

# Solution to Junction 21 misery 'by early next year'

Following continual pressure from John Penrose MP, the Government has promised detailed plans to ease congestion at Junction 21 of the M5 by early next year

The improvements could include: adding extra lanes on the slip roads of Junction 21; using the hard shoulder to extend current slip lanes or add new ones entirely; creating car share or bus lanes; increasing the two lane raised roundabout to three lanes.

John Penrose said: "I'm delighted that the Government are treating the issue seriously at last and that we will have a clear action plan and timetable in the New Year. At the moment, thousands of residents are suffering in jams and queues that stretch back to 'malfunction' junction. 20,000 Westonians commute by car or train to Bristol every single day and the delays and congestion are causing frustration and misery."



■ John Penrose MP campaigning in Parliament for the Government to sort out the problem

## Funding for Eye Drugs becomes clearer



John Penrose has joined local residents in welcoming NHS approval of Lucentis, a key drug in the fight against macular degeneration which is the leading cause of sight loss in the UK

Mr Penrose had previously taken up the issue with North Somerset health chiefs on behalf of local people suffering from the condition, including the Weston Macular Degeneration Support Group.

John said "I'm delighted the Government has finally agreed that Lucentis should be available on the NHS. The drug can help save people's sight in more than 9 out of 10 cases."



■ Queues and chaos at Junction 21 cause frustration and misery for local residents

## MP launches new chapter for Hutton Scouts & Guides

Weston-super-Mare MP John Penrose was on hand to open Hutton's newly renovated Scout and Guide Headquarters after the group received a £10,000 grant from the Big Lottery Fund

The building was close to the end of its life span and was in danger of closing, which would have ended the weekly meetings. But the renovations have breathed new life into the building and secured the future of the Scouts and Guides in Hutton.

John Penrose MP said: "The Scouts and Guides are fantastic groups which provide young people with chances to get involved in all sorts of adventurous activities and to develop their personal skills. I'm delighted that this lottery money means their future is safe in Hutton for the foreseeable future. It's an honour to be able to re-open the headquarters and start a new period of the group's history."



■ John launching the refurbished headquarters with local volunteers

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