



# Our plan to Make a Difference in Greenwich



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# A message from the Leader of the Opposition on Greenwich Council



Councillor Nigel Fletcher leads the Conservative Opposition Group on Greenwich Council

*Dear resident,*

At this local election, I am asking you to help us to make a difference locally.

The local Labour Party has run Greenwich Council for the last half a century. Over that time, they've become more out of touch and taken local people for granted. Whether it's voting to increase their own allowances, wasting money on needless publicity or implementing unpopular traffic schemes, they have stopped listening to residents.

As a strong and effective Opposition Group in the Town Hall, Greenwich Conservatives have held Labour to account and forced them to back down on their most unpopular policies. We have also made a real positive difference to residents, securing funding for neighbourhood projects, persuading the Council to cut Council Tax for those in the most need, and taking action to improve our environment and local parks.

With a large existing majority on the Council, Labour now hopes to win every seat and wipe out the only challenge to them at the Town Hall. We believe democracy works best when there are opposition voices to hold those in power to account and speak up for those who disagree.

That is why I am proud to present this manifesto, setting out how electing Conservative councillors makes a real difference locally. I am asking for your help to keep a strong Opposition on the Council, and continue to be an effective local voice for you.

*Yours faithfully,*

*Nigel Fletcher*

**Cllr. Nigel Fletcher**

Leader of the Opposition, Royal Borough of Greenwich  
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Greenwich Conservative Councillors provide the only opposition to Labour at the Town Hall



# Why Greenwich needs an Opposition



## How we make a difference:

- Standing up for local residents
- Making your voice heard at the Town Hall
- Holding Labour to account
- Getting things done for residents across the Borough

In this local election, you have the chance to choose who represents you at the Town Hall, where Labour has been in power for 50 years. They currently have a large majority, with 42 Labour councillors and just our nine Conservative opposition councillors holding them to account.

They are now seeking to win every seat on the Council, eliminating opposition voices and turning Greenwich into a one-party Borough, with only Labour councillors deciding what happens locally. We believe that would be deeply damaging and wrong, and are seeking your vote to stop it from happening.

Whilst we would like to win control of the Council, we know that it is unlikely to happen at this election. Instead, we are focused on the important role we play as the only opposition to Labour locally.

We believe that a strong local opposition is healthy to our democracy, and this manifesto sets out how we aim to continue with our important job of holding Labour to account for the decisions they take, which affect us all.

### Standing up for local residents

The most important job we have as councillors is to stand up for residents and represent them on the Council. Having a strong opposition group means we can challenge unpopular decisions and call out failure by the Council leadership, instead of simply toeing the Labour Party line.

### Making your voice heard in the Town Hall

Whilst we are outnumbered in the Council Chamber, we still have an important platform to be heard when decisions are made. As the opposition, we see it as our job to help those who disagree to have their grievances heard, and force the Council to listen.

### Holding Labour to account for their decisions

By having a dedicated group of opposition Councillors, we can ensure the Council's activity is scrutinised, and spot mistakes and failures that would otherwise be missed.

Through our work, we have been able to highlight controversial effects of their policies and embarrass them into making changes.



### Getting things done for residents

Just because we are not in power on the Council, it doesn't mean we are powerless to help local people. We can point to a solid record of achievement where our initiatives have directly led to change across the Borough: From exempting the poorest residents from Council Tax to the £1 million investment in our parks and the new "Shop Local" campaign. All these and more were initiatives we proposed and succeeded in getting done.

We also take a lead in our communities to deliver practical changes and ensure residents' problems get fixed.



# Making our communities safer



In our local residents' surveys and in our conversations with people in communities across the Borough, we hear time and time again that fear of crime and anti-social behaviour is top of many people's list of concerns.

Too many people do not feel safe walking around our streets, particularly at night, and we have seen a number of terrible incidents of serious violence in recent years, particularly against women and girls. Meanwhile, low-level crime and persistent anti-social behaviour disrupt people's daily lives and make our neighbourhoods less pleasant to live in.

