

# Helen Goodman MP

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**Bishop Auckland**



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## SPENNYMOOR'S HOUSING BOOM



Spennymoor is set for a major housing boost

Spennymoor is set to benefit from ambitious plans to increase the regions' ageing housing stock.

Planning permission has been granted for 1,194 new homes to be built at a number of sites in Spennymoor, including Whitworth Park, Watson Court, Grayson Road, the

former greyhound track, and the old Thorn's Lighting site at Merrington Lane

Helen said: "In the next few years we will see more homes, and more *affordable* homes being built in Spennymoor, which will give a real boost to local regeneration".

## SAVE OUR POST OFFICES

Helen is concerned about the proposed closure of 12 post offices across the Bishop Auckland constituency, especially the Kirk Merrington, Tudhoe Colliery and Page Bank branches.

Helen wants to know how much local support there is for these branches, so if you are opposed to these closures, you can sign a petition by visiting:

[www.helengoodman.co.uk/petition](http://www.helengoodman.co.uk/petition)



## YOUR COMMUNITY, YOUR SAY

**You can let Helen know your priorities for Spennymoor by completing the freepost form below:**

**In Spennymoor, the most important local issues for me are: (please place in order, with 1 being the most important):**

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime     | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Jobs and economy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transport        |

**Other (Please specify):**



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## ENSURING **REMPLOY'S** FUTURE

Following the welcome news that the Remploy factory in Spennymoor is to stay open, Helen is Chairing a 'Champions Group' to identify procurement opportunities for the Spennymoor plant.

Helen said: "The future of Remploy Spennymoor rests on the site achieving extremely ambitious sales targets, and this demands a concerted effort from all local authorities, government offices and public sector groups".



Helen meets the staff at the Remploy factory in Spennymoor

## **CARING FOR** OLDER PEOPLE

Helen was delighted to be at the Appleton Lodge extra care home to see the unveiling of eye-catching art-work celebrating Spennymoor's history.

Helen said: "These are excellent local facilities for elderly people with severe memory loss. As people are living longer, care needs are changing, and Appleton Lodge is a great example of best practice".



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You can find out more about Helen's work in Spennymoor and the rest of the Bishop Auckland constituency by visiting her website:

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