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Shahrar Ali and
Rupert Degas
your local Green
Party candidates

This newsletter
goes out to 6,000
households in
Queens Park ward



Jean Lambert
London Member
of the European
Parliament



**Cllr Darren
Johnson**
Member of the
London Assembly



Jenny Jones
Member of the
London Assembly



Allington Road Update

Violet Bell (centre) continues her long struggle for the right, and the rights of her neighbours, to stay on the street they have made their home over many years. 31 vulnerable people originally housed by Brent Community Housing on short-term tenancies between 5-8 years ago were served eviction notices last November. Violet is one of the determined few still left fighting for justice. If elected, the **Greens** will act to allow those evicted to return to their street in spite of the Council's shocking policy.

SHAHRAR ALI has lived and worked in London most of his adult life. Trained both as an engineer and as an academic philosopher, Dr Ali teaches moral philosophy and serves as Policy Coordinator for the Green Party across London. Since 2000, Shahrar has campaigned for Brent residents on problems as diverse as: the preservation of historic buildings, road safety, transportation of nuclear waste, safer neighbourhoods, illicit racial profiling,

draconian planning, and phone masts.

Shahrar says: **“I have seen how Brent’s politicians do business and know electors are ready for accessible, friendly Greens - not rabid disempowerment. We stand for public service not self-service!”**

RUPERT DEGAS was born in London in 1970. He went to several schools, decided against university and embarked on a career as an actor and broadcaster. Rupert moved to Queens Park in 2004 and became active in Green politics after producing an election broadcast for local Greens from the recording studio he runs in Salusbury Road. By standing alongside Shahrar, Rupert has every intention of seeing Queen’s Park become a friendlier, safer and cleaner place to live and work.

Rupert says: **“Labour is throwing your money away. With Greens at the council table, I know your money will be spent wisely, honestly and productively. It’s time to introduce intelligence and logic to Brent Council.”**

**Raise an issue
with your future
local councillors:**

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Shahrar Ali will
feature in the
Green Party’s
election broadcast
on 24 April
(BBC1 18:45)

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our 7 point plan for queens park

1. Find a legitimate use for the open air space to replace Brent's skyscraper dystopia.
2. Protect our schools from privatisation, our hospitals from cuts, and Kilburn police station from closure.
3. Scrap new road building and switch funds to public transport, cycling and pavement repair.
4. End immediately the transport of nuclear waste through Brent and beyond.
5. Have meaningful contact with residents' associations and local community groups.
6. Ensure your local taxes are used for comprehensive recycling facilities and never for arms sales investment.
7. Make solar panels compulsory on all new buildings.

Local rail safety update

Brent police recognise that unstaffed ticket barriers encourage free-riding and attract crime. At a City Hall meeting on 20th March, Dr Shahrar Ali publicly asked the Mayor of London whether he could guarantee that barriers would not be left unstaffed during a station's hours of operation.

Unfortunately, whilst the Mayor did give a commitment that adequate staffing would be a precondition of awarding a service contract when Silverlink rail's franchise expires in 2007, he was clearly not able to guarantee such a bid would be forthcoming.

This is one important reason why instead the Greens insist upon a properly-funded, properly-public integrated transport system.

Plastics recycling

After reading about our campaign against plastic bags in the March edition of *queens park green news*, a resident wrote to us about the absence of plastics recycling. Cllr Darren Johnson, London AM, has tabled a formal written question to the Mayor of London on our behalf: "What pressure are you exerting on Brent Council to ensure that they start including plastic bottles in their recycling collections, like other boroughs?" We await the answer!

Demoralised Labour councillor throws in the towel

Which councillor recently described his

upset with Labour-led Brent council in these terms: "decisions taken over their heads", "expected to be cheerleaders not participants", "most people would be appalled by the allowances"? (Brent Times, Feb 06) In 2002, he got the highest vote for Labour in Queens Park but you won't find him on the ballot paper this time around. It's up to you whether you want another four years of this.

Why vote Green in Queens Park?

For the first time, the Greens are standing in every one of the 21 wards in Brent (see our website for the candidates). For several years, we have been concentrating our efforts in the east of the borough and recent elections show significant support for our policies in this ward. *First a foothold; then a stronghold.*

The turnout in 2002 was just 25% in Queens Park - the sixth worst out of Brent's 21 wards (best ward turnout 40%). Labour councillors got in with around just 1,200 votes here. You can vote for up to three candidates. If you want to maximise our position and do not want any other candidate, vote only for the two Greens (who will appear at the top of the ballot paper). We want to listen to as many of you as possible; please stop to talk to us. **ONLY YOU CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN!**

For Public Services, Environmental Care and Strong Community, Vote Green – for what you believe in.

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