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From James Brokenshire MP

Week commencing 3 June 2013

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This week I will be:

- * Meeting the Bexley Citizens Advice Bureau
- * Talking to local businesses at a networking event organised by Barclays
- * Attending the Mayor's Civic Parade

Waitrose to open in Sidcup

Waitrose will be coming to Sidcup and could be open for business by the end of August. The food retailer confirmed their decision to James Brokenshire who says the news is a huge boost for the High Street and recognition of the strength of community support.

The retailer is finalising its opening schedule and will be recruiting up to 70 new staff. Waitrose expect to start trading from their new branch on Sidcup High Street within the next three months and make a positive contribution to the town for many years to come.

Commenting, James Brokenshire said:

"This is absolutely fantastic news for Sidcup after the concerted campaigning of so many people. The Sidcup Waitrose will give a big boost to the High Street and create welcome new jobs.

"We never gave up on efforts to persuade Waitrose to come to Sidcup and I'm delighted that they listened to that message and will be opening their doors soon. We wanted Waitrose and now we've got them!"



Business Costs of Cybercrime

James Brokenshire has urged firms to look at simple steps to improve their online security following the publication of a new report by the Federation of Small Business (FSB). The FSB survey indicated that the cost of fraud and online crime to its members was as much as £785 million per year.

Speaking at the launch of the report, James said:

"This report will help give a greater understanding of how online security and fraud issues affect small businesses, giving guidance as well as valuable top tips to protect their business."

Supporting Carers Week 2013

James Brokenshire joined actress Lynda Bellingham to recognise the contribution that carers in Bexley make on a daily basis. At a special launch event in Westminster James gave his backing to Carers Week which celebrates the 6.5 million carers across the UK.

Commenting James said:

"Every day across Bexley 1 in 8 people will care for a loved one in some form. Carers save this country an incredible £119 billion every year. That's why I believe it is important to recognise and support the incredible work they do."

