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Shahrar Ali

your local Green
Party candidate

This newsletter
goes out to 9,285
electors in 5,428
households in
Dudden Hill ward



Jean Lambert

London Member
of the European
Parliament



**Cllr Darren
Johnson**

Member of the
London Assembly



Cllr Jenny Jones

Member of the
London Assembly



Main shot:

Dr Shahrar Ali and Jean Lambert MEP in Dudden Hill earlier this year at the launch of a report on energy efficiency in the home. The wall insulation block is made out of recycled newspaper.

Far left: Shahrar urges release of Guantanamo prisoners, Feb 2007.

Time to turn Dudden Hill Green?

Since 2004, Green support has nearly doubled across the UK. Last year, the number of Green councillors in London went up from one to 12. Following record results in May this year, we now have 119 Green councillors.

The political tide is with us. We're gaining more support, members and media interest than at any time for 20 years. That's because the public are looking for a lead on the biggest issue confronting us all – how to tackle climate change.

Vote to make a difference on polling day!

This by-election presents you with a unique opportunity. Brent Council is currently made up of 26 Lib Dem, 21 Labour, and 15 Tory councillors. The Council is therefore under no overall control and the Lib Dems require the support of the Tories on the executive. The Mayor of Brent is Labour.

The maths means that voting to increase **any** of the present parties on the Council will not make a shred of difference to

the Council's policies or operations. Yet a strong Green voice on the Council would help us to implement our ideas across the borough – on energy, housing and transport. There has never been a better time to vote Green. Vote for what you believe in!

Cycling

The Green Party is committed to getting more people in Brent out of their cars and on to their bikes. Cycling is clean, healthy and fun. And it's safer than ever: new figures show that, as the number of cyclists on London's streets continues to rise, so the relative number of casualties falls.

But although this is great news, the Greens believe that so much more needs to be done to make cycling a genuinely attractive and safe way to get around. We want to see Brent transformed into a place where it is quick, safe and easy to get around on two wheels. We are calling for increased funding for cycle training and a drastically improved cycle infrastructure.

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our 7 point plan for Dudden Hill and Brent

1. Campaign to end unsafe air pollution from Neasden Goods Yard and the North Circular Road.
2. Work closely with Dollis Hill House Trust to restore the House for community use.
3. Campaign against privatisation of our schools and promote youth clubs.
4. Defend the NHS and end cost-shunting of medical care onto Council taxpayers.
5. Fund decent public transport, cycling lanes and pavement repair.
6. End Brent arms investment and the transport of nuclear waste through the borough.
7. Make solar panels compulsory on all new buildings.

Animal Welfare and Pets

The Greens are the strongest party for animal welfare. We are strongly opposed to animal cruelty - factory farming in all its forms, the farming of animals for fur, and the mistreatment of pets. But we most certainly do not condone the use of violence in defence of animal rights, believing that human rights are equally important.

Owning a pet carries with it responsibility. It is unacceptable for poorly trained and dangerous dogs to roam our public spaces off the leash, frightening or doing harm to children or adults. We believe in strong legislation to ensure responsible pet ownership.

Neasden Goods Yard

On the western perimeter of Dudden Hill ward, this Yard is a blight on Brent's landscape and a major threat to the health of all nearby residents because of the dust and pollution generated by operators using the yard. In addition, an unacceptable flow of lorries in and out of the yard constitutes a major traffic hazard and renders the road between the yard and Neasden station a virtual pedestrian no-go area.

Shahrar Ali, if elected, would make absolutely sure there was no complacency within Brent Council over the enforcement

of current regulations, so as to ensure the operation of the Yard was held rigidly to the best interpretation of the law as it stands. This undertaking would be high on our priorities because the goods yard, as currently operated, flies in the very teeth of everything the Green Party stands for.

Your candidate

SHahrar ALI has lived in Brent since 2000. Dr Ali has campaigned alongside residents on problems as diverse as neighbourhood policing, bus prioritisation and phone masts; to exposing nuclear waste trains, promoting recycling and saving our local heritage. In last year's local elections, he gained over 450 votes for the Greens.

Shahrar says: *"Green politics is about pursuing radical solutions that other politicians say are impossible. Green politics is about active listening, joined-up thinking, and taking a lead. Green politics is about overcoming inertia to make our vision real for the sake of future generations and our Earth."*

For Public Services, Strong Community and Environmental Good, Vote Green on May 24th!



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