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EU Regulation, Regulation, Regulation!



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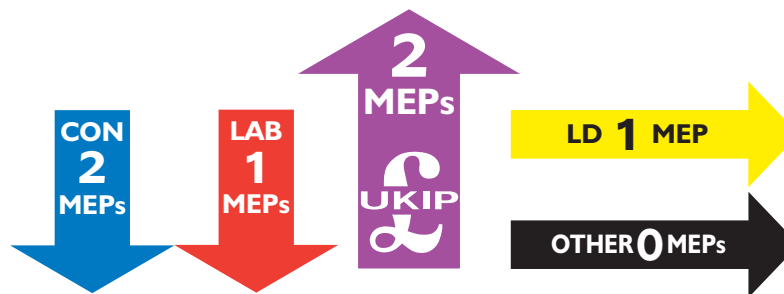
Mike Nattrass has led the Euro Realist cause in the West Midlands for more than 16 years.



He achieved the highest vote in the region (in Solihull) for the Referendum Party in 1997. A year later he joined UKIP and in 1999 narrowly missed out on becoming an MEP. In 2000, Mike became UKIP Party Chairman under

Mike has produced and funded most of the party's political broadcasts, including the 2004 EU 'Hungarian fish slapping' one that was replayed on 'Have I Got News For You' and many other TV programmes. (The irony that the EU Commissioner for Fisheries was Hungarian, and Hungary has no coastline, escaped no one!)

In 2004 Mike was elected to the European Parliament and he has worked tirelessly for the cause both within the West Midlands and across the country. He has stood up for West Midlands industry, he has helped constituents who have fallen victim to EU legislation and he has kept members informed with regular newsletters.



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reporting began, Mike has been the party's leading donor in the West Midlands every year. He has also

consistently been one of the most generous national donors.

In 2008 members across the region re-elected Mike to lead the party EU list once again; in this poll he gained one of the highest votes for any incumbent MEP.

In 2009 Mike led the list and was re-elected with a huge increase in the vote. He has sat on the EU Transport and Tourism Committee since 2004.



or



Jeffrey Titford's leadership and three years later he became the Deputy Leader to Roger Knapman, standing down in 2006 when Roger relinquished the leadership.

Mike has been a popular columnist in West Midlands news publications and his letters appear in the press frequently. He has featured numerous times on regional TV and radio programmes and is a regular on BBC Radio 5 Live.

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"In a recent BBC Radio WM interview with Ed Doolan, Ed asked what I did as an MEP. (Listen to the interview on www.ukipmep.org). This booklet is therefore inspired by Ed!"



Mike Nattrass MEP says

"Regulation, Regulation, Regulation!"

This booklet contains reports of my work in the West Midlands highlighting the effects of European Union legislation on our daily lives in the region. It also includes examples of my work on behalf of constituents.

This foreign Union, at great cost, took law-making power away from Westminster.

The UK electorate must approve or reject the legitimacy of this Union. Please support the Campaign for a Referendum on whether the UK should remain in the EU."

See back page.

Marston wind farm anger

Mike has long been a vocal opponent of onshore wind farms in the UK. He has raised concerns about potential health issues in communities close to the towering masts, in addition to the inherent lack of viability and inefficiency of these despoilers of our landscapes.



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Mike campaigned against proposals for an incinerator at Hartlebury, Worcs. He has shown that there is huge overcapacity in the incineration industry, and supports more economical alternatives such as biodigestion and targeted recycling. See his website for more information.

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West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass has called on South Staffordshire Council to do the right thing and throw out plans for a wind farm in Staffordshire.

Plans to erect six 426ft wind turbines in Marston village near Stafford have prompted strong opposition from concerned residents in the picturesque rural area and from MEP Mike Nattrass.

Last November, members of the Stop Turbines Action Group (STAG) met with Mr Nattrass at the European Union Parliament in Strasbourg and following the meeting the MEP vowed to back the campaigners in their fight against the wind farm.

Mr Nattrass said: "These huge wind turbines would dominate the rural landscape near Stafford and property values would drop if this scheme is approved and implemented.

Members of the STAG campaign met

me in Strasbourg late last year and I was appalled to hear about the scale of this proposed wind farm. These wind turbines are simply not wanted by members of the community.

Last November I warned that the European Investment Bank (EIB) is providing new finance to support eligible onshore wind farm schemes. It has been confirmed that the EIB and two commercial banks are providing £76 million towards the development of an onshore wind farm in Moray, Scotland.

