

HMPC General Notes – Mr Lee Dillon’s visit to Hamstead Marshall August 11, 2026

6:30pm – 8:30pm

On the evening of August 11th, 2026, Hamstead Marshall Parish Council welcomed the MP for Newbury, Mr Lee Dillon to Hamstead Marshall Village Hall for the ‘Open Forum’

In attendance with Mr Dillon was District Councillor Denise Gaines, Portfolio Holder and District Councillor Tony Vickers. Parish Councillors present, Anne Budd, David Hadnutt and Chris Moss.

Anne Budd, welcomed Mr Dillon, District Councillors and Parishioners to the Open Forum, and commented that no minutes would be produced, but rather, general notes instead, as the event was not a formal meeting. Mrs Budd thanked Mr Dillon’s Communication Officer Ms Lauren Martin for her assistance.

Mr Dillon thanked all the attendees for the opportunity to visit Hamstead Marshall and meet parishioners; he explained the nature of his work as a Member of Parliament.

As a Constituency MP

‘Local issues - Thames Water, West Berkshire Council, Police response,

Local issues with national impact - CIL, Equine Road Safety

Individual Casework - visa, housing, SEND etc.

Policy Casework - AD, Climate change, international issues like Ukraine, Gaza, Western Sahara, Cameroon

Convening local groups to hear their collective voice (SEND) (Climate) or convening agencies to tackle issues like quarterly water meeting, or Two Saints which is the latest group that will be supported

As a Westminster MP

Legislator - tabling amendments, scrutinising how a bill will work in practice

Scrutiny. Select committees x 3 (HCLG, Procedure, and Backbench Business)

Values, our place in the world’.

Anne Budd shared with the attendees, she had received several questions from parishioners, in advance of the forum, two of which had agreed for their names to be mentioned in the open forum. One parishioner submitted a question requesting anonymity.

Questions raised by parishioners were varied and included the new Ridgeway Council; Rural Policing; Rural Crime; Community Safeguarding; Rural Transportation; state of the UK economy; the number of road closures in the area, affecting parishioners and a local pub business; lack of speedy removal of road closure notices by contractors of West Berkshire Council; concern of an eviction of local parishioners.

Mr Dillon reminded parishioners that he holds a constituency surgery on a Friday in his Newbury Office. Should any parishioner wish to have a face-to-face meeting with the MP, ‘please contact the constituency office (01635 243510) Park Street Offices, Northbrook Court, Park Street, Newbury RG14 1EA or contact via email address: lee.dillon.mp@parliament.uk

Anne Budd together with parish councillors, thanked Mr Dillon and the two District Councillors for giving their time to attend the Open Forum. There was applause from the attendees.

The ‘open forum’ came to a close at 8:15pm

Seventeen attendees

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