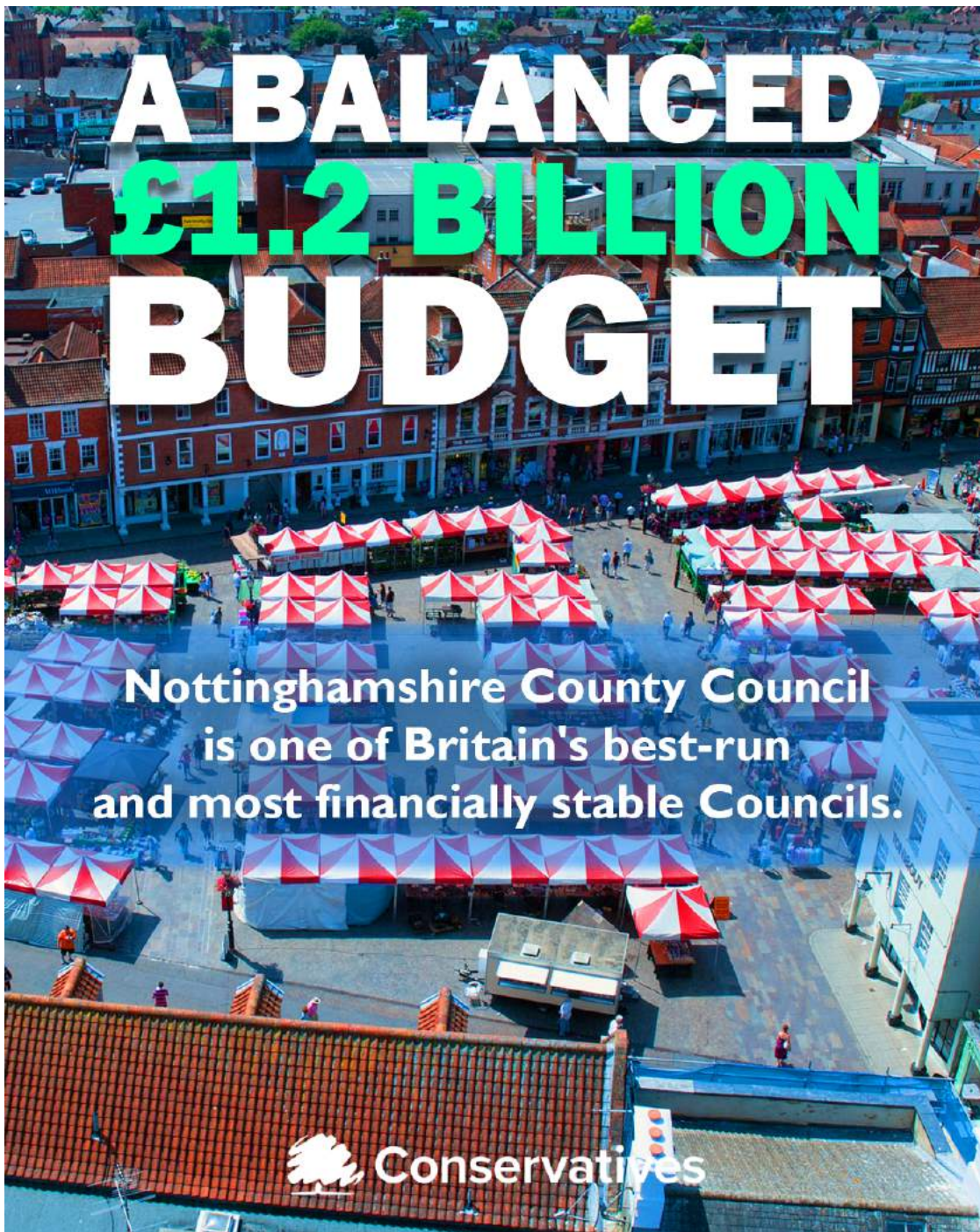




**This week's news
from Ben Bradley MP**



Nottinghamshire County Council's Budget 2024/25

1. The Budget is balanced for the next two years. As far as we can tell, that's unique as many Councils are struggling to balance their budget even for the here and now, never mind longer term. This means Nottinghamshire residents don't need to worry about the future of County Council services like social care or looking after vulnerable kids.

