



# Damian Hinds

*MP for East Hampshire*

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### **“Torch will light up East Hants. Memorably” says Damian Hinds**

Damian Hinds has welcomed the announcement that the Olympic Torch Relay will pass through East Hampshire on Monday 16 July 2012.

*“This is fantastic news for Petersfield and for the wider community in East Hampshire. The Olympics are the most global event possible and truly a national celebration for our country as host nation.*

*“Having the Torch come through Petersfield is a fantastic opportunity for the area to come together and celebrate both the spectacle of the games and the fantastic community spirit which we have.*

*“The Games are more than simply a sports tournament. They represent a great chance to champion the best in human diversity and endeavour. The Paralympics are an intrinsic part of that too. Treloar’s has an enviable record of producing medal winning athletes. I know that a number of students are training hard for next summer and it is great that Head of PE, Sandra King, is taking a key role as competition manager in Boccia.*

*“The Games, and the carrying of the Torch through Petersfield, are a once in a lifetime event for us as a nation and a local community. I am really looking forward to what will be a memorable time, both in East Hampshire and across the UK.”*

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