

BUSH HILL PARK BY-ELECTION
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VOTE

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*Enfield **needs** Green Councillors*

Green policies for Bush Hill Park



Bush Hill Park really does need three Councillors who are hard working and do everything they can to help residents with enquiries and problems. We also need Councillors who understand the green agenda and do their best to promote green policies.

That's why I'm standing as the Green Party candidate in the by-election on the 28th of July. I've been a resident in Bush Hill Park since 1998. I joined the Green Party in 2005 and have been involved in the work of the Bush Hill Park Residents' Association for over 2 years. I'm also involved in the Enfield Alliance Against the Cuts, the local United Nations Association and I run sessions in local schools on climate change.

I was a teacher and manager in a Further Education College in North London and have run my own small business. More recently I was Chair of Enfield Green party for 2 years. As a result I've accumulated a great deal of experience of managing a demanding workload, using my initiative and interacting successfully with a wide range of people - young and old(er!). **Douglas Coker**



Cut energy waste - create jobs

The Council could help us save money and reduce emissions through a programme to ensure all homes and other buildings are energy efficient. Where needed loft and cavity wall insulation should be installed and renewable energy should be generated with solar panels and other devices. This is part of the Green Party's Green New Deal that will create much needed 'green collar' jobs.



Reclaim our streets

The Council should help reverse the increasing dominance of the car by introducing 20mph speed limits on most roads in the ward and the Borough. We'd all benefit from quieter, more pleasant streets where neighbours can make friends and children are much safer. Pedestrians and cyclists would find life easier with less traffic and lower speeds. If you are hit by a car travelling at 40mph, and many do in some roads in the ward, you have a 9 out of 10 chance of being killed. In contrast if hit by a car doing 20mph you have a 1 in 10 chance of being killed. Which odds do you prefer?



Away - where's that?

The way we deal with our mountains of waste is a big issue. While recycling is well established there is always a need for more of our waste to be separated and reused or recycled to avoid it going to either landfill or the incinerator. But we seem to forget the need to REDUCE. Our throw away culture, the unnecessary over-packaging of food and other goods and the strange idea there is some mythical place called AWAY where all our discarded stuff can go have got us into a real mess – literally. We need a campaign to REDUCE the amount we discard.



The NHS and Chase Farm

Any move to privatise the NHS has to be resisted. The focus should be the proper care of patients. Big corporations with no aim other than the pursuit of profit should play no part in the provision of health care. We should also continue to insist on the retention of A&E and maternity facilities at Enfield Chase Hospital.



Let's pay a living wage

I fully support the London Living Wage - currently £8.30 per hour - and would be happy to see future increases above the level of inflation. An increasing number of employers are supporting this policy and it goes some way to addressing poverty in London.



Eat more local food

A healthy diet will include plenty of fresh vegetables. There is much scope for growing food in a wide range of places around the ward. Some residents will have back gardens which are 'surplus to requirements'. With encouragement from the Council these could be used to grow food which could get to the plate within hours and not have to travel from distant places.



No more empty homes

There are a large number of people on the housing waiting list in Enfield while many homes remain empty. Empty homes can encourage vandalism. They may be a danger to kids who are tempted to enter them. Neglected over a long period of time they can become eyesores. This is not acceptable. Owners should be issued with an Empty Property Use Order which would bring the homes back into use.

Join the Green Party

Become a Green Party member today and you'll be joining a community of people dedicated to creating social and environmental change. You'll be playing your part now towards building a better world - by helping to tackle climate change, protect human rights and stop illegal wars. We depend on the support of our members for all the work we do - we don't get donations from big corporates and unions like other parties.

For more information www.greenparty.org.uk
www.enfieldgreens.org.uk 020 8351 7975



Your Carbon Footprint

Some information from the Energy Saving Trust.

We each affect the environment in many different ways - driving, flying, heating our homes, even the type of food we eat makes a difference. With all these different things to think about, it's hard to work out your overall impact. The answer? Your carbon footprint - a single figure that gives you a quick idea of your impact on the environment. Carbon footprints are easy to calculate, compare and understand. Go here energysavingtrust.org.uk/calculator/start for an online calculator.

2012 Olympics AND Elections

It's not just the Olympics which will happen next year - 2012. We will also have the opportunity to choose our Mayor and the members of the London Assembly on the 3rd of May.

Jenny Jones is the Green Party Mayoral candidate and lead London Assembly candidate. Explaining the Green Party vision for London Jenny says "We want to make it easier and more affordable for Londoners to lead a green, healthy and fulfilling life in this great city. It's getting more expensive to keep a roof over your head, to heat your home and put food in the fridge, and essential local services are being cut while pay at the top spirals upwards. We know this is wrong and think we can do more to fix it."

Go here for more information jennyforlondon.org

Vote Jenny Jones - Vote Green Party in 2012