2. We're not cutting any front line services, in fact we're investing in our care services in particular. Next year we'll be supporting our core duties and the work we do with the most vulnerable people with an additional £43m MORE than this year.

3. Whilst Council tax is going up everywhere due to inflation and rising costs,

we are one of only FIVE out of over 150 equivalent Councils in England who are NOT taking a maximum tax rise. In fact ours is the SECOND LOWEST in the country amongst those equivalent 'upper tier' Councils.

4. We continue to deliver our capital programme, including record levels of new school building and creating new places, plus over 400 new SEND places, and other projects like the almost £40m A614 improvement programme due to kick off in the next few months.

5. We're investing an extra £4m in our roads, because we know this is really important. After an awful winter with 5x the usual levels of weather damage due to major floods and storms, we're now boosting the budget to get major repair and resurfacing work done this summer. From May the new East Midlands Combined Authority will bring a further £1.5bn Transport fund to the table, which can make a huge difference.

All in all, Nottinghamshire County Council is recognised as one of Britain's most stable and best run Councils. Positive news. Particularly when you don't have to look very far to see other local Labour run Councils that have got themselves in a right mess, and where sadly it's always residents who pay the price.

We're planning for the long term; continuing to deliver our core services despite the budget pressures, continuing to invest in our community based services like our libraries, children's centres and youth centres, and continuing to improve the value for money we offer local people. That's our commitment to Nottinghamshire residents.

[Read more here!](#)



In our Budget Nottinghamshire County Council are approving a £40m programme of expansion of SEND school places, as well as almost £10m of improvement works to school buildings around the county.

We've also delivered new schools at Gateford, at East Leake, Bingham, Rosecliffe Spencer Academy, plus a rebuild of the Orchard SEND school, and are delivering a new SEND provision in Ravensdale.

That's on top of Government's major school rebuilding programme, which will rebuild four schools in Mansfield alone, never mind those across the rest of the County.

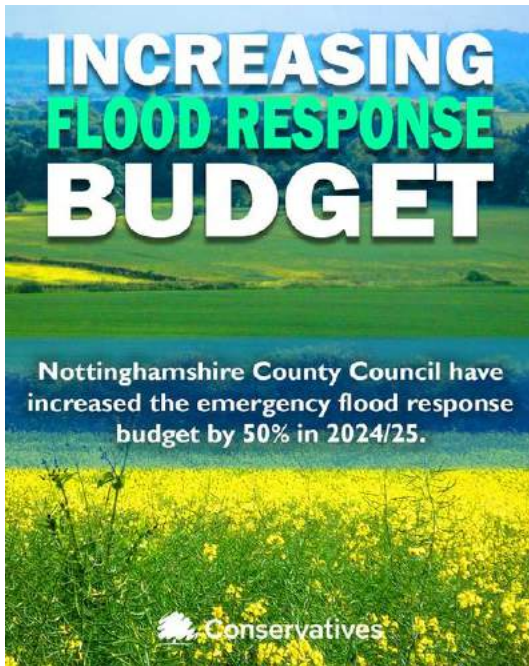
We're investing in our children's future and making sure their school buildings are fit for purpose.

Our additional £4m investment in Nottinghamshire's highways will allow us to deliver an additional programme of major new resurfacing projects, including these ones above. These are in addition to our our summer capital improvement programme, which will be announced in a few weeks time. In 2024/5 we'll invest a further £61.7m of capital funding in to transport.

We recognise this is a massive priority for residents, and we know there's loads of work needed. We're adding additional investment, and in May the new Combined Authority will bring a further £1.5bn Transport Fund. If I'm in charge of it my first act will be to roll out an additional major resurfacing programme.

Great to see the A60 and A617 on this list. I'm hopeful that further projects, including Peafield Lane, will appear on the full capital programme in a few weeks.





Nottinghamshire County Council has increased our emergency flood response funds by 50% so that we can support residents who continue to be affected by the ongoing bad weather and high water levels. We're investing in the services that matter for local residents.

We're investing more in supporting the most vulnerable local residents, including a continued focus on Early Help and prevention in the most disadvantaged communities.

