

Moving forward together



Council Leader Claire Kober explains steps being taken to rebuild Tottenham in the wake of the riots.

The impact of the riots in August was devastating. More than 50 families lost their homes to arson, traders lost their livelihoods to fire, vandalism and looting, and local people were terrified by the scenes on their doorsteps.

But the response to the disturbances has been genuinely heartening.

The scenes at the Community Assistance Centre defined the sense of unity which is so strong in Tottenham, while the generosity of local people – who donated food, clothing and cash to help those who were suffering – was commendable.

Our focus now has to be on rebuilding Tottenham. And by that we don't mean simply getting it back to where it was before the riots – we mean

making sure it emerges from these troubles stronger, more united and more prosperous than ever before.

Through our dedicated business support scheme we have supported dozens of local traders – helping them to apply for grants, offering business advice and support with making insurance claims, and aiding them in finding new premises.

We have made payments to businesses from the council's Tottenham Fund, the Mayor of London's High Street Fund and the Government's High Street Support Fund, and we will continue to support our local businesses for as long as it takes.

Repairing the damage in Tottenham – to homes and businesses and to people's sense of security – will be a slow process, but we are determined to get it right.

We have launched a Tottenham Regeneration Programme to oversee a raft of improvements

and deliver a workable vision for the future of Tottenham – bringing together the community, businesses and investors to secure lasting change.

In addition to that, I am honoured to be chairing our Community Panel – which brings together key community leaders to ensure that the views of local people are fully taken into account as we decide how best to move forward.

I am confident that together we can emerge from the recent troubles with a Tottenham that is stronger, more united and more successful than ever.



Any questions?

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