

2018: THE YEAR OF INFRASTRUCTURE



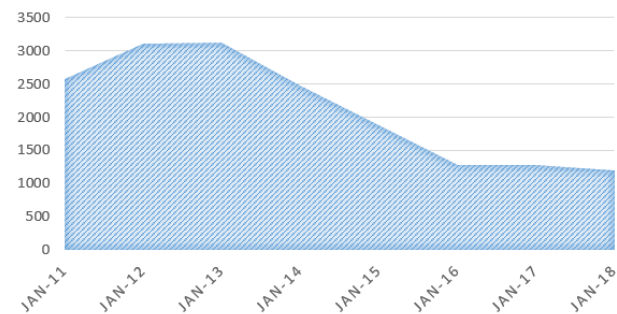
This year is a big one for many local infrastructure projects. These include the new bus station, the extra train station car park, and the University of Gloucestershire Business School (relocated from Cheltenham), sports grounds and student housing in Blackfriars, as well as new eye clinics and the new Kingsway GP Surgery.

There was a consultation on 2 options for the A417 Missing Link worth £250-500 million. Meanwhile £3.75 million has just been

granted by the LEP to redo the Train Station Underpass and surrounding area, a major route between the city and GRH, and £40 million to our Hospitals Trust for better emergency treatment.

Last year we saw the completion of works on the £9 million Elmbridge Court Roundabout project and phase 2 of Fastershire's broadband upgrade program started in Gloucester (£4 million from government and local government). So there is lots happening.

Unemployment continuing to fall



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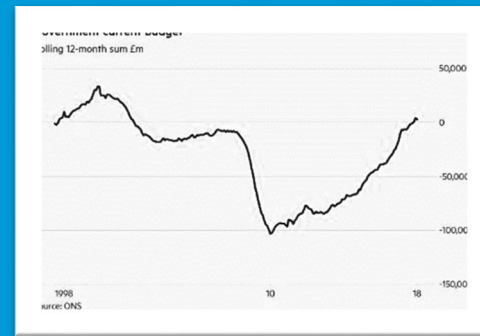
My 2015 Pledges

- **Protecting the Weak and Vulnerable:** changing national rules on driving instructors in positions of trust, supporting reducing the maximum stake on Fixed Odds Betting Terminals, and proposing new homelessness charity in HaVinG
- **Increasing our Skills:** GlosCol apprenticeship award record low unemployment figures, new nursing associate apprentices, Uni of Glos nursing degrees and Business School, call for Health UTC, and 3,900 more pupils in good or outstanding schools.
- **Protecting Frontline Services:** Pay increase for most NHS staff, extra fracture ward and emergency services funding, pilot project integrating health and social care.



Government Progress—more than Brexit

- Consultation on taxing single-use plastic
- Energy Cap Bill introduced
- Doubling max sentence for animal cruelty, banning ivory and introducing CCTV in slaughterhouses
- Homelessness Reduction Bill passed
- Proposed new Mental Health Act
- £640 pay increase for all on National Living Wage



General Election	Votes	%
Conservative	27,208	50.3%
Labour	21,688	40.1%

26 issues dealt with every day



Working in Parliament

- **Member of Brexit Select Committee:** committed to finding the best ways to leave the EU
- **PM's Trade Envoy:** boosting Global Britain exports and investment across SE Asia
- **China:** Mandarin speaking Chair of Parliamentary Group with PM on her trip to promote business and cultural relations



Richard Graham

Annual Report 2017/18

Dear Resident,

Here's my report for you, my employer, to look at what I've done in 2017/18. Some of the highlights:

- A surprise general election –with huge thanks to Gloucester for re-electing me for a third time and with over 50% of the vote.
- A drive on animal rights and environmental issues including protecting bees from harmful pesticides, puppies and elephants from the ivory trade.
- Elected to the Brexit Select Committee, re-appointed as Trade Envoy, and getting changes to the responsibilities of Driving Instructors.
- Co-Chairing influential joint Select Committee report on Supported Housing, actioned by government.
- Chairing new Gloucester History Trust charity to take our Gloucester History Festival forward
- Helping secure the funding for our train station including the underpass and an extra car park.
- Part of the campaign that secured extra funding for Gloucester schools (first ever fair national formula)
- Joining over 70 local events including the Tamil, Malayali and Muslim led activities, social housing sites, organising sports group and homeless meeting, playing cricket for Gloucester CWCC, organising litter picking and volunteering with NHS.
- Leading a joint vision statement with the Glos City Homes and Councils for Estate Regeneration in Matson and Podsmead after securing £1.25m
- Record low unemployment figures nationally and in Gloucester

All of these are just examples of work by local charities, councillors, officers, volunteers, residents and communities working together to keep Gloucester on the up. More details and local news can be found on my newly launched website at richardgraham.org.

Best regards

Richard Graham

