

## Rebecca Long-Bailey comments on loss of 250 jobs at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port

**Rebecca Long-Bailey MP, Labour's Shadow Business Secretary**, commenting on the loss of a further 250 jobs at Vauxhall's Ellesmere Port plant, said

'When PSA Group took over Vauxhall last year the Government promised it would do the utmost to protect workers, but since then a third of jobs at Ellesmere Port have been cut.

"The Tories are failing to give businesses and workers the security they need to navigate Brexit, which has been demonstrated again in today's EEF report on manufacturer's expectations for 2018.

"The Government must set out how it will support the plant and urgently provide certainty for the sector as a whole after Brexit.'"

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## Justin Madders response to Philip Dunne saying that there are seats to sit on if beds aren't available

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**Madders MP, Labour's Shadow Health Minister**, responding to Philip Dunne MP's remark that there are seats to sit on if beds aren't available, said:

"This is an appalling and ignorant remark from a Minister entirely out of touch with the reality of the NHS winter crisis.

"Placing sick patients in chairs because of acute bed shortages is clearly not acceptable in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. And yet with numerous Trusts this winter at times reporting 100 per cent bed occupancy, hospitals simply cannot cope and are being forced into these intolerable situations.

"Patients and staff are currently facing an unprecedented winter crisis. Instead of worrying about reshuffles, the Prime Minister must urgently sort this mess out."

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## [Theresa May continues to show utter disregard for patients – Ashworth](#)

### **Responding**

**to Theresa May's comment on the Andrew Marr show that "nothing is perfect" in the NHS, Jonathan Ashworth MP, Labour's Shadow Health Secretary, said:**

"Yet again Theresa May has shown utter disregard for those patients languishing on trolleys, delayed in ambulances in the freezing cold weather or forced to wait longer in pain and anxiety because their operation has been cancelled.

"A real apology would be backed up by real action. Instead all we get is a plan to promote the Health Secretary who has overseen this crisis. Promoting the Health Secretary would be a betrayal of patients who deserve better this winter."

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## [Tories have a long way to go to reverse their abysmal record on animal welfare – Hayman](#)

**Responding to Theresa May's announcement to drop plans for a vote on fox hunting, Sue Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs said;**

"The Tories have finally bowed to pressure from Labour and campaigners with this long overdue U-Turn, just months after the Prime Minister publicly stated her support for a free vote on the matter.

"85 per cent of the public do not want a return of this cruel and barbaric activity. The Government must now outline plans to take tough action against those who continue to conduct illegal fox hunts.

"The Tories still have a long way to

go to reverse their abysmal record on animal welfare. Labour calls on Theresa May to now drop her government's poorly regulated, reckless badger cull across England, to take action against raptor bird persecution and make comprehensive commitments on banning the sale of ivory and wild animals in circuses."

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## **Unlike this Government, Labour is committed to supporting renewable energy projects – Alan Whitehead**

**Alan Whitehead MP, Labour's Shadow Energy and Climate Change Minister,** commenting on the Government's response to the unabated coal closure consultation, said:

"While Labour supports the phased removal of coal from the system by 2025, unfortunately, this consultation leaves open a number of loopholes that could hinder the process.

"The Government's lacklustre support for renewables and scrapping of a number of green schemes has left it on course to miss its own climate targets. Similarly, their decision to massively reduce the levels of funding for carbon capture and storage, which would help a genuinely inclusive transition, is disappointing.

"Unlike this Government, Labour is committed to supporting future renewable energy projects to build the clean economy of the future."