## Neighbourhood Policing

The key to tackling crime and antisocial behaviour, and providing much-needed reassurance to residents, is a return to proper neighbourhood policing. Under the Labour Mayor of London, our police stations have been closed and officers forced to travel in from miles away. This makes it more difficult for them to provide the constant presence on our local streets that we all want to see.

As local Conservatives we have consistently called for measures to bring police closer to our communities. After the closure of Eltham Police Station we called on the Council to step in and provide a local police base in Eltham, by making the Council-owned Eltham Centre available. They consistently refused to do so, and have only belatedly conceded a modest proposal to assist local officers find places to drop into in the Town Centre.

We will continue to campaign for the Mayor of London to commit to proper neighbourhood policing, with dedicated neighbourhood teams in all our town centres.

We have also put forward costed proposals to pilot a number of safer neighbourhood hubs, providing local spaces where police officers and council wardens can be more accessible and visible to residents. We will continue to press for such measures to be adopted by the Council.

## Tackling antisocial behaviour

As local ward councillors, we will work with our local police teams and council officers to prioritise action to stop persistent antisocial behaviour.

We will actively support the creation of more neighbourhood watch groups, and continue to suggest practical ways in which local people can contribute to keeping our streets and communities safe.

We will use our influence to promote more effective use of safer neighbourhood panels, which are the forum in which local people are supposed to have their say on how crime is dealt with locally.

In areas where crime and antisocial behaviour is a particular problem, we will seek funding for the installation of more CCTV cameras and more regular patrols by council wardens.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will campaign for proper neighbourhood policing, pressing the Mayor of London to prioritise visible police in our communities
- We will continue to propose practical measures to support the police, such as the creation of new safer neighbourhood hubs which council community safety officers and police teams can use
- We will actively support the creation of new neighbourhood watch groups and work to involve more of the community in the work of safer neighbourhood panels

# Better homes in the right places



## Council Housing repairs

After 50 years of Labour running the Council, too many Council tenants find themselves living in properties in a dreadful state of repair. The Council's repairs and maintenance service has a huge backlog and is failing residents. Meanwhile, rents and service charges have gone up, with little to show for it.

As the Opposition Group on the Council, we have highlighted the shocking state of too many of our council properties, and shamed Labour into taking action in the worst cases. But the whole service needs an urgent shake-up to get it working as tenants expect it to. We will use our powers as councillors to launch a full review of the service.

## Listening to local people in planning

With a growing population, we need more homes for families and individuals. Local people understand that, but too often feel that housing developments are in the wrong place, or out of keeping with their surroundings.

By the time planning applications come forward, it is often too late for residents to stop the plans put forward by developers, because the Council's planning policies have been set years before. We need to give local people a much greater say, when those policies are being made.



We will use our position to highlight the ways residents can have a say on revising the Borough's local development plan, and demand that the Council be more proactive about consulting people properly. We will also champion the creation of Neighbourhood Forums across the Borough, which can draft local neighbourhood plans which the Council has to take into account.

We will also promote the use of design codes for local streets, which make it easier for people to plan extensions and new buildings that are consistent and in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood.

## Housing for those in most need

Providing temporary accommodation for those in most need is an important responsibility. We have raised concerns about the Council's policy of buying private homes on the open market, and questioned if this is the best approach.

Alongside a review of temporary accommodation, we will seek a review of the Council's overall approach to homelessness, using best practice from other local authorities with the aim of meeting the government's target of eliminating rough sleeping by 2024.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will demand a review of the Council's repairs and maintenance service to ensure this failing service is turned around and improved.
- We will give local people a stronger voice in planning policy, by supporting the creation of neighbourhood plans, which force the Council to listen to local views over new developments.
- We will press the Council to adopt design codes for residential streets to make new buildings and extensions more consistent and in keeping with the character of the area.
- We will seek a review of the Council's approach to reducing homelessness and providing temporary accommodation.

