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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
Member of
the European
Parliament



Darren Johnson
Member of the
London Assembly



Jenny Jones
Member of the
London Assembly



Our Say-NO-to-Plastic-Bags Launch in Queens Park ward 18 February.

l-r: Loretta Bradley and Oisín, Michael Collins, Philip Dymond, Shahrar Ali, Annie Lorenzini, Rupert Degas, Simon Collins, Sally-Anne Baxter.

Photo by Rory Gilder

Brent Council letting our environment down!

According to the Audit Commission, Brent's environmental record showed no improvement over 2002-2004. The Commission reported that there was still much work to be done in waste recycling - with the Council failing to meet its paltry target to recycle 8% of waste collected during 2004 (government's own target is 25% nationally). The latest audit of 2005 data again gives Brent a mere two-star rating out of four.

The figures are alarming to say the least. But is it surprising when you consider that there's been "limited education to improve recycling" (in the Commission's words) and practically no education on waste reduction?

Rupert Degas commented: **"When elected, your Green councillors will have to do a bit of educating, it seems, if we're going to push those targets up and succeed where the present Labour-controlled council has desperately failed."**

The Commission also reported that "promoting quality of life and the green agenda" must remain one of the Council's top priorities.

Rupert continued, **"Yet we see all around us new homes being built without even a glance at greener building techniques and sustainable alternatives. Road signs are still being made from non-recycled materials and are illuminated at night by the burning of fossil fuels instead of solar power."**

"As a Queen's Park resident and business owner, it upsets me that Brent Council is letting us and our environment down. Only Green Party councillors will make a difference. With your support, Queen's Park will have the strong green voice it deserves!"

Rupert Degas runs a recording studio in Salusbury Road which produces audiobooks, language courses and radio comedy.



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.

London Gets Greener

Greens on the London Assembly have secured funding for a raft of Green measures following an agreement with the Mayor of London. The measures include:

- ✿ a Green Home Advice Centre, to help people to install solar panels, wind turbines and energy conservation measures;
- ✿ £5 million extra funding for cycling;
- ✿ £3.5 million for developing local food projects such as farmers markets;
- ✿ funding for the Empty Homes Hotline to get empty properties back into use.

Darren Johnson, Green Party London Assembly Member, said: **"I am very pleased that Ken Livingstone has listened to the Greens and agreed to action on all 33 of our demands. This represents a massive step forward in making London a greener city."**

Green Assembly Member, Jenny Jones, agreed, **"These measures will result in Londoners having safer roads, cleaner air and better food. There will be more renewable energy being used in London, better facilities for cyclists and improved protection for wildlife."**



Shahrar Ali questions representatives of Silverlink and British Transport Police about commuter safety from the floor of a packed meeting of 3 February. Despite local concern following the murder of Mr ap Rhys Pryce, no Labour councillors were present. For press coverage of the issue visit our webpages.

Photo by Sami Hashmi

Hustings

If you belong to a local organisation, we urge you to organise hustings for local representatives of all the political parties so that you can have an informed vote on May 4th.

We look forward to seeing some of you at the meeting of Queens Park Residents Association to which we have been invited on April 6th.

Raise an issue with your future local councillors:

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