

Nick Timothy, Member of Parliament for West Suffolk



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Dear Editor

Re: Your article dated 3 February 2026

I write in response to your shameful article about Haverhill, based on a supposed study of 1,447 towns by an attention-seeking property business.

The headline and the article itself are insults to the fastest-growing town in Suffolk. Many thousands of people are moving into Haverhill underlining the fact that the appeal of living here is very strong indeed, and growing. And rightly so.

Haverhill has a proud industrial heritage – home to textile giant Gurteen, which still operates from its treasure-house of a factory site, Chantry Mills, in the centre of town. Now, it is home to innovative companies like Nyobolt, whose revolutionary ultra-fast charging battery technology can charge electric vehicles in minutes.

We also boast the EpiCentre innovation centre, which supports and provides office and lab space for an eye-opening 172 companies. In five years since opening here, it has secured £150 million in grants and investments and added £10.5 million in value to the local economy.

Sigma-Aldric, a major firm in the biotech and life science industry, operates here, as does the brilliant Bernhard and Company – leaders in sports turf technologies.

Haverhill has so many assets – including its schools – and the best is its people. Residents look after each other and leave no one behind. Haverhill Arts Centre – located in the grade II listed building which formerly housed the town hall – hosts family activities, a recording room, films, music and dance.

The town has exceptional organisations like Reach Community Projects and Cangle Foyer, and brilliant sports assets, including Haverhill Rovers – playing on modern 3G pitches at the New Croft – and Haverhill Cricket Club, founded in 1861.

In West Suffolk we are incredibly proud of Haverhill. I hope never to see such nonsense in your newspaper again.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nick Timothy".

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