Our Budget confirms that we're increasing the funding and support for those residents most in need.

Despite the significant financial pressures and rising costs, we're putting Nottinghamshire residents first.





At Nottinghamshire County Council the Conservatives proposed a Budget that offers £4m additional investment on our roads, to help tackle the potholes, whilst balancing the books for the next two years. It's been supported with one of the biggest majorities in the meeting that we've seen for any Council Budget for a long time.

Labour voted against our plans for more road investment, without offering any alternative proposals at all, and of course on the same day as we pass these positive measures to protect services, the Labour-run City Council have been taken over by Commissioners, sent in to manage their bankruptcy.

There's your choice, here in Nottinghamshire. A Conservative group that is investing in key services and managing things effectively, or a Labour group with no ideas, that have bankrupted a city.

A BALANCED BUDGET FOR THE NEXT 2 YEARS

Nottinghamshire County Council
is one of Britain's best-run
and most financially stable Councils.

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Keep in touch! 🖱️



Join my constituents only Facebook group here!



Energy bills are coming down

Energy prices are coming down by £238 to the lowest level in two years. From April, the average bill will be £1,690.

This is a significant reduction from where prices were at their peak and the lowest level since Putin invaded Ukraine.

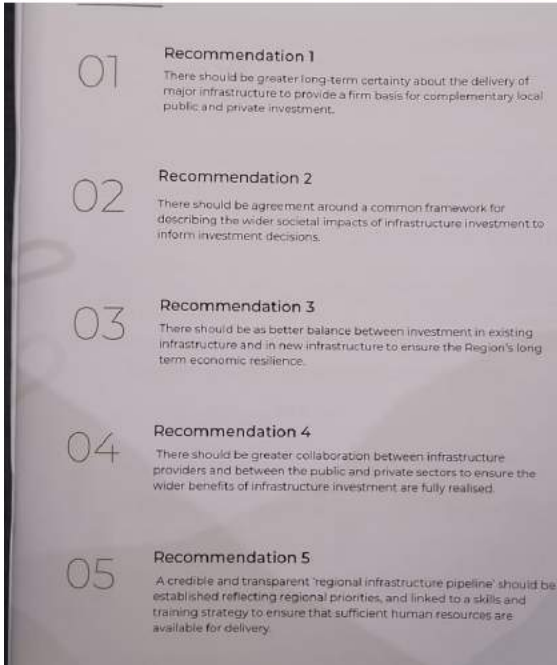
[Find out more](#)



Plastek: Innovative business in Mansfield

I've been to see Dan from The Plastek Group which is one of Britain's biggest producers of plastic packaging, and part of a global business that exports all over the world. They're doing some amazing and innovative things here to make the packaging industry more green and sustainable, including plastic that's totally carbon neutral, or made of fully recycled materials, some that has embedded antibacterial factors that kill germs, and even looking at other natural products that can be used instead. Some really clever stuff.

It's a massive site and employs 100 or so people in Forest Town. Always brilliant to find these kinds of businesses, where there are great, skilled engineering jobs in our area, where they're doing really clever and market leading things, and developing tech that's used all round the world.



Talking infrastructure investment in Parliament!

Talking infrastructure in Parliament alongside colleagues from around the region, following up on the All Party Group for the East Midlands report on what needs to happen to improve and invest in our infrastructure.


We spoke a lot about the growth opportunity our region has, and the


investment that offers our transport and skills infrastructure. We also spoke a lot about the new East Midlands Combined Authority, which will bring £4bn of new funding to Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire.


I raised the concerns that residents raised with me. Though the growth opportunity here is amazing, it's not all about shiny new things. We also have to get the basics right and deliver what residents expect from our existing infrastructure. Sort the roads. Make sure the bus shows up on time. Get the train timetables right. If I'm elected as Mayor I'll put a huge focus on investment in these key things that matter to people, as well as the shiny stuff!



School admissions deadline!

 Secondary school National Offer Day reminder
Next Friday (1 March) is National Offer Day for secondary school places. Parents who applied on time will be sent details of the secondary school offered to their child.

 If you applied on time using our online portal, you will be able to view the outcome from midnight on 1 March. Emails will start to be sent to those applicants that provided an email address from 8.30am.


