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Can't win here

Only the Lib Dems can beat Labour here in Greenwich West

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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.

Greenwich West 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 – Anthony Austin, Ian Gerrard and Lucy Mortimer.

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 HARD FOR YOU

Lib Dems fight for Almshouses

Lib Dem Council candidate **Ian Gerrard** and Parliamentary candidate **Joseph Lee** have vowed to fight for the future of the Queen Elizabeth College almshouses in Greenwich High Road which have been under threat of closure for over six months.

Joseph Lee, who recently met with college residents, says, "I was disgusted to hear of their treatment by the owners of the site."

Ian Gerrard added, "It is awful that vulnerable elderly residents are being left in limbo - they should be treated with much more respect than has been afforded to them so far."

"Not only are the almshouses a necessity for local people, they are also an integral part of the history of our area. We cannot lose them."



Joseph Lee, Lucy Mortimer and Ian Gerrard are campaigning to keep the almshouses open.

Parking priorities must change

Residents in Greenwich West have been raising their concerns over parking in the town centre with the local Lib Dem candidates.

Concerns include the lack of parking for residents in the Thames Street area and the use of residents parking spaces by town centre shoppers.

Lib Dem candidate **Anthony Austin** said: "The needs of residents here really must be taken into account. Whilst we appreciate that Greenwich is a very popular shopping and tourist destination, people who pay rent and Council Tax in the Thames Street properties must have priority."



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
- I enclose a donation to help pay for the FOCUS newsletters £30 £15 Other £__ please make cheque's payable to "Liberal Democrats"

A donation of £10 or more entitles you to membership of the Liberal Democrats. Please tick here if you do not wish to join.

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'.

