working families. Whilst announcing that there would be no rise in fuel duty or on draught beers, the Chancellor made the huge commitment of freezing the Energy Price Guarantee for another three months, saving families on average £180 per month. Only Greece has spent more money than the United Kingdom on tackling the rise in energy prices, and I am proud of our Government which has supported millions across the country during recent financial hardship.

I receive hundreds of emails every month from constituents, and two issues that are often prominent are that of childcare and the condition of our roads here in South West Hertfordshire. I am therefore delighted that the Chancellor addressed both of these in yesterday's Budget, which I hope will be welcomed by many of my constituents. The Government has now introduced 30 hours of free childcare per week for children aged 9 months to 4 years, therefore driving down costs for hard-working families across the country. Whilst already supporting drivers by freezing fuel duty, the Potholes Fund has been increased by £200m to support local county councils like Hertfordshire in addressing the potholes we have here.

Whilst I recognise this Budget will not address every concern that households and businesses may have, I believe this is a positive step in addressing the economic issues facing our country. I will continue to do all that I can to support my constituents in South West Hertfordshire, and if there is something you feel I can help with, please do not hesitate to contact me at gagan.mohindra.mp@parliament.uk.

Kind regards

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