

THE BIG CONVERSATION 2019

19TH SEPTEMBER - 12TH OCTOBER



24 Events | 9 Days | 36,000 Households

Introduction

This is the third annual Big Conversation event I have held across Hull West & Hessle, and they keep getting bigger and bigger!

From 19th September to 12th October last year, I held 24 events over 9 days reaching over 34,000 households. We held meetings that discussed mental health, adult social care, policing & crime, SEND, education and climate change, amongst others.

We all know that life is very busy, spare time is scarce and I really feel like these events allow us time together that would otherwise not happen.

These events allowed me a better understanding of your views and concerns and this then directs what I campaign on, what actions I take, and how I can better represent you in parliament in the future.

These discussions shape what I do and in 2020 I shall fight, campaign, and stand for what is important to you, because I believe that only by working together and by listening to you, can we make a difference to the quality of our lives.



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Big Conversation Event Calendar 19th September to 12th October

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 19th

Morning • 9 - 10am
Chiltern Primary School
Family Links Meeting
Open Meeting

Afternoon • 1.30 - 2.30pm
Thornton Village Hall
Forget me Nots
Older constituents Issues
Closed Meeting

Evening • 6 - 8pm
Lonsdale Community
Centre
NHS Mental Health Event
Open Meeting

SEPTEMBER

Friday 20th

Morning • 10 - 11am
Burnsy Show
BBC Building Hull Centre
Phone in

Afternoon • 12 - 1pm
Pickering Drop-in
St Nicholas Church
Pickering Road
Community Issues
Open meeting

Afternoon • 2 - 3pm
Priory Primary School
Children's Mental Health
and Wellbeing
with Susie Steel
Open Meeting

OCTOBER

Wednesday 2nd

Evening • 7 - 8pm
Eastfield Primary School
Safer Neighbourhoods
with Keith Hunter
Humberdale Police and
Crime Commissioner
Open Meeting

OCTOBER

Thursday 3rd

Morning • 9.30 - 10.30am
Newington and Gipsyville
Drop in
Blue Whippet Café
789 Hessle Road
Community Issues
Open Meeting

Morning • 11 - 12pm
Hull College
Young people
Closed Meeting

Afternoon • 12 - 1pm
Hull College
The future of Education
Closed Meeting

Afternoon • 2 - 3pm
Anlaby Park Drop in
Community Issues
Open Meeting

OCTOBER

Friday 4th

Morning • 10 - 11am
Strong Women Meeting
Thornton Village Hall
Open Meeting

Afternoon • 1 - 3.30pm
Octagon Surgery
Community Issues
Closed meeting
(by appointment)

OCTOBER

Sunday 6th

Morning • 10 - 11am
Marquis of Granby
9 The Square
Hessle
Veterans Breakfast Club
Closed Meeting

OCTOBER

Thursday 10th

Morning • 10.30 - 1pm
Hull
Chamber of Commerce
Business Matters
Closed meeting

Afternoon • 1.30 - 2.30pm
Jubilee Church
Kind Edwards Street, Hull
The SEND Crisis with Aim Higher
Open Meeting

Afternoon • 3.30 - 4.30pm
Hessle Drop in
Black Cat Café
Hessle Square
Community Issues
Open Meeting

Evening • 6 - 7pm
Bean Street Community Centre
Safer Neighbourhoods
Open Meeting

OCTOBER

Friday 11th

Morning • 10 - 11am
Ignite Centre
(part of Living Hope Church)
Linnaeus Street
Housing and Benefits

Afternoon • 12 - 1pm
Derringham Drop in
Manor Farm
Community Issues
Open Meeting

Afternoon • 1.30 - 2.30pm
Boothferry Drop-in
The Peloton Café
80-86 Pickering Road
Cup of tea and cake
Open Meeting

Evening • 7 - 8.30pm
Texas Café
Hessle Road
Community drop in with food.
Open Meeting

OCTOBER

Saturday 12th

Morning • 9.30 - 11.30am
Hessle Town Hall Surgery
Closed Meeting by appointment

Afternoon • 2 - 4pm
Hessle Town Hall
Climate Change
Open Meeting

INFO

Please feel free to just come along to the open meetings and call up to enquire about attending any closed meetings.

More to be confirmed.

