

MPs call for time on nuisance calls and text messages

City MPs Iain Stewart and Mark Lancaster are calling on MK residents to make their voices heard as part of a parliamentary inquiry into nuisance telephone calls and text messages.

The Culture, Media and Sport Committee has decided to focus on the current regulatory system and its enforcement, the effectiveness of the Telephone Preference Service and practical measures by communications service providers to curtail such communications.

Commenting on this inquiry, Iain Stewart, MP for Milton Keynes South said "An increasingly recurring issue raised by my constituents is that of silent phone-calls and unsolicited text messages offering everything from compensation to debt cancellation services. Now is a great opportunity to engage parliament about these calls. I would urge residents to make their views on this issue clear as part of the inquiry"

Mark Lancaster, MP for Milton Keynes North further added, "These unsolicited communications have become a menace. I am worried by the number of concerns raised by constituents on this issue too. We now have a great opportunity to express our frustration to parliament as I will be working with my colleagues to better safeguard our privacy."

The Parliamentary Committee requests short written submissions in Word format. A copy of the submission should be sent by e-mail to cmsev@parliament.uk and should have "Nuisance calls" in the subject line. Submissions should be received by Thursday 15 August 2013.