

14. Report on Calum Miller MP one year review

So much is going on in government at all levels at the moment. I was curious as to how our new MP Calum Miller is managing the workload and how he prioritises his efforts. From the beginning he admits to being on a steep learning curve. His overriding sense of optimism seems to be the energy that keep his team motivated. It took several months for Calum to get local office up and running. It is now staffed – as we know since our CDC councillor Gemma Coton is now his assistant.

There have been upwards of 13,000 emails in this first year which led to a wide range of casework including housing, education, and health. Issues such as the underpass at London Road crossing, the fire at Bicester Motion and following investigation, the proposed Oxford United FC stadium took a great deal of time. Hours were spent in meetings affected families and fire officials as well as 1with a wide range of bodies including CDC, Chiltern Railways, National Railways, OUFC, OCC and the Thames Valley Police.

One of his key roles is as a Foreign Affairs Spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats in the House of Commons. His work and interventions in the House is broad and demanding.

How does Calum Miller MP understand villages in his constituency? Firstly, he lives in a village and has been involved in a range of campaigns and projects as a councillor for both CDC and OCC. When questioned, he was very aware of the balancing act needed to protect the rural environment and to find space for more affordable housing.

During question time there was an excellent conversation about what energy supply will look like in the next ten years and how our need for infrastructure needs to support non-fossil fuel energy. Are solar farms going to be out of date? Should all houses and employment sites have the latest solar technology on their roofs?

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