 If you did not provide an email address we will send your outcome by second class post, so you will receive your letter a few days after 1 March. If you applied after the 31 October deadline, we will start to process late applications from Monday 18 March.

For more information to prepare you for the day, visit our website [!\[\]\(de95854c7ee024cfadc48187bbb781b2_img.jpg\)](#)

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Roads survey!



I need your support to ensure that we deliver major new road investment with the £1.5bn Transport Fund that I've secured for our region.

This is really important.

Please share your views on the roads using the link below!

[Fill in the survey here](#)



Another busy constituency Friday!

Meeting constituents at the Mansfield office, talking about all sorts; from buses, to mental health, to politics. We're here to help if things aren't working how they're meant to be, and though we often can't offer instant solutions, we'll always try and help where we can.

[Find out more here!](#)



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Mansfield Conservatives out and about!

Top Nottinghamshire Conservatives team in Mansfield last weekend supporting County Cllr Andre Camilleri and our Mansfield Conservatives Councillors. Latest updates coming out on both local and national progress, as we work to keep local residents informed.

Watch a quick video here!

GETTING THINGS DONE FOR MANSFIELD AND WARSOP



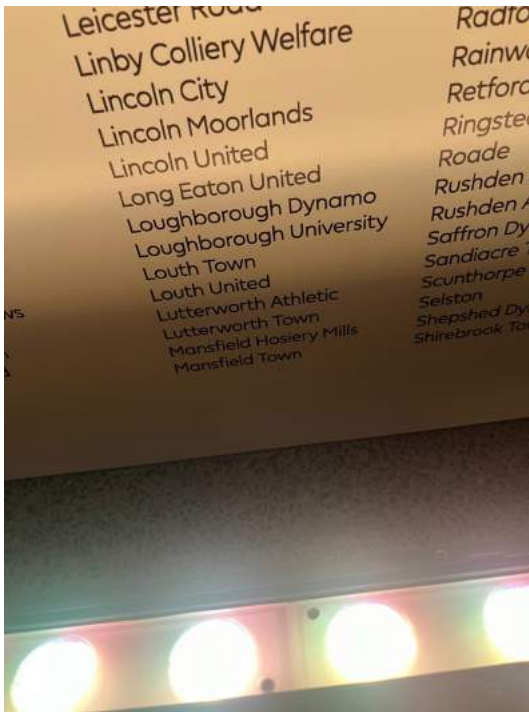
LOTS ACHIEVED...

- ✓ Secured **£60m** in 'Levelling Up' funds, to revive the old Beales building, Stockwell Gate and address long term challenges like regenerating housing, and improving disadvantaged communities.
- ✓ Delivered **£12m** of 'Towns Fund' money to improve town centre parking, build a new Warsop Leisure Centre, a new tech and engineering centre at West Notts College and much more.
- ✓ Investing **£76m** in our town to reduce flood risk for thousands of homes and businesses, through Severn Trent, with 15,000 individual projects.
- ✓ Bringing in investment in our core public services, including delivering a new Post-16 and Nottingham Trent University Centre at West Notts College, and a new Community Diagnostic Health Centre in 2024 offering **117,000 extra appointments every year**.
- ✓ **Rebuilding four Mansfield schools**, at Meden, Garibaldi, All Saints and Yeoman Park, as well as investing in a new Special Educational Needs School in Ravensdale.
- ✓ Delivering a **£30m improvement project at Ollerton Roundabout** and other key junctions on the A614, to reduce congestion and boost our economy.
- ✓ Ensured that Government's **£20bn investment in STEP Fusion research** and developing a new clean energy power station came to North Notts, creating high-paid jobs and boosting skills in our area.

LOTS MORE TO DO...