EU interference is leading to these wind farms springing up all over the country. People in areas such as Marston do not want these blots on the landscape and why should they be dictated to by the EU? I hope this application is thrown out.

If you do the analysis and take away the subsidy, these wind farms are just not viable," he added.

During a recent visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, opponents to the Marston plans received his support and encouragement to continue their fight.



Under Coalition Government plans recently published, every Local Authority has the opportunity to generate energy from wind and other sources using publicly owned land and buildings as sites for micro generation. Mike has contacted every LA in the West Midlands to enquire about their plans, and the responses are being collated.

Marston could just be one of many wind farms across the West Midlands, blessed with so called EU subsidy!

Flood defences fight in Warwick

When local resident Mrs Linda Bromley approached her MEP for help in October 2009, she had pursued a long and frustrating campaign against Warwick City Council and the Environment Agency for the reinstatement of degraded flood defences for her community in Emscote Gardens, Warwick.

The flood barrier had been built in the 1960s as a condition of the estate being built, but the Council had allowed it to become degraded and therefore ineffective. A local builder had requested planning permission for two houses which would further erode the height of the barrier and the Emscote Gardens Residents' Association then turned to Mike for help.

As a Fellow of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, Mike was fully aware of the impact of this situation on house prices, insurance valuations and saleability of these properties, and quickly responded to the residents' plight.

He was also appalled that the Environment Agency had

apparently failed to recognise their own assessment of the likely impact of climate change and therefore the increased potential for flooding of these houses. In the 1998 floods, the River Avon rose to within a few inches of the crest of the barrier; any future flooding could well spell disaster.

The local paper reported:
"Major victory for flood defence fight."

A concerted campaign against the further destruction of a flood defence in Warwick won a major victory thanks to MEP Mike Natrass.

The Planning Inspectorate confirmed it had dismissed an appeal lodged by developers to build two houses on a 1960s flood defence in Mercia Way which lies alongside the River Avon.

Jubilant members of the Emscote Gardens Residents Association and UKIP West Midlands MEP Mike Natrass welcomed the decision which has been hailed a victory for common sense.

In April, Mr Natrass wrote to the Inspectorate on behalf of worried residents urging that the appeal be turned down as the houses would compromise a section of the flood bank near Emscote Gardens.

Following months of uncertainty the Inspectorate recently confirmed it had

refused the appeal.

The decision has been welcomed by MEP Mike Natrass and by the residents who have led a long-running campaign against further threats to the flood bank.

Mike said: "The effectiveness of the flood barrier has been degraded over the years.

Now, following the Inspectorate's excellent decision to dismiss the appeal, the residents and I will continue our fight for the reinstatement of the flood barrier.

The Inspectorate's decision is a victory for common sense and a victory for the residents of Mercia Way."

Mike placed the residents' concerns in front of the Ombudsman, who agreed that the builder's appeal should be rejected and the Emscote Gardens residents were delighted when Mike was able to confirm that their battle from behind the fortifications was won.

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Mike stood against a smelly slaughterhouse extension in a business area. It failed to establish adequate animal holding facilities and broke EU rules on animal transportation, with blood and excrement on the roads and footpaths. See the website for more details.

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Mike, who sits as a member of the European Parliament's Transport Committee, joined the protesters against the High



Speed Rail line to London, and appeared on TV in support of their case. The link is part of a pan-European project (funded by our taxes!), and has attracted criticism for the damage it will do to the environment. It will shave only minutes off commuters' journeys between London and Birmingham. Mike says "This EU proposed line despoils our countryside for no good reason. There are alternative routes which can be upgraded at less cost" See Mike's website for more details.

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Tory EU Spin

from the Party that proposed Romania into the EU

West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass says the Tories' Birmingham Conference has underlined how the ConDem coalition cannot be trusted over Europe and has branded the proposed sovereignty clause 'pure spin'.

The MEP says the fragile coalition is clearly bitterly divided over the issue of Europe and that the Tories' record, which saw the party "re-Hague" on its promise to hold a referendum on the self-amending Lisbon Treaty, shows that the Conservatives will never stand up to the EU.

Mr Nattrass says the sovereignty clause will not be considered by the EU and will do nothing to stem the tide of EU rules and laws which render Westminster virtually powerless and shackle British business and enterprise.

Figures in the Official Journal of the European Union reveal, that since the Coalition government was elected in June, more than 850 pieces of EU legislation have been passed.

Mr Nattrass said: "Last December, the self-amending Lisbon Treaty was ratified which expanded the European Union's law-making powers. They may as well have opened Pandora's box and now it is too late to put the lid back on.

