

MPs need to hear from their constituents about what's important to them and what they want their MP to act on.

## How to get in touch

- Write or email (include your address to show you are in their constituency).
- Call their office.
- Arrange a meeting you can visit them at their surgery.
- Attend events they will be at you may find this info on their website.



## Do some research

It's worth learning more about your MP

- HANSARD: This is official record for Parliamentary debates. It provides information on an MP's voting record and spoken and written contributions.
- See if they use social media and look for their website.
- Sign up to their newsletter if they have one.





## What to say?

- Politely explain why the issue is important to you and provide personal experience relating to it, if applicable.
- Try to show how positive action on the matter will be beneficial to you and to others in the area.
- Your MP is your local representative focus on how your concern is relevant to their constituency.



## Check on progress

If you are still waiting to receive a personal response after a few weeks, think about phoning their office.

Don't give up and persevere as a consistent, polite approach will help your MP understand your strength of feeling and encourage them to take your concerns seriously and act on them.

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