Check the website for details: emmahardy.org.uk

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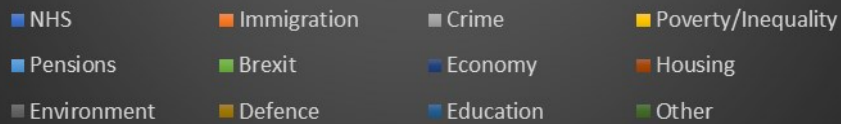
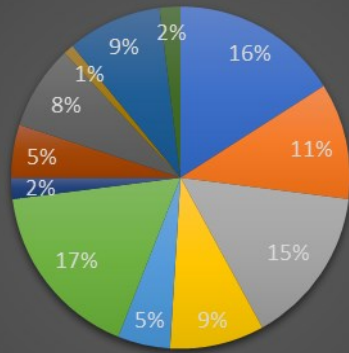
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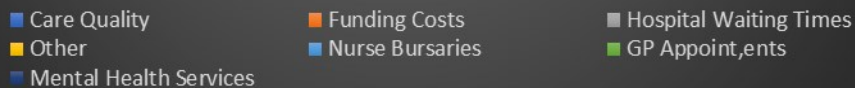
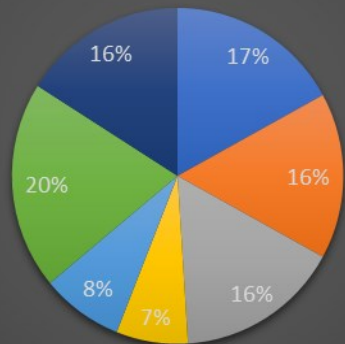
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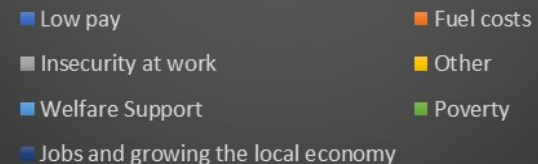
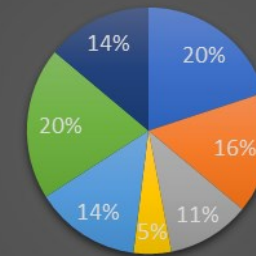
WHICH TOP THREE ISSUES DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE MY PRIORITIES IN PARLIAMENT?



THE NHS AND SOCIAL CARE ARE BIG CONCERNS FOR MANY RESIDENTS. WHICH ISSUES ARE YOU MOST WORRIED ABOUT?



INEQUALITY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES IN POLITICS. WHICH ASPECTS CONCERN YOU MOST?



Survey Analysis

This year I received an unprecedented amount of surveys returned with a vast amount of information. I have collated them into these 3 pie charts so we can better understand what the major concerns are in Hull West & Hessle.

From the NHS survey it is clear that GP appointments, Waiting Times and Funding are at the forefront of everyone's minds. In the coming year you will hear me in parliament fighting to ensure these concerns are addressed.

In the second chart, the top three issues were Brexit, Crime and NHS. Having left the EU as of 31st January, the NHS and Crime as still a cause for concern.

Finally in the third chart we asked what are the most important aspects of inequality for you. Unsurprisingly there are many factors that concern you including Poverty, Low Pay, Welfare Support, and Jobs.

Discussions and issues raised

Many issues that were raised during the events were familiar and some were new and unexplored. However, whatever the issue raised it has been included in my 2020 action plan.

The following tables chart the issues that you told me were important to you and the course of action I intend to take. Rest assured that I shall take to task the government on all these issues, that I will work with schools, local authorities, the police and charitable organisations to help make these issues right.

| TOPIC | CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH | CLIMATE CHANGE | EDUCATION |
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| ISSUE RAISED | Parents are concerned about the support for children's mental health in education. In today's environment children have access to social media and there are far more stress factors impacting upon their mental health such as peer pressure. | Residents are concerned that new build planning regulations will not be green enough and recycling in Hull is below par for Europe, residents want bins with separate compartments. Increased bio-diversity in Hull needed. People on low income can struggle to be environmentally sustainable due to higher cost of living. Peat free compost needs to be more readily available to help reduce environmental problems. | School budgets cut and schools are struggling to provide all services children require. More school health support needed, families and children not getting the necessary health support. Lack of accessible, affordable adult education classes across Hull. SEND services failing, poorly implemented. |
| ACTION | Working with Headstart and ACES to form a committee group. | Work with council to discuss recycle bins, promote bio-diversity projects such as Butterfly City. | Lobby government to increase funding for education across the board, primary, secondary and further education. Hold government accountable for falling standards. Push for more investment, and restructuring of SEND provisions. As Shadow Minister for Further Education, Higher Education, Apprenticeships and Skills, education will always be a top priority for me in Hull and in Parliament. |

| TOPIC | HOUSING | ETHNIC COMMUNITY | COMMUNITY |
|---------------------|---|--|--|
| ISSUE RAISED | <p>Local anti-social behaviour in neighbourhoods including problem neighbours, drug dealing, prostitution.</p> <p>Private landlords are allowing 'slums' to develop with poor investment and standards, leading to residents unable to sell or property prices to fall.</p> | <p>There has been huge cuts to funding for community initiatives that benefit local residents such as further education, transport and combating race hate crimes.</p> <p>Following the Brexit debate there has also been an increase of race hate crimes which the police have struggled to cope with because of cuts.</p> <p>Poor quality housing, poor standards of living.</p> | <p>HU4, a local community group for Pickering want funding to create a mental health hub.</p> <p>The rejuvenation of Bean Street Park has helped reduce crime locally and allowed the 'taking back' of the park for children.</p> <p>The Anlaby Road Participation group are concerned with the addicts sharing methadone and defecating in the streets outside the Anlaby Road medical centre. People have been reporting this to the police, it is being logged and nothing has been done.</p> |
| ACTION | <p>Work with local authorities, Police and community groups to help better combat ASB</p> <p>Local councillors to work with HCC to work with landlords</p> <p>Working with City Centre Group which is made up of Police, HCC, Community groups, Service providers to help build a better Hull</p> | <p>Speak to Police to ensure that all race hate crime is followed up on.</p> <p>Pressure government that with Brexit funding to communities will be lower than ever and needs to be replaced by government schemes.</p> <p>Speak to Hull City Council about measures to combat 'slum' housing and landlords.</p> <p>Work closely with Churches, Mosques & Synagogues to help the identity of communities</p> | <p>Support HU4 to help gain funding for the mental health hub.</p> <p>Monitor Bean St Park to ensure its upkeep by HCC.</p> <p>Call a meeting with Police to help them target local community problem areas and offer assistance.</p> <p>Liaise with police to find out how they are tackling drug and alcohol abuse in the Anlaby Road area- find out what strategies they have in place.</p> |

