

BARNET LABOUR PARTY **OUR CONTRACT** WITH THE BOROUGH

There are Council elections on 5 May, and we have an ambitious vision for Barnet. If we win the Council, we will work hard to try and achieve as much of it as we can over the next four years. Our promise to you is that a Labour Council **will** deliver on our 5 key pledges:

- ✓ Freeze your council tax in 2022 and keep it low.
- ✓ Protect weekly bin collections & bring back the community skips service.
- ✓ Invest in CCTV, better lighting and community safety hubs.
- ✓ Protect green spaces and declare a climate emergency.
- ✓ Stand up to developers against tower block blight.

A FEW WORDS FROM **BARRY RAWLINGS** LEADER OF BARNET LABOUR

"On Thursday 5 May you have a chance to vote in the Council elections for who you think will stand up for your area and work hard for a better future in Barnet. In this leaflet we set out just some of the things Labour will work to achieve. Our commitment to you is to put the community first, deliver on our 5 key pledges, and work with you on the things you care about. After 20 years of Conservative neglect, it's time for change, and with your support on 5 May we will change things for the better in Barnet."



STANDING UP FOR BARNET



We will freeze your council tax in 2022 and keep it low.



We will invest in more CCTV, better lighting and community safety hubs.



We will protect and enhance green spaces and declare an immediate climate emergency.



We will protect weekly bin collections & bring back the community skips service to tackle fly-tipping.



We will stand up to developers: we need more affordable family homes not tower-block blight.

**IN THIS LEAFLET: LABOUR'S VISION
FOR A BETTER BARNET**

OUR GREEN SPACES



We will protect the Green Belt, our parks and open spaces. We will not build on them.



We will scrap the Conservatives' 'low quality, low value' category of green spaces. All green spaces should be valued.



We will make sure everyone has access to green space, working towards zero neighbourhoods deprived of green spaces.



We will grasp woodland and rewilding opportunities, planting trees and tiny forests where residents support this.



We will work in partnership to deliver proper protection of the Welsh Harp, and a robust boroughwide biodiversity strategy.

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QUALITY HOMES



We will stand up to developers against tower block blight with tougher policies on height and density.



We will help renters by cracking down on rogue landlords and raise awareness of tenants' rights through a private tenants' rights charter.



We will deliver 1,000 new council homes, ensuring regeneration benefits existing residents first and foremost.



We will bring the planning service back in-house and work with residents on new council developments.



We will work to ensure new development is zero carbon, and towards healthy homes by tackling fuel poverty, energy efficiency and water efficiency.

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A SAFER BARNET



We will provide neighbourhood community safety hubs so residents can raise concerns about crime directly with police and council enforcement officers.



We will work with residents and the police on a programme of 'Street Safe' audits to clean-up our public spaces and make them safer.



We will improve domestic violence services, embed good practice across the Council, and work to change attitudes and behaviours to end violence against women and girls.



We will provide a named community safety officer for each ward who will work with residents on community safety action plans based on local priorities.



We will make sure Barnet is 'No place for hate', challenging all identity and faith-based crime.

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A CLEANER BARNET



We will protect your weekly bin collection service **guaranteed**.



We will bring back the quarterly community skips service to tackle fly-tipping and help you plan disposal of bulky household items.



We will maintain quarterly deep cleans of residential streets and support environmental community action groups.



We will improve the quality and efficiency of pothole and pavement repairs, and boost funds for reactive maintenance.



We will take tough enforcement action against those that dump rubbish or commit other enviro-crime.

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TOWN CENTRES

- £ We will improve our town centres, run Support Your High Street campaigns and create connected spaces for small businesses and communities.
- £ We will work to stop the proliferation of pawnbrokers, pay day lenders and betting shops in our high streets and town centres.
- £ We will support community festivals to celebrate our heritage and diversity, bid for London Borough of Culture with our Libraries central to a new Culture Strategy.
- £ We will work with local businesses, Middlesex University and Barnet College to develop the skills needed in the green economy and build a local network of suppliers.
- £ We will ensure town centre regeneration is supported by residents and local businesses, and any money spent provides lasting improvements.

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OUR COMMUNITY



We will freeze your council tax this year to help you with the cost-of-living crisis and keep it low.



We will give residents a say in how Barnet Council spends money, by enabling you to identify your priorities for the Council's budget.



We will listen to residents, introduce People's Question Time and 'Leader Listens' events each year. We will also webcast Council meetings.



We will tackle inequality, establishing a Citizens Assembly on Sustainability which will ensure all residents benefit from green growth, and that nobody is held back.



We will work to bring privatised services back in-house, and in the meantime ensure contractors deliver on their promises.

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CLIMATE CHANGE



We will declare an immediate climate and biodiversity emergency and put sustainability at the heart of everything the Council does.



We will achieve net zero carbon in Barnet by 2042 or earlier, and for the Council by 2030 or earlier.



We will hold a Citizens Assembly on Climate Change to co-produce and monitor delivery of an ambitious Sustainability Strategy and Climate Action Plan with local people, community groups and businesses to achieve our net zero target.



The Strategy and Action Plan will cover opportunities across all policy areas, including housing, transport and energy.

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A BETTER BARNET



We will focus on independent living, developing a new model of social care that puts the service user at its heart.



We will work towards 'Outstanding' Children's Services, campaign to ensure a sustainable future for our maintained nurseries and against school cuts.



We will champion good mental health, introduce a Barnet Charter for Mental Health, and increase mental health service champions in the community.



We will work to tackle the health inequalities and social isolation highlighted by the Covid pandemic.



We will work with local employers towards becoming a London Living Wage borough, so everyone gets a fair day's pay for a fair day's work.

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PM accused of 'damaging public trust' after making a false claim about jobs seven times

Boris Johnson 'first prime minister to be questioned under caution' over Partygate



**YOU CAN'T TRUST A WORD
BORIS JOHNSON SAYS**

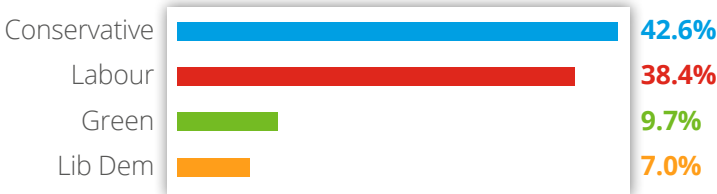
BARNET CONSERVATIVES HAVE BROKEN ALL 5 OF THEIR LOCAL ELECTION PROMISES.

Pledge	Reality
Keep Council Tax Low	Increased Council Tax By Legal Maximum X
Keep Weekly Waste Collections	Thousands of Missed Bin Collections X
Fight Police Cuts	More Government Cuts to the Met X
Stop Overdevelopment	New Tower Blocks Across Barnet X
Investing in Street Cleaning & Roads	Litter & Potholes Everywhere X
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**DON'T LET BORIS JOHNSON'S
CONSERVATIVES FAIL BARNET AGAIN.**

It's a two horse race in Barnet. Only **Labour** can beat the **Conservatives** here.

Voting Green or Lib Dem may result in Conservative councillors and leave the Conservatives in charge of Barnet Council.



2021 London Assembly Member election result in Barnet

Don't wake up to 4 more years of the Conservatives.

The local
elections are on
Thursday
5th May 2022



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IT'S TIME FOR
CHANGE