# Supporting our shops and local businesses

## Helping our High Streets recover from the pandemic

Our high streets and local shops suffered hugely during the pandemic, with forced closures leaving them unable to trade for long periods, and seeing them lose customers to online retailers. We made it a priority to press for action on this issue.

We proposed in June 2020 that the Council launch a "Shop Local" campaign to encourage people to support their local high streets and parades. This was agreed by the full Council, but has only now been launched, nearly two years late.

The Council also adopted our proposal for a Hospitality Recovery Grant to give £3m of targeted help to pubs and hospitality venues, which had been particularly badly hit by COVID-19 closures.



We will continue to campaign for further support in the years ahead, with the expansion of the Shop Local campaign and the establishment of a £1m High Street Recovery Fund, which we proposed in our alternative budget this year.

We will also continue to put pressure on the Council to implement our other proposals, such as cancelling excessive increases in commercial rents, and the trialling of an hour's free parking in the council's town centre car parks.

## Supporting business and encouraging enterprise

Alongside support for existing retailers, we also need to encourage enterprise and investment into the Borough. We will press for the creation of new small business and enterprise hubs in our town centres, which would provide support for start-up businesses and make better use of otherwise vacant commercial premises.

We will also seek a review of the council's own office accommodation and property portfolio, to identify opportunities for partnerships with businesses to provide co-working space for the increasing number of residents working some of their week remotely.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will continue to press for additional support for local shops and High Streets, extending the "Shop Local" campaign we proposed, with a dedicated £1m High Street Recovery Fund
- We will campaign for an hour's free car-parking in Council car parks in our town centres to support local businesses
- We will oppose excessive increases in the Council's commercial rents, and other costs and charges to local shops
- We will press for the creation of new small business and enterprise hubs in our town centres

# Cleaner, greener streets

As local councillors, we take pride in our local community, and see it as our job to work hard to improve the areas we represent.

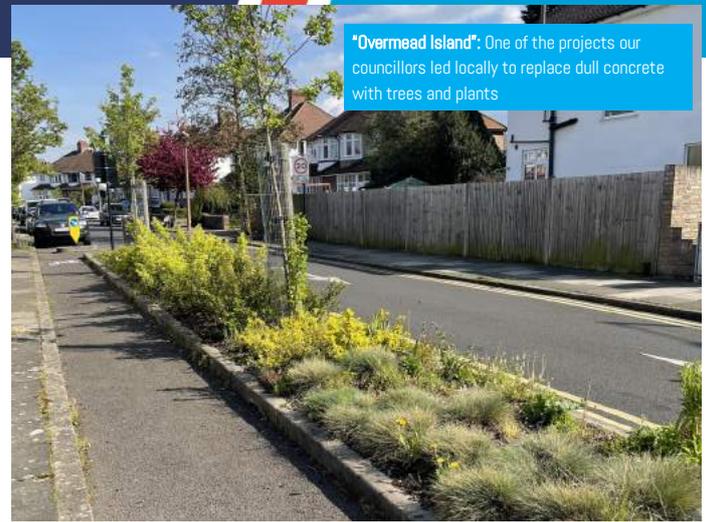
We take a hands-on approach to this task, organising regular local litter picks to clean up our streets, and community planting sessions to bring new trees, bulbs and plants to our streets and open spaces.



We believe this approach should be supported and championed by the Council, and will campaign for increased support for residents and community organisations who want to take an active role in making our Borough cleaner and greener.

## Action on street cleaning and litter

Two years ago, the Labour Council reduced street cleaning and pavement washing services in the Borough. We opposed these cuts and have presented a costed proposal



**"Overmead Island":** One of the projects our councillors led locally to replace dull concrete with trees and plants

for restoring the levels of cleaning to previous levels, which we will continue to press for.

