

Waste Containers to be trialled on West End Lane!



Nancy's campaign against bin bags on our high streets helped to get her elected two years ago

After years of complaints from local residents about the bin bags all over our high streets, Camden Council has agreed to trial new waste containers for residents who live in the flats above the shops on West End Lane. The trial follows a successful pilot in Belsize Village, introduced with the support of the Lib Dem councillors there, and was suggested by the Lib Dem Group on Camden Council earlier this year.

Fortune Green Lib Dem Councillor Nancy Jirira said "I really hope this initiative helps to take some of the bin bags off our streets. I've already asked that if it works on West End Lane, it should be tried on **Mill Lane, Fortune Green Road** and **Cricklewood Broadway.**"

West Hampstead & Finchley Road Tube Stations set for upgrade

West Hampstead residents are celebrating (cautiously) after the news that Transport for London will start to scope out how lifts could be installed in West Hampstead and Finchley Road tube stations. This is just the first stage, with work not likely to start for several years. Cllr Tom Simon, Leader of the Lib Dems on Camden Council, said "This is good news indeed and a tribute to the hard work of local campaigners over many years. Camden Lib Dems will continue to push for this to happen!"

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

Fortune Green Lib Dem councillor Nancy Jirira has escalated residents' concerns about car crime, car theft and burglary to the Police Borough Commander and the Council's Head of Community Safety. Residents of **Agamemnon Road** and **Gondar Gardens**, and in the **Menelik Road** area were fed up with reporting crime to the local police teams and getting no response. Let us know whether things improve!

Cllr Nancy Jirira

and Camden Liberal Democrats Annual Report 2023



Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who made this year's Jester Festival such a lovely day!

Left: Cllr Nancy Jirira with Jester Festival Volunteer Tracey Shackle. Right: Lib Dem Parliamentary Spokesperson Scott Emery with former Council Leader Keith Moffitt.



Protecting our green spaces



Fighting to get the Council to repair your homes



Celebrating new and revived Tenants & Residents' Associations



Addressing concerns about crime and community safety

Local Information

Camden Council
(including out of hours)
020 7974 4444

Get help for someone rough sleeping via the "Camden Safer Streets" app or email streetsafe@cgl.org.uk

Camden Council cost of living support:
www.camden.gov.uk/find-support-in-camden

Report a community safety issue to Camden Council:
CommunitySafety@camden.gov.uk

Council Housing Repairs
www.camden.gov.uk/housing-repairs
or text to 07360 277909

Report litter/ graffiti / flytipping via the "Love Clean Streets" App or report a missed collection on 0203 567 8105



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The Liberal Democrats are the main challengers to Labour in Camden

Since last year's council elections, the Liberal Democrats have been the official opposition on Camden Council.

LABOUR 45.5%

LIB DEM 42.3%

CON 12.2%

Percentage of votes cast for each party in the Fortune Green local elections 2022.

Working hard all year round for Fortune Green

Cllr Nancy Jirira has been helping people on the **Sidings, Westcroft and Templar House** estates to revitalise their TRAs (Tenants & Residents Associations).

Nancy says, "It's been so great to see people coming together, planning activity to make their estates cleaner, greener and safer, and getting to know their neighbours".

Left: Cllr Jirira and Tracey Shackle at the Westcroft coronation party.



Camden Liberal Democrats: *Listening and responding to residents*

Camden - A Borough of Sanctuary

At January's Council meeting Cllr Tom Simon, Leader of the Liberal Democrat council group, spoke up in favour of Camden becoming a "Borough of Sanctuary" - a place that provides welcome and support to refugees and those seeking sanctuary from persecution.

He said "Camden joining the City of Sanctuary movement is important because it sets the gold standard for supporting asylum-seekers here in the Borough, building on the work of our community in supporting refugees from Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine and many other places. It also adds Camden's voices, loud and clear, to those who believe that Britain should be a beacon of hope to people fleeing war or persecution".



Lib Dem councillors and campaigners joined Little Amal, a symbol of refugee children around the world, when she came to JW3 on Finchley Road earlier this year.

Pushing for action on climate change

Lib Dem councillors and campaigners have been pushing the Labour Council do more to tackle climate change here in Camden, especially on the issue of embodied carbon in buildings. They have

- Challenged the Council's decision to sell off for demolition the Holmes Road vehicle depot in Kentish Town, just months after the completion of a major refurbishment that cost £8.7 million.
- Called for major developments such as the O2 centre site to be rejected unless they meet carbon net zero standards.
- Asked for extra "climate literacy" training for councillors who sit on Camden's Planning Committee.



Lib Dem councillors Matthew Kirk and Tom Simon are calling for Camden's planning policies to take a stronger approach to net zero targets.

Lib Dems working hard for you across Camden

✓ Taking up tenants' concerns about damp & mould in their council flats. In 2021 the Housing Ombudsman found Camden to be the third worst social landlord in the country for tackling damp and mould.

✓ Representing neighbours affected by building works and making sure the Council keeps developers to their commitments.

✓ Fighting for a change to council policies that leave our high streets covered in black bin bags.

✓ Challenging the failings and waste of the Labour council's temporary accommodation strategy. Last year 130 households had to be housed in hotels or B&Bs, at a cost of £4.5m, more than triple the year before and nearly 10 times what it spent pre-COVID. Camden's plans for new hostels are in disarray - two new ones were supposed to open in 2021 but now won't be ready until 2024 at the earliest.

Speaking up for you on the O2 centre redevelopment

Camden's Labour Council approved the redevelopment of the O2 Centre site in March, despite the plans not meeting the Council's policies on affordable housing, green open space or carbon net zero. Liberal Democrat campaigners and councillors opposed the application and voted against them.

The Conservative Secretary of State for the Environment has refused to "call in" the decision for review. The next stage is for the London Mayor's office to give their view.

West Hampstead campaigner Janet Grauberg said "Local residents are angry the Council ignored residents' concerns and its own policies. They are anxious about congestion at West Hampstead and Finchley Road stations, and fifteen years of construction. The Labour Council should have done more to get the developers to improve their plans."



Calling for more cost of living help for families

The cost-of-living crisis caused by the Conservatives' mismanagement of the economy is hitting Camden families hard. But there is more that the Council could do, for example by saving money on office space with so many people now working from home.

The Lib Dems have put forward plans to fund free school meals for secondary school students from low-income families, and provide support for school uniform costs, as they do in other London Boroughs.

Belsize councillor Judy Dixey said "The Council should be doing everything it can to support families - it isn't right to spend money on underused office space that could be supporting our communities."