

## MP Parish Report April 2026

### Exceat Bridge Update

Jackson Civil Engineering has been appointed by East Sussex County Council to deliver the Exceat Bridge replacement scheme over the Cuckmere River. Their Liaison Officer has been in touch with my office, and has assured me they will be reaching out to other stakeholders, including local Parish or Town Councils. They have asked that queries from stakeholders be made via email to [ExceatBridge@jackson-civils.co.uk](mailto:ExceatBridge@jackson-civils.co.uk) and will be providing updates of the work and the traffic management timelines.

### Potholes

Potholes continue to be one of the issues residents raise with me most often, and I completely understand the frustration. Some roads, like the C7, are now in a very poor state. Although responsibility for road maintenance lies with Conservative-run East Sussex County Council rather than MPs, I continue to report problems raised with me, including those I encounter myself on the school run and while travelling around the constituency.

I remain in regular contact with the Council to press for action. The most effective way to ensure a pothole is logged and prioritised is still to report it directly to the County Council, even though I know many people are tired of having to do so repeatedly. Reports can be made at: <https://live.eastsussexhighways.com/report.../report-pothole>

### Iran War

I have spoken out on Trump's illegal war in Iran on numerous occasions and now hear from many residents who are struggling with sharply rising heating and transport costs, driven in large part by recent global instability and the resulting spike in energy prices. This has hit rural households particularly hard, especially those reliant on domestic heating oil, who currently have no price protection at all. I have been pressing for a cap on heating oil prices and for wider support to help families manage these costs.

I am also backing calls for an emergency transport package to ease the pressure on people who rely on their cars, as well as those who use buses and trains. The proposals include reducing fuel duty, cutting bus and rail fares, and lowering the cost of public electric vehicle charging. These measures are designed to help households cope with the immediate cost-of-living pressures while also making it easier for people to choose more affordable and sustainable ways to travel in the long term.

### Summer Tour

Thank you to the local Town and Parish Council's for your engagement on organising visits and events in the summer to meet with yourselves as councillors and your residents. I still have some diary availability during the recess if you have not yet or would like to organise an event, please contact Helen at [helen.spearman@parliament.uk](mailto:helen.spearman@parliament.uk) for further information.