We will also call for a zero-tolerance approach to littering and fly-tipping, with better enforcement and increased fines for offenders to deter those who bring the blight of litter and rubbish to our streets.

## More attractive streets for us to enjoy

As part of our efforts to support small planting projects, we have worked with residents to plant new trees, bulbs and wild flowers on residential streets in our wards to make them greener and more attractive.

We will continue to seek opportunities for such projects, including mini "parklets" of plants in place of concrete. We will press the Council to invest in better maintenance of pavements, and to redesign streets to reduce clutter and make them more attractive for residents and pedestrians.

Where residents want them, we will also back new "school streets" to reduce vehicle congestion near schools, and support applications for temporary closures of residential streets for community events such as street parties for The Queen's Jubilee this summer.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will press for a zero-tolerance approach to litter and fly-tipping, with increased fines for offenders
- We will seek the reversal of Labour's cuts to street cleaning and pavement washing, and call for investment to make streets more attractive for residents and pedestrians
- We will continue to lead by example, organising community action days to clear litter, plant bulbs and wild flowers, and developing other projects to make our streets and public spaces more attractive



# Protecting our environment

As Conservatives, we instinctively seek to protect the most important and cherished assets which we have inherited from past generations. This is especially the case when it comes to conserving our precious natural environment.

## Honest action on the Climate Emergency

In 2019, we joined the cross-party vote for Greenwich Council to declare a climate emergency and commit to become carbon-neutral by 2030. As the opposition, we also secured agreement to an amendment which required the Council to produce a detailed Carbon Neutral Plan, and report back each year on what progress has been made to meet the targets set.

We are proud to have helped turn words into a plan of action, and will continue to hold the Council leadership to account for how they deliver the plan. But we have also highlighted the significant costs involved in meeting the targets, and how controversial some of the measures could be.

We will demand that the measures required are laid out openly and honestly, with extensive proper consultation, to maintain public support for this ambitious agenda.

## Supporting local community projects

To allow all our communities to play their part in helping meet our carbon reduction target and protect the



environment, we propose the establishment of a Greener Greenwich Community Fund to help fund innovative smaller-scale environmental projects in our local neighbourhoods.

## Protecting our beautiful local parks

Whilst action to address global climate change is today's overriding environmental priority, protection of our natural environment locally is an important objective in its own right.

We are blessed with a wide variety of beautiful parks and open spaces across the Royal Borough of Greenwich. During the pandemic they took on even greater significance as valued havens for relaxation and exercise, helping support people's wellbeing during tough times.

Since 2018, we were calling for a Parks Investment Fund to improve and upgrade these important local facilities. Our campaigning eventually led to the Council allocating £1 million as a one-off to fund improvements to a number of the most neglected of these parks and open spaces.

We will continue to prioritise our parks, and call on the council to establish a permanent Parks Investment Fund, using money received from developers as part of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). We will continue to work closely with park Friends groups, helping them with funding bids to the Council and other organisations.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will hold the Council leadership to account for how they deliver the Greenwich Carbon Neutral Plan, which we first called for
- We will demand honesty and proper consultation with local people on the measures necessary to deliver our Climate Change targets
- We will seek the establishment of a Greener Greenwich Community Fund to back innovative local projects to protect the environment
- We will continue to prioritise our beautiful local parks, supporting Friends groups with funding bids to improve and maintain them

# Keeping us moving; ending traffic chaos



Whether for work or leisure, we all need easy and convenient ways to get around safely. Our local transport network should work for all residents, from car-owners to cyclists to pedestrians, making our roads safer and less congested, reducing pollution and improving local air quality. Achieving those objectives means having a proper mix of options for when we need to travel.

## Better public transport and greener travel

We have campaigned for improved public transport links, including new bus routes to better connect the north and south of the Borough. We will seek further improvements, and continue our campaign for Transport for London to take over the failed Southeastern rail franchise, to improve services for commuters. We will propose new incentives for people to switch to electric vehicles, a substantial increase in charging points, and the introduction of new car clubs using electric vehicles.

