

# FOCUS

on Eltham South

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## Local Lib Dems launch green tax switch

### LIB DEM GREEN ACTION PLAN:

- £1,000 income tax cut for the average family.
- Switch Britain to green taxes on pollution.
- The more you switch to greener living, the more of your tax cut you keep.

Liberal Democrats want to give the average family a £1,000 income tax cut to save the planet. By switching to green taxes instead, everyone can help switch off climate chaos.

Local Lib Dem campaigner **Mark Pattenden** says, "The Liberal Democrats will radically change the way Britain pays tax. Taxing good things - like income - less, and switching to taxing bad things - like pollution - instead.

"Then, the more you choose to switch to greener living, the more of your Lib Dem income tax cut you will keep. It's your choice!

"While other politicians just talk about the environment the Lib Dems plan to actually do something to tackle growing climate chaos."

More details can be found at  
[www.greentaxswitch.com](http://www.greentaxswitch.com)

### What others are saying...

"The Lib Dems are spot on. The range of measures proposed on green taxation are welcome."

- World Wildlife Fund (WWF)

[Lib Dem tax plans] will penalise behaviour that is bad for the environment while benefiting families with incomes of up to £70,000.

- Financial Times.

Many Labour voters may be attracted by Lib Dem plans to take more lower-paid people out of tax altogether. Under Gordon Brown, an extra 1.2 million have been dragged into the higher rate of tax

- The Independent.

THE Liberal Democrats have outflanked David Cameron with a promise to cut the income tax bills of millions of families by up to £1,000 a year.

- The Times.

## YES, we're backing the green tax switch

I/We back Liberal Democrat plans to cut income tax by £1,000 for the average family, and switch to green taxes instead, so the more people switch to greener living, the more of the tax cut they keep.

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# “They don’t want to listen. They avoid public scrutiny. Does our Labour council really care what residents think?”

Local Liberal Democrats have attacked the Labour Council for cancelling meetings and avoiding public questioning.

Since the last elections in May, a full meeting for all Greenwich councillors has been held just three times. In addition the local ‘Time to Listen’ meetings, which gave local residents the chance to meet and question councillors face to face have also been scrapped.

“The Labour Council is failing to provide decent basic services like education, can’t keep the streets clean and is failing to collect council tax and rents,” says local Lib Dem campaigner **Mark Pattenden**.

## Public must have their say

“Councillors have met just once since July. By cancelling so many meetings Labour is trying to hide its failures from the public.”

The Liberal Democrats want to see more local meetings held - especially here in Eltham rather than in Woolwich - so that the Council and your local councillors can be held to account by local people for their actions or more often their inaction.

**Liberal Democrats - still working  
all-year-round for you**

Let us know your views - use the form below or log on to <http://www.greenwich.libdems.org.uk/surveys/1/>

## Labour fails to collect Council Tax

Local Liberal Democrats have accused the Labour Council of going soft on Council Tax evasion.

Greenwich council collected just 93.2% of the tax due last year (2005/06) - less than in the previous year. This poor performance means that the council has failed to collect around £5million this year.

“Greenwich has one of the worst collection rates in London,” says local Lib Dem campaigner **Mark Pattenden**. “Failing to collect the Council Tax due means that honest taxpayers will be forced to pay more to make up for Labour’s failure to crack down on tax evasion.”

The Liberal Democrats made improving Council Tax collection a priority in our manifesto for the council elections. It is a shame that Labour doesn’t think it is important.

## and fails on rent too...

Earlier this year FOCUS reported that the Labour Council had failed to collect almost £15million in council housing rents. The latest figures show that, instead of reducing these debts, the Council has allowed them to go up even further.

“We are all having to pay for Labour’s failure to get a grip on tax and rent arrears,” says Mark Pattenden.

## It matters what YOU think...

If you know of a local problem which needs attention, contact your local Liberal Democrat Focus Team today. Use this space to have your own say...



Name/s \_\_\_\_\_

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- I would like to help the local Liberal Democrats.  Please send me details of how to switch my own home to green electricity.

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