Crossrail is coming to Tottenham Court Road, and High Speed Rail to Euston. That means hundreds of thousands of extra people in Bloomsbury every week.

For the Liberal Democrats, Labour and the Tories, that means an opportunity to make money: more high street shops, more late night bars and restaurants, more offices.

Only the Green Party is prepared to stand up and say that bigger is not always better.

If there is space to build offices, there should also be new parks. If there is room for chain stores, it should be used instead for small businesses aimed at residents rather than tourists. If we can afford a new transport hub, then there is enough money to build new social housing.

THE GREEN FUTURE

The Green Party now has three councillors in Camden. History tells us that when the Greens start winning seats in a borough, they don’t stop.

In this election, the Green Party is focusing on four wards, including Bloomsbury. With 12 councillors, we will be able to make a real change.

If every Bloomsbury resident who voted Green in the 2008 Mayoral elections does the same in the local elections, you will have your first Green councillors.

ENFORCE PLANNING LAWS

There are rules that developers and businesses continually flout: rules about building green spaces and social housing into every development; rules about late night noise; rules about pollution and emissions that lead to climate change.

We want to be the first Camden Council ever to properly enforce these laws; the first to make laws that actively drive traffic out of Camden; the first one putting residents’ needs ahead of profit.

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Betrayed by Camden: the 40-year campaign for a local secondary school

A once-in-a-generation opportunity to build a secondary school for the 31,000 Camden residents south of the Euston Road has been scandalously spurned by Camden Council.

For 40 years, the council, dominated by the wealthy wards in the north of the borough, has been telling local campaigners, supported by the Green Party, that there was no suitable site. In 2009, residents identified a site, on land owned by the council. With the site in the bag, and funding available... the council chose to build a school in wealthy Swiss Cottage instead.

Now the council wants to add 400 extra pupils to South Camden Community School: it won’t be a community school, it will be a giant education factory. No parent wants that for their children.

Green councillors will demand the immediate reservation of the Wren Street site for a local secondary school.

How to vote Green

For your three councillors for Bloomsbury

You have three votes to elect your three representatives on Camden council. Please put your cross beside the three Green Party candidates...

Vote for no more than three candidates

1

[ ] BENNETT
Natalie Louise Bennett
Green Party

2

[ ] BUENO DE MESQUITA
Sam Bueno de Mesquita
Green Party

3

[ ] CAMPBELL
Beatrix Campbell
Green Party

6

[ ] HOFFMAN
Justin Romain Hoffman
Green Party

For your MP

Vote for only one candidate

1

[ ] BENNETT
Natalie Louise Bennett
Green Party

Green Party: fair is worth fighting for

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

* The Green Party opposed the sell-off of council housing by the Lib Dem-Tory coalition over the past four years. Once homes are sold they are lost from our public housing system forever. With 18,000 families on the council waiting list, this is disastrous.

* The Green Party is campaigning to reduce speed limits to 20mph throughout Camden. The only way to give our borough clean air and streets safe for children is to keep motorists from using it as a handy route to whizz through on their daily commutes. A lower speed limit will help to keep our streets safe and our air clean.

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* The Lib Dem-Tory coalition plans to sell-off the Town Hall annexe for demolition, a building just four decades old. The Green Party wants the planning process to take full account of waste of resources and community misery caused by unnecessary demolitions of sound buildings.

* The Green Party stands for equality between men and women. Unequal pay is the norm in the City: the gender gap is an outrageous 45 per cent. It is the only party with a strategy for closing the gender gap – particularly climate change – as a more stable, more resilient, far healthier society.

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**Choose a new kind of politics**

Natalie Bennett, Green Party candidate for Holborn and St Pancras:

The general election on May 6 could mark the start of a new kind of politics. In Brighton Pavilion, Caroline Lucas, the Green Party leader, is now the bookmakers’ favourite to win a seat at Westminster.

The mad reality of the first past the post electoral system means that winning in a single seat is mighty hard. But now it’s a real possibility.

And here in Holborn and St Pancras, you’re in a seat that got the fourth-high-

The growing Green Party vote

In the London Assembly list elections in 2008, the Green Party in the Holborn and St Pancras constituency finished a close third behind the Tories. Since then Labour has continued to privatise public services, has shovelled billions into the pockets of bankers, and continued its occupation of Afghanistan. It has only become more unpopular. And the true face of the Tories, with their plans to slash public spending, has been revealed.

And we want to raise the minimum wage to £8.10/hour, to immediately lift everyone working full time out of poverty, and to raise the single pension to £170/week, taking the more than 20% of pensioners now living in poverty up to a decent standard of living.

So why vote Green? We’re offering a unique, fully costed manifesto that DOESN’T CUT public services (well except for a few wasteful, dangerous bits, like the Trident nuclear missile replacement, ID cards, and Labour’s plan to spend £35bn over the next decade on new roads).

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And we want to pull British and Nato troops out of the unwinnable, deadly war in Afghanistan.

It all adds up to a genuinely fairer society, with £44bn invested in useful projects, from renewable energy to better public transport, from insulation of homes to an expanded Sure Start programme. Together these projects will provide 1 million new jobs.

That will ensure that we’re ready and able to face the challenges of the future – particularly climate change – as a more stable, more resilient, far healthier society.

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**Working for you ... your local Green Party team**

Beatrix Campbell

“I’ve spent my life campaigning for disadvantaged women and men, who need services and support in their lives, as do we all at some time or another. Labour, the Tories and the Lib Dems threaten spending cuts, just at the time when Bloomsbury residents most need security.”

Justin Hoffman

“I have lived in Bloomsbury for 10 years and can see that it is a place where Green issues are most important. We cannot live in this crowded place without looking after our environment: aiming to be carbon neutral and not striving for growth without thinking about the long-term consequences.”

Sam Bueno de Mesquita

“I joined the Green Party because they kept being right. Right on climate change, right on social justice, right on economics and right on local issues. We need to make sure that working people in Bloomsbury get a fair wage, and that the most beautiful areas of our city don’t become victims to the short-term greed of developers.”

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