

Somali TV discuss the Khat ban

Mark has been interviewed by Somali TV this week to discuss the outcome of his campaign to ban the drug known as Khat. Â

Khat is a plant grown in Kenya and chewed mainly by the East African Community in the UK. It contains the banned substances Cathine and Cathinone. The UK is the only Western Europe country not to have banned the plant to date.

Mark started his campaign to ban the drug after being approached by his Somali constituents. They were concerned at the impact the drug was having on social cohesion and family breakdown in Milton Keynes. Â

After the vote Mark said;

"I am pleased that the Committee, with the exception of the Liberal Democrats, supported the Home Secretary's decision to ban Khat. I know that this will be welcomed by many in the Somali community across the UK. We need to be sensitive as the ban is brought in and I look forward to engaging with the community and police as to how this can be best achieved."