During the Tory conference, the Foreign Minister pledged to stand up for Britain's sovereignty but it was the Tories who "re-Hague" on their promise to hold a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty, and it was the

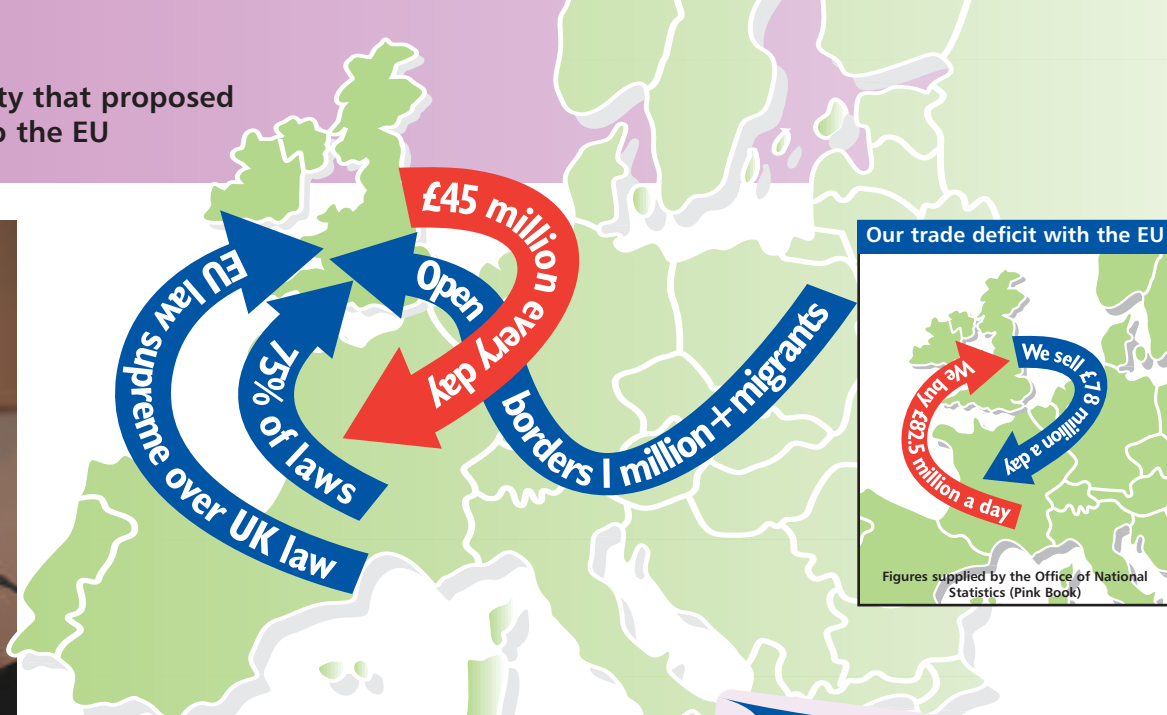


Conservatives who signed the Maastricht Treaty.

Indeed, it was the Tories, in the person of Edward Heath, who got us into this EU mess in the first place, yet that party used its Birmingham Conference to spin the biggest yarn since the 1970s Tory fairy story about the Common Market and "no loss of sovereignty."

Now the Tories have the cheek to talk about a so-called "Sovereignty Clause" but at the end of the day the Lisbon Treaty is self-amending. The treaty expands the EU's law-making powers and restricts the power of Westminster. They may as well talk about a "Santa Clause!"

The treaty led to the appointment of the first president of the EU, Herman Van Rompuy, a man keen on an EU national anthem and the replacement of national symbols.



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EU Chicken Egg Regs.

On 1st Jan 2012 all member states are required to comply with the EU regs. on caged chicken eggs. All UK egg farms have complied, at great cost. The EU may now allow those who failed to comply to continue to sell across the EU. If so, the compliant UK producers will "go bust", with the EU allowing non compliant cheap inferior eggs (some salmonella infected) to come into the UK. The EU will have failed to police its own rules.

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He wants the EU flag to fly in our schools, town halls and at sporting events and will fine us for non compliance. So much for sovereignty!

The Tories call on the British people to stand up for this country but the Conservatives and the Lib Dems fail to do so in Brussels and Strasbourg and vote it all away to the EU flag.

This sovereignty clause is a blatant publicity stunt. David Cameron's U-turn on holding a referendum on the Lisbon Treaty shows the Tories are committed to the EU project and signing away our country.