## Safer cycling and walking

We want to make it safer for people to cycle and walk around the Borough, to make these more attractive options. We have engaged positively with Greenwich cyclists' groups to discuss what improvements can be made, and we support the development of new safe cycling routes in the Borough away from busy roads. We will continue to campaign for the Santander cycle hire



scheme to be extended to the Borough, and will press the Council to restart and extend the proposed e-bike hire scheme. We will press for improvements to road surfaces to benefit cyclists and drivers alike.

## Ending Labour's traffic chaos

Labour's implementation of traffic schemes such as Low Traffic Neighbourhoods has been appallingly mishandled, with the Council embarking on ill-conceived schemes without proper consultation and being forced to U-turn in the face of public anger at the chaos on our streets. We will continue to press for proper consultation of all those affected before any new LTNs are introduced. To help ease congestion from commercial vehicles, we will explore the creation of local delivery hubs with "last mile" delivery services using cycle couriers.

## Improving river crossings and extending the DLR

The current bottleneck at the Blackwall tunnel regularly causes gridlock, exacerbating air pollution from long tailbacks. We have supported the Silvertown Tunnel project as a way to help solve the problem, but have campaigned for one of the tunnels to be used for an extension of the DLR to Kidbrooke and Eltham. We will continue to advocate this option, despite Labour at the Town Hall voting against it earlier this year.

We will also press for new river crossing projects, including at Thamesmead and Charlton, for public transport, cyclists and pedestrians.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will campaign for better public transport links, a focus on safer cycling routes away from busy roads, and new cycle-hire schemes for the Borough
- We will seek an end to Labour's traffic chaos, by insisting that there be no further LTN road closures without proper consultation with all those affected
- We will continue to campaign for a DLR extension to Kidbrooke and Eltham, using the Silvertown Tunnel project to deliver it
- We will campaign for other public transport, pedestrian and cycle river crossings, including at Thamesmead and Charlton
- We will keep up pressure for TfL to take over the former Southeastern rail franchise, and seek improved services on these lines

# Promoting health and opportunity for all



## Supporting public health and social care

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us once again the crucial importance of our local health services, and the huge debt we owe to the dedicated NHS and care workers.

As local councillors we spent time during the pandemic supporting our local communities,



volunteering to help vulnerable people and stewarding at vaccination centres. We also set up COVID-19 response networks to help organise support for people who needed it.

The rising costs of social care are a huge issue across the country, and Councils have been given the ability to raise extra funds via a Social Care precept on Council Tax. We will have backed this and will maintain our support proper funding for social care in the Borough.

On wider health services, we will continue to use our role on Council scrutiny panels to help ensure that local NHS providers make the right decisions for local people.

## Choice and diversity in schools

Twenty years ago, Greenwich schools were a byword for failure, with results well below national averages at all levels. Since the introduction of Academies and the encouragement of new Free Schools by the Conservative government, results have significantly improved. Labour locally has consistently opposed Academies and Free Schools.

Parents and pupils have welcomed the greater choice of schools, and the competition that has resulted has raised standards for all. We wholeheartedly back the right of parents to choose the type of school that is right for their children.



Labour have maintained their ideological opposition to Academies and Free Schools, putting politics before parents. We pressed them to drop this insulting and counter-productive attitude and instead offer full backing to all our schools, regardless of their status.

We will continue to support Academies and Free Schools and press for continued action to ensure high standards for all children across all our schools.

