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As I sit to write this month's column, it seems hard to believe that Christmas and New Year are already behind us – soon the daily routine of work and school journeys will return and as we look ahead to the New Year, I would like to start in wishing all of you a very happy and healthy New Year.

After enjoying some much needed time at home in Suffolk, I am looking forward to the return of Parliament. Of course, the business of Brexit negotiations look set to dominate the Parliamentary agenda for the foreseeable future, but the day to day business also continues and I am looking forward to continuing to supporting the interests of Central Suffolk and North Ipswich as your Member of Parliament.

By the time this edition comes to print, Parliament will most likely have held its vote on the Brexit Withdrawal Agreement. Whatever the outcome of that vote, I remain optimistic that working together, we can find a positive and successful way forward.

As we embark on a New Year, my priority, as always, is to work hard for residents in Central Suffolk and North Ipswich and the big issues that matter to you. This includes the final push to achieving 100% coverage of superfast broadband. We are getting closer all the time, but there are areas where it remains stubbornly out of reach. The same applies to mobile phone coverage and I am looking forward to hosting a further summit meeting early in 2019 as we look to improve Suffolk's digital infrastructure.

I shall also be working hard with my fellow East Suffolk MPs and County and District Council colleagues to secure the funding for the four-villages bypass along the A12, north of Ipswich, as well as for safety improvements to the A140 near Brome.

I will also continue to champion our food and drink producers and farmers here in Suffolk, working in partnership to help secure the best possible Agriculture Bill and I am very much looking forward to welcoming a delegation from the NFU in Suffolk to Parliament early in 2019.

In partnership with my fellow Suffolk MPs and our local Government colleagues, I shall continue to support our schools and early years' providers and remain committed to making sure that every child here in Suffolk receives the very best start in life.

Finally, I look forward to continuing to support our NHS and local health services as best I can, especially continuing to work with our CCGs as they work to support and enable the delivery of improved mental health services.

Thank you for your support over the last year and I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible throughout the coming year.

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