



Haringey Labour Climate Action

(incorporating Hornsey and Wood Green and Tottenham Labour Parties)

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Letter to Labour candidates

This letter is addressed to Labour candidates for the May Council election. We send it to all Labour members as a way of reaching candidates and also for information.

Dear Candidate

Congratulations on being selected as a Labour candidate for the May '22 local elections.

Haringey Labour Climate Action, alongside increasing numbers of the electorate, see addressing the Climate and Ecological Emergencies declared by this Council as central to improving the quality of life for our community, and tackling everyday concerns such as fuel poverty, air quality, sustainable training and employment, refuse disposal, traffic and local amenity.

We are keen to establish how Labour candidates in this election propose to develop, implement and promote Council policies and Action Plans to address these issues.

We are particularly interested in how you might aim to achieve this at both ward and Council level in a way that resonates with and actively engages the broadest possible numbers of local residents and businesses.

We are also keen to know how you might build the groundwork for this into your election campaign.

Finally, we enclose a motion carried overwhelmingly at the recent CLP Borough Manifesto Conference. This sets out a number of these issues and proposes a wide range of actions, working in and with our local communities to engage local people in shaping and controlling their environment

So we are also interested in which aspects of the motion you might support or prioritise, and how you might aim to deliver these.

We look forward to hearing from you and would also welcome a continued dialogue after the elections.

With best wishes,
Chris Barker, Secretary
On behalf of Haringey Labour Climate Action

ENVIRONMENT MOTION

(Composite from Fortis Green, Hornsey and Haringay wards unanimously passed at Borough Conference February 2022)

This Conference believes that:

Every council department should have an integrated and urgent response to climate emergency and all policies should be frequently monitored and audited.

Haringey Council should:

Incineration/waste

- 1 Use all means within its power to terminate or substantially alter the contract for Edmonton incinerator. The incineration plan agreed is too big, too costly and too polluting.
- 2 Exceed 50% recycling by 2025.
- 3 Establish a re-use facility.
- 4 Make food waste collection available to all.

Trees

- 1 Value and maintain every mature tree in the borough. Plant at least 100,000 more.
- 2 Inform the public of any need to remove trees. Any removed to be replaced with appropriate species.
- 3 Employ necessary staff experts in tree health to care for increased tree numbers.

Parks/Gardens

- 1 Employ qualified gardeners for every park and introduce apprenticeships.
- 2 Cease use of poisonous herbicides/pesticides.
- 3 Create eco-corridors for biodiversity.
- 4 Collect and compost fallen leaves for local use.
- 5 Reinstate free green waste collection.
- 6 Invest in green community spaces.
- 7 Implement sustainable flood control measures.

Low Traffic Neighborhoods and cycling

- 1 Plan with communities, resisting ready-made plans for comment.
- 2 Ensure segregated cycling lanes and more school streets.
- 3 Avoid unjust motorist fines and practices.
- 4 Trial innovative, non-punitive, ways to reduce car use.

Transport and walking

- 1 Maintain pavements and invest in public realm.
- 2 Provide street benches and public toilets.
- 3 Lobby TfL to cut all bus emissions within the next three years.

Housing/Energy

- 1 Ensure all new builds, public buildings and Haringey owned homes, are highly insulated, having heat pumps and solar panels as standard, where applicable.
- 2 Provide incentives for private homeowners and landlords to do the same.
- 3 Instigate and support community energy companies.