We also take seriously the Council's responsibilities as a corporate parent of our looked-after children, and will maintain a particular focus on helping them and other less privileged children get the opportunities they need to thrive and succeed in life.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will back parents who want more choice in our local schools system, rejecting Labour's ideological opposition to Academies
- We will continue to support measures to ensure social care and frontline public health services are properly funded
- We will use our role on Council scrutiny panels to help ensure that the Council and local NHS commissioners make the right decisions for local people on the delivery of public services



# Revitalising our local democracy



After 50 years of one-party government at the Town Hall, many residents tell us that the Labour Council has stopped listening to local people. Regardless of good intentions, too long in power has led to complacency, arrogance and a leadership that takes people for granted. As well as being a strong opposition, we will campaign for measures to revitalise our local democracy.

## Giving you a voice at the Town Hall

We will use our position as the Opposition to give local people a voice at the Town Hall. We will pro-actively engage with local residents and community groups to listen to their concerns, and invite them into the Town Hall to meet Council officers and discuss the issues that matter to them.

There are a range of mechanisms which we can use as councillors to raise local issues and focus the attention of scrutiny committees and the full Council on the things that matter to you. We will use the results of our surveys and meetings to directly shape the agenda at the Town Hall.

## Using technology to fix local problems

As local councillors, we pride ourselves on being in touch with our communities and pressing the Council to take action to fix local problems. In the next four years we will pioneer new methods to use technology to make it easier for our residents to report local problems and see the work we are doing on your behalf.

## Bringing decisions closer to you

Local democracy works best when decisions are taken closer to the people who they affect. We will support mechanisms to bring more localised decision-making, including by championing the creation of new community councils in areas that want them.

## Improving scrutiny of decisions

Since the creation of the Cabinet system, too many of the Council's decisions are taken by a small group of Labour politicians without public debate, with many meetings lasting just a few minutes. This is undemocratic and wrong.



We will seek changes to the Council's procedures to provide greater opportunities for debate of key decisions by the public and all elected Councillors. We will begin a debate about whether to return to the previous committee system, in which decisions were taken by more representative committees with greater opportunities for debate.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will use our position as Opposition Councillors to help enable community groups and residents to have their voices heard regularly in the Town Hall
- We will pioneer innovative new methods for our ward Councillors to engage with residents and fix the problems they report to us
- We will support measures to bring decision-making closer to local people, including through new community councils
- We will campaign for changes to Council procedures to provide greater scrutiny of decisions, and better involvement of all members



# Saving you money; helping those in need



Whether as a result of the pandemic or the rising cost of energy bills, many families across the Borough are finding it challenging to make ends meet. This makes it all the more important that the Council does what it can to help ease the burden of household bills, and save money before putting up tax.

## Ending Labour's wasteful spending

At a time when families are facing particular challenges to their own finances, there is no excuse for the Council to continue wasting taxpayers' money. We have successfully identified numerous back-office savings that could be made without impacting on front-line services, many of which Labour voted against, before eventually adopting them.

We will continue to challenge waste and inefficiency across the Council, and press for Labour to adopt the additional savings we have identified. The first act of the current Labour leadership was to increase their own allowances, and they have continued to spend nearly half a million pounds a year on unnecessary publicity including the fortnightly "Greenwich Info". This simply cannot be justified any longer.

## Labour's wasted millions

The failure of the Council to implement savings proposals earlier has wasted millions of pounds which could have been better spent on services people locally actually value. In addition, they have negligently failed raise as much money as they should from property developers, whose contributions under the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) are far too low. They failed to conduct a promised review of these rates in 2018, whilst continuing to

divert half of all money received to settle a debt to Transport for London incurred due to a badly negotiated deal on funding the new Crossrail station.

These bad decisions have wasted millions of pounds which could and should have gone to supporting local services and improvements to our communities. We will continue to highlight these missed opportunities and campaign for taxpayers to get more of the money they deserve.

## Helping the most vulnerable

We have a proud record of proposing measures to help the most vulnerable in our Borough. In the past, we secured a Living Wage Incentive Scheme to tackle low pay, and in the last four years we succeeded in getting the Council to exempt the lowest-paid in the Borough from paying Council tax altogether - an idea Labour twice voted against before adopting it.

