

ERIC MARTLEW M.P.

WORKING HARD FOR CARLISLE

CARLISLE PARLIAMENTARY REPORT

BATTLE FOR BORDER TV

Eric has launched a campaign to save Lookaround and ITV Border, which he fears could go by 2009. ITV Chief Michael Grade, plans to axe regional news channels from 17 to 9 and Lookaround is at risk.

Eric is organising opposition to these proposals and is enlisting support from councils and MPs in Cumbria, Southern Scotland and the Isle of Man.

He is also urging viewers who want to retain our local news broadcasts to contact Ofcom, expressing opposition to these proposals. The person to contact is:- Stephen A Carter, Chief Executive, Ofcom, Riverside House, 2A Southwark Bridge Road, London SE1 9HA.



RECORD INVESTMENT IN NHS SERVICES IN CARLISLE



Eric with Health Minister Rosie Winterton MP opening the new NHS Dental Practice in Victoria Place.

They later discussed:-

- Continuing improvements of GPs surgeries.
- Plans for new dental and medical schools at the Cumberland Infirmary.
- Extra Government funding for more NHS dentists in Carlisle.
- An extra £5.6m for the Cumbria Primary Care Trusts to help cut waiting times.
- A new community hospital in Carlisle to promote step-down care.

UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA LAUNCHED

"I've worked for this for over 20 years", said a delighted Eric. "It is vital for our economic future and will encourage more young Cumbrians – and hopefully more mature ones – into higher education, improving the county's skills and attracting students and higher skilled workers into the county. Having the Headquarters in Carlisle is the icing on the cake!".



£10m NESTLÉ INVESTMENT FOR DALSTON



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Eric worked for Nestlé prior to becoming an MP and welcomed this news.

"This substantial investment re-inforces the Company's commitment to the area and is a great tribute to the workforce".

I have helped persuade the Government to give the go ahead to:-

- The Northern Development Route – which will assist our economic development.
- Upgrading of the "Cumberland Gap on the A74 to dual carriageway.
- Upgrading of the West Coast Main railway line.
- Up to £100m to provide 2 new Academy schools and modernise our secondary schools.
- £8m on a re-vamped Carlisle College.
- Record investment in primary education – with rising standards.
- An award winning Sure Start scheme which aims to give every child the best start in life.
- Nearly £35m to Cumbria over the next 3 years for early years and child care and expansion of the number of children's centre.
- £30m for flood defences.

STRONGER AND SAFER COMMUNITIES/ CARLISLE

The Chairman of Cumbria Police Authority has confirmed that:-

- Cumbria Police have the highest number of officers - ever.
- The highest number of Police support staff – ever.
- 105 newly appointed Police Community Support Officers.
- Better community policing – with a named officer for each area.
- A new £4m Custody Suite in Durranshill.
- Approval for an £8m Police Headquarters.
- 2 satellite police stations at Petheril Bank and Morton.



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