| TOPIC | POLICING | SEND | SEND (cont) |
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| ISSUE RAISED | <p>Operation Senlac - Reducing prostitution</p> <p>There has been 210 extra hours of policing, which has led to 23 verbal warnings, 47 injunctions & 11 prosecutions of kerb crawlers.</p> <p>However, certain phone booths across the constituency are being used as drug dealer points.</p> <p>There is little legal deterrent to keep young adults/kids from entering life of crime versus the benefits they can gain.</p> <p>Earlier intervention for drug and alcohol abuse to stop crime and making link between mental health and crime for solutions.</p> <p>Street drinking is a constant anti-social behaviour issue although it is not illegal.</p> | <p>Teachers are not having enough training to be able to plan for the children's physical and learning needs effectively. Courses need to cater for this more and teachers need regular training updates if a child is in their class and has specific needs. Aim Higher will provide these for free.</p> <p>If a child is academically sound they are not always given the support with their other needs such as physical and emotional needs if they are autistic. This needs to be looked at as Children not getting enough 1 to 1 time.</p> | <p>Some parents are being fined because their children are not attending school – this can be because their child's needs are not being met or/and they have anxiety about attending school.</p> <p>Parents are feeling they are constantly having to push school to do things to support their child, so much that they are being labelled as pushy or aggressive parent.</p> |
| ACTION | <p>Continue to work with Police and support the great work they do. To help them in anyway they need.</p> <p>Ask Police to monitor usage of phone booths.</p> <p>Continue to put pressure on the government to pay for more police officers in the Hull area and monitor that more are being introduced to our streets and if this is improving the situation</p> <p>Monitor the introduction of using ACES to identify early issues with offending- long term strategy.</p> <p>Support with funding from Parliament.</p> <p>Speak to Hull City Council to introduce an order to stop street drinking.</p> <p>All above working with City Centre Group.</p> | <p>Lead an All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on SEND provisions calling for sweeping reform and increased funding.</p> <p>Pass on issues from meeting to Education Select Committee to think about accountability.</p> <p>Support the NOT FINE IN SCHOOL CAMPAIGN to fight against parents being fined for children with complex needs.</p> | |

| TOPIC | STRONG WOMEN | YOUNG PEOPLE |
|--------------|---|--|
| ISSUE RAISED | <p>The perception in school and colleges needs changing so that women can get better training and understanding, this will allow them to train as engineers, and physical and scientific roles.</p> <p>Vulcan run a women's group on a Monday to encourage more women to join the boxing gym and get together.</p> <p>Val Homes' (local playwright & author) has a play to launch that could educate young people about the roles of strong women in society.</p> | <p>Post Brexit, many young and vulnerable people will face medication shortages if it is not a smooth transition, this is causing anxiety. This could lead to further mental health problems after all EU grants are withdrawn, especially with a predicted £1.4 million shortfall in Hull.</p> <p>Schools, NHS, employability and housing are all concerns post-Brexit as EU legislation and laws need redrafting by the government.</p> <p>Hull is still in need of a huge amount of investment to encourage employment, will new government provide funding? As these youth employment initiatives cease, the outcome could devastate the community.</p> <p>Concerns with rent problems and exploitation.</p> <p>How to Counter addiction problems.</p> |
| ACTION | <p>Speak to schools and colleges about preparing young people and talking to parents about potential jobs for women.</p> <p>Start a Hull West and Hessle Strong Women's group that meet regularly to support women in the community and work together to promote women's venture.</p> <p>Support events that involve women in Science.</p> <p>Signpost young women to the Vulcan Learning centre to support them getting into jobs.</p> | <p>To raise concerns in Parliament and to lobby the government to replace ALL EU funded projects after Brexit.</p> <p>Fight to ensure funding for young people in Hull regarding mental health, employability, and housing.</p> |

"The Big Conversation 2019 was a huge success and it is all thanks to you...

..By coming along to the meetings, by filling out the surveys, and by telling me what is important to you, you have been able to decide my course of actions for this coming year.

Thank you to all the people and organisations that attended our meetings, the venues, and to the army of volunteers who helped to deliver all the leaflets across almost every household Hull West & Hessele.

I look forward to the Big Conversation 2020 and to working hard for all of you in Hull West and Hessele."



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