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## Gove puts Surrey Heath and Ash on the right track

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Local MP drives a hard bargain in his campaign to improve road safety and rail services



MICHAEL GOVE'S campaigning to improve road and rail networks in our area has got results.

Before the General Election last year Michael highlighted the level of noise pollution from the M3, and the A331 Blackwater Valley Relief Road, the poor condition of our local railways and the need for appropriate road safety measures. Now, thanks to his campaigning and close co-ordination with local councillors, improvements have been secured.

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ment from the Government to erect sound barriers along the length of the M3 from junction 3 to junction 4a.

Residents of Bagshot, Lightwater and Camberley who have had to put up with noise pollution for far too long will now have the protection they deserve. Michael worked with his parliamentary neighbour Gerald Howarth; Moira Gibson, the Leader of Surrey Heath Borough Council; and Maurice Neighbour, the Surrey county councillor for Camberley East, to press

the case for improvements. The Government was forced to agree that residents who lived so close to a major motorway deserved a better deal, and money has been committed to start work after April 2007.

Now Michael is campaigning with Guildford and Surrey Heath borough councillors for much-needed improvements to the Blackwater Valley relief road to deal with the pollution, and congestion, suffered by residents in Tongham, Ash, Ash Vale, Mytchett, Frimley and Camberley.

Michael has also won a commitment from South West Trains to keep its new timetable and services under review to ensure that commuters who use Ash, Ash Vale, Farnborough, Camberley, Frimley and Bagshot stations get an improved service.

Michael's campaigning has forced Network Rail to respond as well. They have agreed to improve the state of the track which runs through Camberley. Residents have suffered noise, distress and damage to their homes because of trains running over track which badly needs updating. Following campaigning by Michael, Network Rail has already performed some repair work and has pledged to lay new, quieter and safer track in the future.



GOVE TRIBUTE: John Ades, left, with David Cameron, Guildford borough councillor Marsha Moseley, and Michael Gove, right, the Surrey Heath MP. They met to discuss health and education when Mr Cameron visited Surrey

### Gove gets results

- Secured funding for sound barriers on the M3.
- Won commitment to improve rail track running through residential areas.
- New speed signs to improve safety on key roads.
- Won pledge to put safety first at our stations.

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## County bids farewell to a model public servant

MICHAEL GOVE joined hundreds of mourners to pay his respects to the late John Ades, county, borough and parish councillor for the Ash, Ash

Wharf, Ash Vale and Tongham areas. Michael read the lesson at Mr Ades's funeral in Aldershot and joined friends when he was laid to rest in Ash Cem-

etery. He said afterwards: "It was an honour and a privilege to have worked with John. He was a gentleman who devoted his life to helping others and a

model public servant. I know the team who worked with him will, like me, miss him terribly and work hard to live up to his example."

speed advisory signs after pressure from Michael and other campaigners.

Surrey County Council has been responding to Michael's campaigns. He has asked them to consider making safety improvements on a number of other key roads, from Tongham to Windlesham.

Michael has also been pressing for improved passenger safety. He has been campaigning for action to make our stations, including Camberley and Ash Vale, safer after an upsurge in

anti-social behaviour near the railway.

Following his work the management of South West Trains have agreed that action needs to be taken. Michael has won a commitment from Government ministers to make safety and security a priority when deciding who should run the station in the future.

You can keep up with highlights of Michael's activities in Parliament and the constituency on his website [www.michaelgove.com](http://www.michaelgove.com)



TRANSPORT CHAMPION: Michael meets councillors Maurice Neighbour, left, and Moira Gibson, and Aldershot MP Gerald Howarth, right, to discuss M3 sound levels