

queens park green news

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Shahrar Ali

your local **Green Party** candidate

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Member of the London Assembly



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Member of the London Assembly

greens for queens park

The **Green Party** will stand local activists Shahrar Ali and Rupert Degas as their candidates for Queens Park on May 4th 2006.

The graph shows how the Party did at the last local election in 2002. We were a credible challenger to the Labour incumbent then. We are stronger today.

no to skyscraper dystopia

Shahrar has been challenging Brent on its ill-considered and ill-conceived plan to bring skyscraper dystopia to QP:

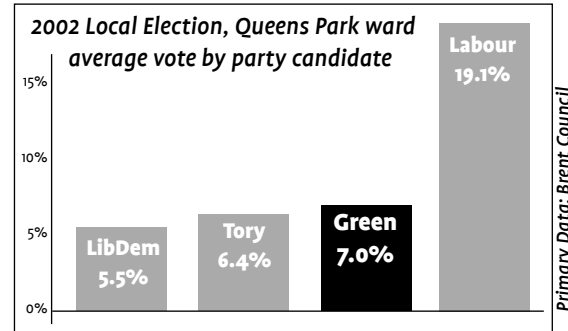
“At a public meeting in November, I witnessed a good few hundred residents assert their opposition to Brent’s skyscraper plan for Queens Park.

“Brent’s representatives gave every indication of their determination to pursue their high-rise dream - only with extended deep therapy for residents. I mean, “consultation”.

“What’s to consult over a proposal that defies common sense?

“To cap it all, Brent leader Ann John practically asserted that their hands were tied by imperatives from above. The public admission is a sign of desperation: a local government that denies responsibility for actions that it is going to take on our behalf but against our will.

“Forgive me, but it is imperative, nay high time, that residents also assert themselves at the ballot box next May.”



greening xmas tips

- Take your own re-usable shopping bags with you when you do your Christmas shopping. Around 125,000 tonnes of plastic packaging are thrown away over Christmas.
- If you can, opt for seasonal local food and drink. A traditional Christmas dinner uses seasonal British produce and buying your food from a local market or grocer helps the local economy and cuts down on ‘food miles’, which contribute to climate change.
- Last year we sent around 744 million Christmas cards. If all these were recycled instead of thrown away, it would help to save the equivalent of 248,000 trees.
- Nationally, 6 million of us bought a real tree last year. If you must, then at least recycle it. You should be able to take your tree to one of the Council’s park depots.
Try Roundwood Park, Harlesden Road or Queens Park, Kingswood Avenue. They can be ground into wood chips for use as garden mulch.
[primary data: Friends of the Earth]



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.

Brian Orr, local party convenor, defends the congestion charge

"Ken Livingstone widens the Congestion Charging Zone and the predictable howls of protest are heard immediately. But the wider picture cannot be ignored.

"Never mind the pollution, deaths and injuries, crawling traffic and the sidelining of non-car owners attendant upon the current levels of car-usage; the onward march of the motor-car needs to be reversed to save the very economic viability of our country.

"World oil prices are not going up because of some evil OPEC plot but because world demand for oil is outstripping supply.

"There is no way to make people adopt a more responsible approach to using their cars other than by making them pay more than at present for the privilege. Failure to bring about a significant reduction in how much we use our cars today will result in our country's current balance of payments problem look like a raid on an offspring's piggy-bank.

"And the final irony is that the majority of road-users will be better off under congestion charging – unless that is, they value two or three pound in their pocket more than an hour saved in time."



Your candidates for Queens Park, Rupert Degas and Shahrar Ali at Brent Town Hall earlier this year. Photo by Ina'am J Karam

queens park green news asks Grainne Byrne why she joined the party:

"I joined the Green Party because I've been interested in environmental issues for years but recently that interest has changed to grave concern. Added to this, my frustration with short-sighted politics was growing to the point where I was shouting at the TV and getting into a bad mood whilst reading the paper on the way to work.

"At our meetings and events, I've met many like-minded people and I certainly feel confident that our message is getting across simply because it's so vital to our world today."

Raise an issue with your future local councillors:

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