Laws should be made in Westminster and not in Brussels. UKIP is the only party committed to Britain's withdrawal from the European Union and ensuring our nation's sovereignty."

European Arrest Warrant should be scrapped!

The EU imposed European Arrest Warrant has led to countless miscarriages of justice. I am leading calls for British style justice and I have raised this issue on TV and Radio.

Thanks to interfering EU bureaucrats, the European Arrest Warrant overrules our own legal system and our own citizens have to suffer as a consequence.

The Edmond Arapi case highlights need for European Arrest Warrant system to be suspended pending an enquiry.

West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass says the ongoing nightmare endured by Edmond Arapi shows the European Arrest Warrant system is flawed and should be suspended pending a thorough enquiry.

Italian authorities earlier this year dropped their European Arrest Warrant (EAW) against Edmond Arapi who works as a chef in Leek, Staffordshire.

Mr Arapi, married with three children, was facing 16 years in an Italian jail after being convicted in his absence of killing an Italian man in Genoa in October 2004.

Evidence, however, showed that Mr

Arapi was in the UK at the time of the murder.

The decision by the Italian authorities to drop the EAW against Mr Arapi was welcomed by UKIP West Midlands Mike Nattrass who says this case and also that of Birmingham City supporter Garry Mann, highlights a need for the EAW system to be suspended pending an urgent enquiry.

Both Mike Nattrass and fellow UKIP MEP the Earl of Dartmouth are campaigning for the enquiry.

Mr Nattrass said: "The cases of Edmond Arapi and Garry Mann highlight the deep flaws in the EU imposed EAW system.

I praise the Italian authorities' decision and I hope Mr Arapi and his family can put their ordeal behind them. I fear, however, that more cases like Mr Arapi's and Mr Mann's will arise as a result of the EAW system.

UKIP MEPs had recently written to the Home Secretary concerning the flawed EAW system and the cases of Mr Arapi and Mr Mann. All we are campaigning for is English style justice."

Garry Mann, a father of six from Faversham in Kent, is facing two years in a Portuguese jail despite British judges, police and the legal system expressing their dismay over how his case was handled by the authorities.

Fair Trials International branded Mr Mann's trial a 'travesty of justice' and a farce.



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UK businesses fined for not flying the EU flag!

The next step - an EU imposed national anthem?

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EU REGULATIONS

Even manhole covers have to be redesigned to a French standard, ensuring trusted UK models do not comply and increasing costs to Local Authorities. As a member of the Federation of Small Businesses, Mike is concerned by unnecessary EU regulations inflicted on business, closing many. Too many to mention here, but current issues involve the consequences of the REACH directive e.g. specialist paints for turbine blades, etc (EU testing being too expensive), mean the actual turbines would more easily be made and painted outside the EU. Also prohibitive financial impact on chemicals needed in specialised areas, forces manufacture outside of the EU. You could not make it up!

Walsall Market saved!

The British media need to report what MEPs do for constituents. Here are examples of how the Walsall Observer, followed by the Birmingham Mail, reported two recent cases:

“The future of Walsall’s historic outdoor market was secured following intense campaigning from traders and UKIP MEP Mike Nattrass.

Walsall Council’s Development Control Committee approved plans to move the market from the Digbeth area of the town to “The Bridge,” much to the delight of stallholders.

Walsall Council scrapped proposals to part-privatise the market following a backlash from shoppers and traders

and a campaign spearheaded by Mr Nattrass for the plan to be ditched.

Karen Sands, from Walsall Market Traders Association, said, ‘We are absolutely ecstatic that the move has at long last been approved.

It will secure the future of Walsall Market and I know it will help boost trade in the town.

It is a “win-win” situation and the move has been four years in the making. I would like to thank shoppers, councillors and Mike Nattrass for their support.

We have safeguarded the market for the people of Walsall . This is great news for the market and the town,’ she said.”

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EU subsidises animal cruelty!
Mike expressed his anger at EU subsidies for bull fighting and barbaric “blood fiestas,” where UK taxpayers’ money supports these “arenas of death” See the website for full details.

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Plea to ban disrespectful parking on gravestones

An important part of an MEP’s work is to represent the interests of society including topics that define communities’ identity.

These are examples of matters raised by Mike following constituents’ letters to him.

“MEPs plea to church leader to ban disrespectful parking on gravestones

West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass has written to the Bishop of Birmingham calling for the disrespectful parking on historic gravestones at a City church to be stopped. The MEP, who is a member of the Church of England, has written to



the Rt Rev David Urquhart in an effort to stop car parking on Georgian and Victorian gravestones in St Paul’s

Church yard in the Jewellery Quarter.

