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## MPs call for split with Barnet to save Chase Farm

*MPs outline radical plan to keep vital services at hospital*



Local MP **Nick de Bois** has written a joint letter with Southgate MP David Burrowes to a key health panel reviewing plans for hospital services in the borough, pressing the case for cuts to Chase Farm to be scrapped.

The Independent Reconfiguration Panel (IRP) is reviewing plans for hospital services in Enfield following the freeze on all hospital plans imposed by the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley. Nick and David have

called on the IRP to scrap plans to downgrade Chase Farm, **arguing that this does not have the support of local GPs, patients or the public.**

The MPs argue that Chase Farm should break its link with Barnet Hospital and instead form a new Foundation Trust with North Middlesex Hospital, a move that would allow vital services at Chase Farm to be saved. Nick and David have said that any new plan for hospital services in the borough must include a guarantee that local NHS land and property - such as at Chase Farm - must be "used for the benefit of Enfield's health service".

Nick said, "*Chase Farm is my number one priority as an MP. It's not possible to simply ask for more money, so what we have set out instead is a solution that is realistic but can still save A&E and maternity services.*"

He added, "*We want Chase Farm to break with Barnet and join with North Middlesex. I think the population of Enfield should be primarily served by local hospitals.*"



**Long campaign: Nick and David at Chase Farm Hospital with David Cameron in 2007**

**Libraries: we have a long, hard fight on our hands**

*Nick writes about the Hands Off Our Libraries campaign.....*

It was back in April that the **Enfield Advertiser** quoted Labour-run Enfield council's finance chief Cllr Stafford as saying three libraries in north east Enfield faced the axe. Residents were dismayed that one of the poorest parts of the borough had been targeted for library closures.

I have since handed in a 400-strong petition against the closure of Ordnance Road, Enfield Highway and Bullsmoor libraries. It sent a clear message: with millions of pounds sitting in council reserves, people feel there is no justification for closures.

The council has responded, saying what was printed in the **Enfield Advertiser** was "incorrect" and they are now undertaking a consultation. **I urge you to take part:**

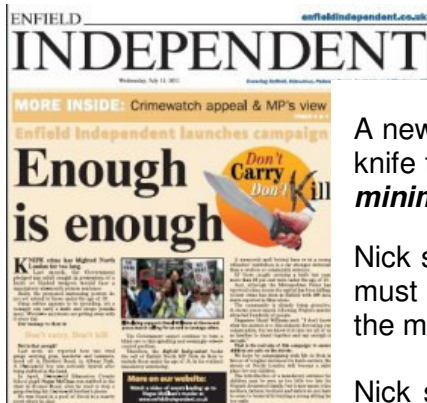
[http://tiny.cc/library\\_consult](http://tiny.cc/library_consult)

I was concerned to read that it wants people views on consolidating existing libraries into fewer sites.

**I fear we have a long, hard fight on our hands to make Enfield council listen to us when it comes to not closing our libraries.**

**The situation with Chase Farm hospital is one that is changing rapidly. To keep up to date with the very latest news, please visit [www.nickdebois.com](http://www.nickdebois.com)**

# Nick launches petition to Parliament for new law to tackle youth knife crime



Nick has launched a petition to the House of Commons calling for the law to be strengthened to tackle youth knife crime.

A new Justice Bill is to come before Parliament that will create a new offence of using a knife to threaten or endanger a person, and those found guilty **will go to prison for a minimum of six months.**

Nick spoke in Parliament to welcome this new policy, but warned that tough measures must be brought in for every person who uses a knife to threaten or endanger - as at the moment the proposals will only apply to over-18s.

Nick said, "In Enfield we know how serious the problem of youth knife crime is. It is my strongly-held belief that it is essential these tough new policies on knife crime apply to those under the age of 18, too."

Nick is backed by the **Enfield Independent**, which has started an anti-knife crime campaign, "Don't carry, don't kill". Its front page (above) which launched the campaign said, "...the *Enfield Independent* backs the call of Enfield North MP Nick de Bois to include those under the age of 18 in the outlined mandatory sentencing."



Your support is needed to make this happen. Add your signature to the petition:

<http://tinyurl.com/nick-petition>

## Sign up for Nick's e-mail newsletter



Nick has a monthly e-mail newsletter that he sends to residents about his work representing you in Parliament and about key local issues.

Just e-mail Nick at [nick.debois.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:nick.debois.mp@parliament.uk) with the subject header as "Newsletter sign up".

## Local Conservatives launch new website



The new website tracks the work of Enfield's Conservative councillors, giving residents a great way to see how they are holding Labour-run Enfield council to account.

Check it out at [www.enfieldconservatives.com](http://www.enfieldconservatives.com)

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- Vote by post
- Stand for Council
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