



# Monica Harding

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## Listening to you

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I believe that the main job for an MP is to listen to and represent the people in their constituency. That's why over the last few months I have carried out a survey to identify your concerns at a local and national level. I want to share with you the responses I've received and what I will do to give everyone in Esher & Walton the environment, economy and public services that you all deserve.

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## Does Dominic Raab represent you?

Feedback from the survey showed only 4% feel represented by Dominic Raab. In fact over 60% of people responded that, despite being their MP in Esher & Walton for over 9 years, **Dominic Raab rarely or never represents their interests.**

Here are some of the things that people said in the survey.

“I want someone who is approachable and interested in the details of the lives of the people in the constituency.”

“I and my neighbours have all been burgled within the last 12 months. This is what I wrote to Raab about and despite being promised a response in June, I am still waiting.”

“...abhorrent views on foodbank use, working people being lazy etc.”

“I don't expect an MP to represent every constituent, but they should listen.”

“No actions on children's centre closure - crucial for young families, no attendance at hustings, no engagement with community, first action on being elected was to seek to have his e-mail address made confidential.”



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*Monica says:*

We deserve better. I'll introduce **local surgeries to make myself available** for people to voice their concerns and have their say. I will represent the views of constituents in Parliament and campaign for the issues that matter to you, regularly reporting back on the progress we make.

## You want us to Stop Brexit

We asked everyone in the survey to rank the importance of eight issues which included Brexit, Education and the Environment. A whopping 60% placed Brexit 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> on their list, making it the hottest topic on everyone's minds. At the end of the day, **Brexit will dictate not just our own financial futures, but also the viability of our local services.**

So, what do we all think about Brexit? Given Esher & Walton voted overwhelmingly to remain in the 2016 referendum, it's no surprise that over three quarters of respondents identified themselves as Remainers. **Most know that we're better off when we Remain.**



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*Monica says:*

**We must stop Brexit.** There is no deal better than the deal we already have with the EU. Our £50bn “Remain Bonus” will provide vital funds that we can invest to improve local public services.

## NHS & schools need focus and funding

Over 80% of people surveyed placed the NHS in their top four issues, with concerns about our school and education system not far behind. If you're a parent in Esher & Walton, you know that our school system is woefully under resourced. If you have had a need in recent years to call on the NHS, you'll know that **our brilliant doctors and nurses are working far too many hours with far too few resources**. So, whilst they do a fantastic job, they're overworked and under resourced.

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The Lib Dems will put a penny on income tax to fund the NHS. We will give schools an immediate cash injection and reverse cuts. Both of which will **benefit families and children in the community.**

“Healthcare is paramount. Improvement for our hospitals and accessibility of GP appointments.”

“I'm a primary school head teacher and do not believe current government policy has education's best interests at heart.”

“We need more GPs – my local surgery is not good.”



“We currently are in the catchment area for one senior school only for which the places are full. We are then put at the bottom of the list for any other schools we apply for.”

“We need money for youth clubs, activities and support. It's as if the next generation have been left to fend for themselves.”

## Caring for our environment

You want tackling climate change to be a priority. You want us to take action fast on saving our beautiful planet and the **noise and air pollution threatened by Heathrow expansion.**

“We need action on climate change that is realistic.”

“We need more charging points for electric vehicles.”

“Heathrow expansion is a massive problem for Molesey. The new 'experimental' flight paths are very loud - especially at night.”

**“** *Monica says:*  
I'm proud of our plan for tackling the climate emergency. It's comprehensive and realistic. I will stand up for local people **against Heathrow expansion.**

## The trains need to work

You told us that the trains are failing you and the performance of SWR lets you down time after time.  
**You want it fixed.**

“SW [Railway] is currently a total disaster. Anyone living in the area is massively compromised by their service if they want to work in London.”

“The train service is getting worse. We need better public transport.”

**“** *Monica says:*  
The Government has failed to get a grip on poor rail performance. **Liberal Democrat MPs will hold the rail operating companies to account.**

**Brighter future**

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