Ben is campaigning for new projects and investment, and ensuring our local area is given the power to get them delivered:

- » A new 'Maid Marian Line' connection through Sutton and Kirkby, to access major new investments and jobs in nearby Broxtowe and open up the opportunity for a direct Mansfield-Leicester-London rail service.
- » A Robin Hood Line extension connecting residents to Sherwood Forest and nearby towns, as well as potentially to Chesterfield and the East Coast Mainline in the future.
- » Improving our bus and public transport network, including with new 'on demand' services, and improving access in to the town.
- » Pushing for more funding to improve our roads, as current funding levels don't touch the sides in trying to deliver the quality of highways that residents want to see.
- » A better planning system to ensure that housing is built in the most appropriate places, rather than the ones that are most beneficial for developers or the Council, through a sustainable long term plan for better sites and infrastructure.
- » More joined up local services for the most disadvantaged areas of our town, supporting children and families to be resilient and independent, and to fulfil their potential.



Premier League supporting local clubs!

Great to hear more about the work the Premier League supports in local communities, including in Mansfield where the Football Foundation have invested in local facilities!

I recently wrote about some of the opportunity I can see for us to expand on this even further.

[Read here!](#)



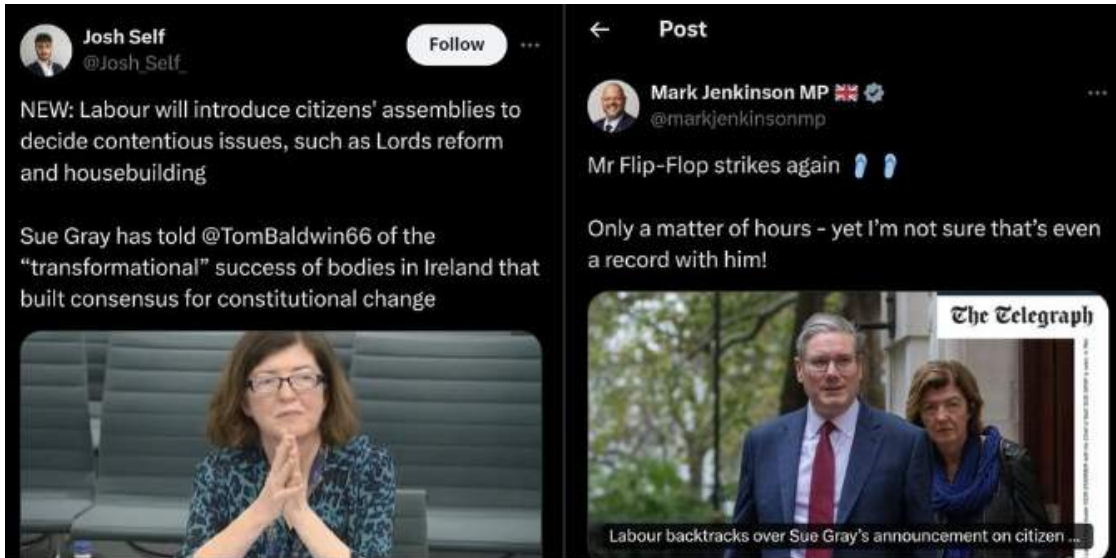
Our regional mayor can deliver a massive boost to grassroots sport!

I want to deliver a massive boost to grassroots sports clubs and facilities, and ensure that every child - whatever their gender, their background, their ability - has the opportunity to access the wonderful benefits of being involved in sports. Every bit of data, and everyone involved in grassroots sports knows how much it offers to a child and to their development, from physical and mental health, to discipline, teamwork, social skills and that grit and determination they need to succeed. Every child should have that opportunity. If I get the chance in May, that's what I'll deliver.

Find out more here!

If I'm elected as regional Mayor, my first act will be to use some of the £1.5bn Transport fund I've secured to deliver a major road resurfacing programme around Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire

Watch a video on this here!



Sir Keir up to his usual tricks!

Sir Keir up to his usual tricks. Last week's big new policy announcement is this weeks chip paper...

He has absolutely no plan or vision for Government. They're just making it up as they go along.

And finally... This week's column 🙏



"County council is among the most financially viable around the country"

We've managed our Budget properly, so that residents in Mansfield do not need to worry about reductions in their front line services. In fact, whilst Labour at the District Council are cutting back, my Conservative administration at County Hall is investing more in support for the most vulnerable people in Mansfield.

Thank-you for reading my latest update, I hope you have a great weekend!

Warmest regards,

**Ben Bradley MP,
for Mansfield & Warsop**



Keep up to date with my work 🖱️



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