5 December 2013

Dear Andrew

I attended a meeting with constituents on Saturday morning. There were about 30 constituents in attendance. The purpose of the meeting was for me to listen to concerns raised over the Transparency of Lobbying, Non Party Campaigning and Trade Union Administration Bill. I agreed to forward a note to you of the major points that were raised. There were six.

**Charities would be affected disadvantageously**

The comments followed closely the line put out that the Bill would seriously inhibit charities from engaging in the political process during the year before an election.

**The level of civil servants should be extended**

The question was raised as to why the level of civil servants covered by the Bill stopped where it did.

**24 Government amendments in the Commons suggest the Bill is not fit for purpose**

The point was made that the number of Government amendments in the Commons was excessive and reflected on whether the Bill was fit for purpose.

**Spending limits**

There was question of the spending limits.

**Interaction with PPERA 2000.**

There was some doubt as to whether PPERA 2000 was relevant.

**The Bill will have no real effect on the process of lobbying or the influence of companies on Government**

This reflected a difference of opinion about the Bill and what it expected to achieve.

I have already responded with the attached e mail. But would be grateful for any observations you might have.

Kind Regards

John