

"Its the best job in the world!"

It's a fantastic honour to be voted once again as the Member of Parliament for Milton Keynes North and I have to say, I think it's one of the best jobs in the world.

I do want to express my humble and heartfelt thanks to the voters of MK and having nervously watched the ballot boxes being emptied throughout the night, I was completely overwhelmed by the news that we had increased on our majority of votes since 2010.

I've been astounded by the number of messages of support from across the constituency and I am truly grateful that I have been able to secure your trust. You have given me the opportunity to continue my role in MK and to prove that your faith in me is justified.

My aim is to continue to ensure we deliver a better and fairer deal for our community and ensure that everybody can feel the benefits of a growing economy.

A coalition government demonstrated that we were able to provide a strong foundation for our economy, but by no means should we be complacent, there is still much to do in order to give our communities the stability and freedoms they rightly deserve.

Whilst my priority is and always be Milton Keynes, the Government reshuffle has also given me an exciting role within the Ministry of Defence as the new Under Secretary of State for Defence Personnel, Welfare and Veterans. Having been a serving soldier for 27 years in Afghanistan, Kosovo and Bosnia, I have some knowledge in this area and to get to work in the Ministry of Defence is a dream job for me, but I have very important issues to work with.

I love Milton Keynes, I like to think I'm our city's greatest fan and it has been an honour to have been able to represent you in Parliament for the past 10 years. A further five years representing this vibrant forwarding thinking city gives me a great sense of pride and I will continue to champion its virtues with all who cross my path.