

COUNCIL REPORT ARMAND TOMS LOOE EAST AND ST MARTINS

Integration of Health and Social Care

I have spent a lot of time speaking to local people about the integration of health and social care. Most believe that this is an important factor in helping solve many of the problems faced with local residents accessing services. With their views in mind I will be writing to the Portfolio Holder for Social Care in Cornwall Council with the comments of local people.

Tamar Bridge

During the recent Cornwall Council meeting regarding the budget the issue of the continued funding of the Tamar Bridge was on the agenda. Having a strong view that the tolls are a barrier for business and visitors crossing the bridge I did voice my thoughts. From research I have carried out it appears that our local bridge is not treated with the same finance agreements as many other bridges throughout the country. Whilst the Highways Authority or Highways England support many other structures and bridges in the country there are a small number that get nothing. The Tamar Bridge is one even though the dual carriageway leading to it on the Devon side but little or nothing is happening to the A38 in Cornwall. I intend to continue with my quest to challenge the minister on this issue.

The In Out debate on the European Union

The debate has already started locally into whether we should stay in or leave the European Union. I believe that this is a personal issue and it is for everyone to make up their own minds and on this our council and councillors should be allowed to vote as they wish.

Housing

I have asked for the issue of housing to be put on the agenda of this council meeting and especially the issue of the local infrastructure. With the recent landslips and other issues I believe a full debate is necessary.