For those in most need, we have proposed a significant increase in the Emergency Support and Hardship Fund, and a dedicated fund to help people with their energy bills.

We have also made it a priority to highlight the growing issue of loneliness and associated mental health challenges amongst our residents. This has been exacerbated by the pandemic lockdowns, and we will seek a renewed focus from the Council to tackle the issue, with a specific programme of activity to bring people back together and provide support to those who continue to struggle.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will continue to highlight and challenge wasteful spending by the Labour Council, and press them to make savings before putting up tax
- We will press for greater contributions from property developers, securing investment in our communities from the profits they make
- We will continue to seek new ways to help the most vulnerable in our community, and press the Council to adopt our proposal to increase the annual Emergency Support and Hardship Fund
- We will make campaigning against loneliness and social isolation a priority, and seek a specific programme of activity to help bring people back together after the pandemic

# Celebrating culture and heritage

This year marks ten years since Her Majesty The Queen conferred Royal Borough status on Greenwich, as a recognition of its rich heritage. The whole Borough contains a host of distinct communities, each with a special character. We are proud of how diverse and mixed communities of people from different backgrounds have made their home here over the years.

Part of the role of a local council is to instil a sense of civic pride, and to celebrate what makes us special as a community of residents. We support activities which do that.

## Supporting the arts in our communities

The arts play an important role in our local life, providing entertainment and enjoyment, as well as opportunities for people to express their creativity. The sector also has a significant and growing role in our local economy, which benefits us all.

We have supported the major new arts quarter at Woolwich Works, whilst raising proper questions about its £46m cost and how we ensure it provides the maximum benefit to local people for that money. Alongside this major investment, we believe



there is more the Council could do to support smaller local arts projects and organisations in our communities. We will continue to highlight this issue and seek ways in which the Council can better target its support to benefit the local arts sector.



## Protecting our heritage assets

Over many years, Greenwich Council has let too many of our heritage buildings fall into disuse and disrepair. Important listed buildings like Severndroog Castle and Avery Hill Winter Garden were neglected until they required expensive restoration projects after campaigns by dedicated local volunteers. Other buildings including Greenwich Borough Halls are now similarly at risk.

We will campaign for the Council to take better care of our local heritage buildings and commit to find ways to protect and restore those which have fallen into disrepair.

## Honouring our Military heritage

Our Borough has a proud military heritage, and we have campaigned to keep Woolwich Barracks open. We will press the Council to do more to honour the Military Covenant which it has signed.



## Supporting Equality and Diversity

Having strong and diverse communities is one of our greatest strengths as a borough. We commit ourselves to supporting the needs of all our residents and fighting discrimination on the basis of their race, religion, gender or sexuality. We have stood in solidarity with colleagues across the Council Chamber against racists who seek to divide our community, and will continue to do so. We are proud supporters of LGBTQ+ equality and will challenge those locally whose attitudes and behaviour fail to live up to our values of tolerance and respect for all.

## How we will make a difference:

- We will seek a review to improve the way the council supports small local arts organisations in our communities, and challenge priorities in current arts spending
- We will campaign for action to protect and restore the Borough's heritage assets, giving them new life and ensuring they are preserved for future generations
- We will stand up for decent values of equality and respect, challenge those who seek to divide our communities and proudly celebrate the diversity of our Borough. We will press for renewed action to fight discrimination and tackle hate crime



## Ten ways we will make a difference locally:

- 1 Proper local policing in our communities to fight crime
- 2 Better homes and more control of the planning system
- 3 Support for our local shops and high streets
- 4 Cleaner streets and zero-tolerance of litter
- 5 More funding to protect and improve our local parks
- 6 Improved transport and an end to Labour's traffic chaos
- 7 Support for the NHS and a choice of good local schools
- 8 Decision-making closer to local people
- 9 Saving you money and helping those in need
- 10 Support for local culture and protection of our heritage

On Thursday 5th May:

# VOTE LOCAL



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