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## on Abbey Wood

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Can't win here

Only the Lib Dems can beat Labour here in Abbey Wood

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# Let Down by Labour

After nearly 40 years of Labour rule on Greenwich Council it is clearly time for a change.

- ✗ Labour have let down local children by failing to provide good enough schools - exam results lag behind the rest of London
- ✗ Labour allowed development on local green spaces
- ✗ Labour have wasted thousands of pounds of taxpayers money on self-publicity and expensive projects that have failed to benefit local people
- ✗ Labour take the public for granted - the council leader missed two-thirds of council meetings in the last year.

Abbey Wood voters have to decide whether they would prefer Labour or Liberal Democrat councillors. The Conservatives cannot win here. A vote for the Conservatives only helps leave Labour in power in Woolwich Town Hall.

You have three votes in the local council elections. The best way to get a better deal for our area is to use all three votes for your Liberal Democrat team – Ismail Danesi, Samson Iriajen and Bonnie Soanes.

## Four steps to a fairer Britain

### 1. Fairer taxes that put money back in your pocket

Pay no tax on the first £10,000 you earn – cutting most tax bills by £700.

### 2. A fair chance for every child

Smaller class sizes, more cash for schools and abolish university tuition fees.

### 3. A fair future: create jobs by making Britain greener

Invest in public transport, renewable energy and energy efficient homes.

### 4. A fair deal for you from the politicians

Make politicians accountable and give you the right to sack corrupt MPs.

## ELECTION SPECIAL

### YOUR LOCAL LIB DEM TEAM - WORKING FOR YOU ALL-YEAR-ROUND



Bonnie Soanes, Ismail Danesi and Samson Iriajen - your Lib Dem candidates

The Liberal Democrat candidates offer Abbey Wood the best choice on 6<sup>th</sup> May. They all live in the ward and have years of experience dealing with the issues faced by Abbey Wood residents. They would give Abbey Wood an effective voice in Woolwich Town Hall.

**Ismail Danesi** was a councillor for eight years. He stood up for local residents rather than keep quiet and go along with Labour's neglect of the area. He wants to work hard to make our local streets safer and cleaner.

**Bonnie Soanes** has lived in Abbey Wood for thirty-eight years. He has helped in the management of C2K Youth & Community Centre since it started and is also a governor at Alexander McLeod School. He has campaigned against unwelcome planning applications many times.

**Samson Iriajen's** main interests lie in education and youth issues. He is a teacher and mentor in a further education college. Locally he supports and helps organise the Abbey Wood Boys Football Club that plays on Winns Common on Saturdays. The aim of the club is to get young people off the street and denounce violence – especially knife crime in our neighbourhood.



change that works for you

BUILDING A FAIRER BRITAIN

# Our key pledges for a better Greenwich Borough

## Improve our Borough's schools

**Working with parents, governors and teachers, we will give schools the support and encouragement they need to do better.**

In the most recent independent assessment the Council's services for Children and Young People were rated as 'simply adequate in meeting minimum requirements'.

Greenwich is the worst performing London borough for obtaining five or more good GCSEs with just 43% of pupils achieving that level.



**We can and we will do better for our children.**

## Provide a true local voice

The Borough Council has been run for far too long by people who don't listen and behave as if they don't think it is their job to listen.

The Liberal Democrats will listen to local people and carry out genuine consultations on services and proposals affecting local communities.

We want to see more decisions taken by local councillors and residents at ward and area level - taking power away from the Town Hall in Woolwich.



## Putting more green into Greenwich

**We will maximise the benefits from recycling and composting - with the aim of increasing the proportion of household waste and compost recycling so that it exceeds 45% by**

### Make the local community safer

Crime rates remain higher in our Borough than for the London area as a whole.

We will work closely with local residents and the police to target local crime hotspots.

We will work in partnership to reduce the causes and the fear of crime and anti-social behaviour.

## Tackling poverty in Greenwich

Under Labour the Borough of Greenwich is the eighth most deprived London borough and it ranks tenth (out of thirty-two London boroughs) for child poverty.

The Liberal Democrats will do all they can to lessen the poverty experienced in the most deprived households, and will assist residents in getting the benefits to which they are entitled.

Less poverty will enable a well-run council to do more for all local residents.

## Improve access to decent housing

The Liberal Democrats are committed to doing all within the council's power to invest in new and affordable homes.

However, it should not be at the expense of local green spaces which have been coming increasingly under threat from developers.

We will improve the management of the housing that the Council owns and rents, and ensure that repairs and improvements are not delayed.

Improving housing will improve the lives of thousands of families across the borough.



## Giving residents value for money

**We must strike a fair balance between the Council Tax you pay and the services you need.**

The Liberal Democrats will be honest about local taxation and get the best out of the money you provide by running local services more efficiently.

**Greenwich Council is failing to perform as well as the neighbouring councils in Lewisham and Bexley - we can do better!**

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- I will display a poster at election time
- I will vote for the Liberal Democrats at the council elections on 6 May
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## Promote health and wellbeing in the borough

**We need a stronger partnership between Greenwich Council, NHS Greenwich and Greenwich Community Health Services.**

The Council needs to address the failings of the South London Health Care Trust which has been rated as 'significantly underperforming'.

