# Karl McCartney MP

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## REPORTS BACK

Spring 2014

Karl supports many campaigns and good causes around his Constituency, while at Westminster and even on the cricket pitch in Buxton playing in an MPs v Emmerdale Charity Cricket Match









Lincoln, Bracebridge Heath, Skellingthorpe & Waddington East

## **ANNUAL 2013 REPORT**

Dear Constituent,

Ever since I was elected to the House of Commons in May 2010, I have worked tirelessly to address the many issues that both concern my Constituents and impact on my Constituency of Lincoln, Bracebridge Heath, Skellingthorpe and Waddington East.

I am continually focussed on 'building a better Lincoln' by ensuring that I **Put Lincoln First** in everything I do. With just over two-thirds of this Parliament completed, I am delighted to report that many of the issues that I have devoted my time to in Westminster are now bearing fruit for the hard working people of my Lincoln Constituency.

Since my election to Parliament in May 2010 I have focussed on a number of issues:



Karl invited the Prime Minister Rt. Hon. David Cameron MP to visit Siemens in Lincoln to meet Nick Muntz, MD

- INVESTMENT IN TRANSPORT: I have lobbied Government colleagues and the Department of Transport and others to secure the development of the Eastern Bypass with many millions of pounds of vital funding. The transport infrastructure in and around Lincoln will also see significant improvement with pedestrian bridges planned over the level crossings in our City Centre, improving pedestrian access to shops on the High Street. In addition, I have helped secure £1.7m from the Department for Transport to ensure the much needed Canwick Road Improvement Scheme will soon be underway with the promise of £1.6 million of additional funding from the Conservative-led Lincolnshire County Council. This work is in addition to the improvements made in and around the Rookery Lane, Brant Road and Newark Road junctions
- BACKED ENTERPRISE: Record numbers of businesses have been created in Lincoln since the General Election. The national economic recovery package this Conservative-led Government put in place has resulted in record numbers of business start-ups in almost every quarter since late 2010. These new companies will create employment opportunities and can ensure Lincoln grows and prospers as the UK economy recovers
- IMPROVED TRANSPORT LINKS: After much negotiation, Lincoln now has a direct rail service to London. I continue to push for additional rail services for the residents of Lincoln both direct to and from London and our cross country services at all times of the day and importantly at the weekend too
- **SUPPORTED PEOPLE:** As a part of this Government I have helped to deliver much needed tax relief for 39,386 hardworking people in Lincoln, and have also lifted an estimated 3,824 people in Lincoln out of income tax altogether.
- **BACKED BUSINESS:** I have helped to secure almost £7 million of regional growth fund monies to support business growth like Dynex & Bifrangi in Lincoln. This money will ensure future prosperity by backing SMEs (Small and Medium sized Enterprises) which are the lifeblood of Lincoln's economy
- PROTECTED PEOPLE & JOBS: With the support of the County Council, Lincolnshire Echo and others, I
  campaigned vigorously to save Lincoln Prison from closure, to retain jobs and support the economic wellbeing
  of many businesses in and around Lincoln that provide services to the prison worth c£11m to the local economy

I continue to hold my Constituency Advice Surgeries and frequent local informal drop-in advice surgeries with Conservative Councillors in and around the Constituency on Saturday mornings. In addition I am always happy to meet with individuals informally at a convenient time to them if a surgery appointment is not suitable.

If you have any comments, suggestions or questions please do visit my website or contact me via email at <a href="mailto:karl.mccartney.mp@parliament.uk">karl.mccartney.mp@parliament.uk</a> or write to me at the House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA.

As your Member of Parliament I am here to fight your corner and to continue to: **Put Lincoln First!** 

Yours sincerely,



## LENDING MY SUPPORT



Karl at the Gelder Group Training Academy during National Apprenticeship Week

Karl learns about training guide dogs and for a morning experiencing life without sight as he travelled around Lincoln on Public Transport with Guide Dog "Quaver".





Karl meets young people from across the Lincoln City area who took part in a two week "motiv8" training course to improve their employability

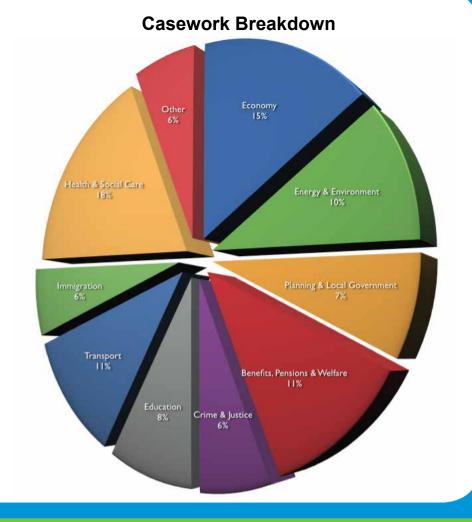




#### **Crunching Constituency Numbers for 2013**

1,800 +	Constituents & Local Organisations have contacted Karl
225 +	Constituency meetings and events attended
150+	Individuals met Karl at Constituency Surgeries
100 +	Letters received every week
150 +	Emails received every day
53	Number of times Karl has spoken in debates
50+	Advice Surgeries in the Constituency since May 2010
43	Visits by Constituency groups and organisations to Westminster
25 +	Bill & Select Committee meetings attended
25	Replies from written Parliamentary Questions
20 +	Vists to schools in Constituency during 2012 & 2013
12	Work experience individuals assisted
6	Visits by student groups to Westminster
6	Visits to the Universities in the Constituency

The formal Advice Surgeries are held every month in the Constituency. Karl is always happy to meet individuals informally when his diary allows if they cannot make a Formal Advice Surgery appointment, or one of his many Informal Advice Surgeries held on Saturday mornings across the Constituency.