Mr Nattrass has spearheaded a long-running campaign to find a permanent solution to the issue and preserve the gravestones for future generations.

Stephen Hughes, Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council, confirmed the local authority has ‘no identifiable budget’ to fund the cost of a £20,000 project to end parking on the gravestones by relocating them to an

appropriate site and resurfacing the area.

But, Mr Nattrass says there is a simple, cost effective answer to the ongoing saga.

In his emails to Mr Hughes and Rev Urquhart, Mr Nattrass said: “There is no need to park on these ancient stones. There is room to park alongside without damaging them and without any cost other than the restoration of a chain between posts along the side of the stones.

It may well be that the gravestones in St Paul’s Square were relocated in the 1960s but I doubt if the objective was to form hard standing for cars, 4x4s and vans.

The objective was to allow people to view these stones, not allow unholy ignoramuses to park heavy objects on them, so that ancient gravestones are broken up and oiled. Come on, this is the history of Birmingham which is being destroyed.”

In a recent email to Rev Urquhart, Mr Nattrass said: “I am a member of the Church of England and I appeal to you to consider a problem which, in my view, is about the disregard of history, about disrespect and about vandalism – in other words desecration.

I suggest that the removal of the vehicles to an adjoining position and away from parking on these headstones is the simple answer.”



German opposition to Bomber Command memorial

Mike was appalled to learn that a German newspaper recently ran a campaign to oppose the siting of a memorial to Bomber Command in London's Green Park.

During the Second World War, Bomber Command, under the strong leadership of Sir Arthur 'Bomber' Harris, coordinated the defence of this country against the onslaught of the Luftwaffe trying to 'soften us up' prior to a planned Nazi invasion in 1940.

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Old soldiers denied honours! Veterans of the Malaysia/Borneo campaigns of the 1950s and 1960s are being denied the right to wear the PJM medal and Mike is fighting for their cause.

See 'fight4thepmj' and Mike's website for full details.

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German opposition to Bomber Command memorial is an insult

West Midlands MEP Mike Nattrass has expressed his anger over a German bid to scrap a memorial to Bomber Command and the tens of thousands who lost their lives fighting for King and country.

The MEP, whose father was an RAF WWII Lancaster pilot, says efforts by German politicians to stop a memorial being erected in central London are an insult to the brave 55,000 bomber aircrew killed in World War Two.

Veterans have expressed their disgust at the stance of the Bild newspaper which recently ran a headline in English saying 'Please Say No', and efforts in Germany to stop the installation of the monument in London's Green Park.

Mr Nattrass said: "As the MEP covering the Coventry area, which was devastated by German bombing, I am appalled that some German politicians and the Bild newspaper are actively campaigning for the monument to be scrapped.

How dare they! Many people in Bomber Command lost their lives to defend this country. At the end of the day they bombed us and we bombed them.

To quote Sir Arthur 'Bomber' Harris,



who was in charge of RAF Bomber Command:

'The Nazis entered this war under the rather childish delusion that they were going to bomb everyone else, and nobody was going to bomb them. At Rotterdam, London, Warsaw, and half a hundred other places, they put their rather naive theory into operation. They sowed the wind, and now they are going to reap the whirlwind.'

Indeed, the devastation of Coventry, within my constituency, led to the Germans' creating the word 'Coventrate', meaning to devastate sections of a city by concentrated bombing. The Germans called for 'Total War' and they received the final dividend that is now history.

It is nothing short of a national disgrace that there is no monument to Bomber Command and I join veterans in calling for this disgrace to end.

Many brave airmen made the ultimate sacrifice to defend this country. It is also a fact that "Bomber" Harris was the only Chief of Staff to be denied an honour at the end of the war. That was an insult to all who served in Bomber Command."

Mike has offered his support to WW2 Royal Air Force veterans in their efforts to gain permanent recognition for the strategic role played by 'Bomber' Command.



Thank you for reading these reports. It is the job of UKIP MEPs to report the true facts about the EU parliament, even when the media, bowing to pressure from the Establishment, find that reporting plain fact is not acceptable. I will continue to work for the people of the West Midlands highlighting the effects of EU Regulation on our daily lives.

"In the mid 1970s the UK electorate were advised to vote for a "Common Market," with a guarantee that it "would not compromise our British sovereignty."

The Common Market was transformed, without any mandate, into a political union.

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