#### **Twelve Conservative Achievements Since May 2010**

- 1) Deficit in our Nation's finances cut by one third
- 2) 1.4 million new jobs created in the private sector
- 3) 300,000 new small businesses created including a record number in Lincoln
- 4) A record number of apprenticeships started half a million in the last year alone
- 5) Tax cut by £600 per year for 24 million people and 2.2 million people taken out of tax altogether
- 6) Council Tax frozen for 3 years in a row
- 7) Energy companies being forced to put customers on the lowest tariff
- 8) Benefits capped so no out-of work household can claim more than the average working family earns
- 9) Net immigration in to our Country cut by a third
- 10) A cut in the EU budget and a treaty vetoed because it was not in Britain's national interest
- 11) Crime down by 10 per cent across the Country and by 17% in Lincoln
- 12) 6,000 more doctors employed in the NHS and 6,000 fewer managers

## Get in touch with Karl

Please let me know if you have any issues of concern: Ways to get involved.... Name ☐ I would like to help deliver leaflets in my road **Address** ☐ I would like to receive Karl's email newsletter ☐ I would like to register my support ☐ I would like to join the Conservative Phone\* Email\* Please return to: Karl McCartney JP MP Data Protection Act: The information you supply us with will be treated by the Conservative Party in the strictest confidence in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will not be passed on to any third party. From time to time we may contact you with further details of Party policy. \*By giving us your email address and/or telephone number, you are agreeing to receive communications and information from us by email or SMS. If you do not wish to have your data stored by the Conservative Party, please tick this box: House of Commons, Westminster, London, SW1A 0AA

#### HOW TO CONTACT KARL MCCARTNEY JP MP

Please feel free to contact me with any issues or concerns. Advice surgeries are on the first Friday of the month and occasionally on Saturday mornings. I am happy to meet individuals informally if a surgery appointment is not convenient.

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Karl with Anna Gill OBE showing his support for the "Together for Short Lives" Charity







Karl joins James Wharton MP to show his support for a Referendum on Britain's membership of the EU



Karl recently hosted the Lincolnshire Bomber Command Memorial Dinner at Westr

# A SELECTION OF COMMENTS FROM MY CONSTITUENTS:

"Thank you so much for your help...I must admit that you have restored our faith in the Conservatives." (Mr & Mrs C., Castle Ward, Lincoln)

"Once again you have exceeded my expectations and I am truly grateful for the time you have given me and my family...it is nice to know people care." (*Mr B., Carholme Ward, Lincoln*)

"On behalf of the whole family I would like to convey our profound gratitude for your assistance in expediting our case... Words cannot express how happy we are..." (*Mr P, Boultham Ward, Lincoln*)

"I cannot express my gratitude enough for the speed with which you dealt with my issues and the swift resolution that resulted from your intervention." (Mrs B, Glebe Ward, Lincoln)

"I would like to thank you for the prompt and courteous way that you dealt with our problem with Job Centre Plus." (Mrs W., Birchwood Ward, Lincoln)

"We wanted to take time out in order to express our gratitude to you on this matter." (Mr & Mrs K., Minster Ward, Lincoln)

"I greatly appreciate the thoroughness and efficiency with which you have addressed my concerns." (C. F., Abbey Ward, Lincoln)

"Thanks to Karl for the interest in the problem I had, it's nice to see an MP who looks after people." (Mr I., Bracebridge Heath & Waddington)

"Thank you for arranging our tour of Parliament. Your staff were most helpful and informative. It was the highlight of my trip." (Mr T., Birchwood Ward, Lincoln)

"I'd finally like to reiterate my thanks to you for getting involved, as it did light a few sparks which ignited the flame that solved the situation, thank you." (*Mr P., Carholme Ward, Lincoln*)

"I thank you for your kind and generous help in this matter." (Mr J., Hartsholme Ward, Lincoln)











### Karl McCartney Member of Parliament for Lincoln

#### **Achieves Real Transport Progress for the City**

1. Network Rail's announcement in early November that they are funding and have submitted plans for two new footbridges over the Level Crossings on Lincoln's High Street and at Brayford Wharf East, is proof that Karl's relentless determination to play a major part in the improvement of Lincoln's transport infrastructure is delivering tangible results. The two existing level crossings have blighted traffic and pedestrians in the heart of our City for many years and would have threatened the economic potential of our City for years to come if they had been left in their current state.



- 2. Early in 2013 Karl helped to secure £1.3m of Government funding from the Department For Transport for the Rookery Lane Area Improvement Local Pinch Point Scheme. More recently funding has been secured for the South Park and Canwick Road junction that will bring about both a reduction in congestion and a safer driving experience for motorists.
- 3. These changes to our local transport infrastructure will deliver a massive benefit to the Constituency particularly when both the East-West Link and Eastern Bypass that was announced in 2011 (with a £50m investment from this Conservative-led Government) and for which plans were approved earlier this year, is finally completed in the autumn of 2016.