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Liberal Democrats

A FAIR DEAL FOR HOUNSLOW

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Introduction



Hounslow Liberal Democrats: Your Voice on the Council

For far too long, Liberal Democrats have been absent from Hounslow Council. This year, local residents ensured that a Liberal Democrat voice is once again heard on the Council, electing me to represent Isleworth and ending 16 years without Liberal Democrat representation.

I am immensely grateful to everyone who supported our campaign. This result would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, members, and supporters, as well as the trust placed in us by local residents. Their support has helped us take an important step towards rebuilding a strong Liberal Democrat presence across Hounslow.

As your Liberal Democrat councillor, I will work hard to ensure local people have a strong voice at the Council. Residents deserve representatives who listen, who stand up for their communities, and who focus on the issues that matter most to everyday life.

This manifesto sets out our vision for a cleaner, safer, greener and fairer Hounslow. Whilst the Liberal Democrats do not run Hounslow Council yet, the values and priorities within the manifesto remain as important as ever. I will continue campaigning for better local services, safer streets, affordable homes, and a Council that works openly and effectively for all residents,

Together, we have taken the first step. Now we must continue building on that progress and working towards a better future for everyone in Hounslow.

Cllr Roger Crouch
Councillor, Isleworth Ward
Chair, Hounslow Liberal Democrats

Chapter One

Cost of Living

Our plan to tackle the cost of living crisis, fix public services, and back local businesses.

The cost of living crisis is breaking our communities.

The Labour council have raised Council Tax and increased business rates, threatening small independent businesses. Meanwhile, the Labour government have raised taxes, failed to bring utility bills down and made huge cuts to welfare support.

Liberal Democrats will:

Keep Council Tax fair and transparent

- Publish clear breakdowns of how council tax is spent.
- Hold public consultations before any council tax increases.
- Reduce wasteful spending and bureaucracy to keep tax rises as low as possible.

Target support to residents who need it most

- Expand awareness and access to council hardship funds.
- Work with community organisations to help vulnerable residents access food, energy and financial support.
- Improve promotion of benefits such as Council Tax Reduction so eligible residents do not miss out.

Make every pound of council spending count

- Review council contracts to ensure residents are getting value for money.
- Introduce stronger oversight of outsourced services.
- Publish easy-to-understand financial reports for residents.

Chapter Two

Homes and Housing

Our plan to ensure everyone has a safe, secure, affordable home.

Hounslow faces a housing crisis.

Too many families struggle to afford rent, while others remain stuck on housing waiting lists for years.

Liberal Democrats will:

Build genuinely affordable homes

- Require major new developments to include at least 35% affordable housing.
- Prioritise homes for local residents.
- Ensure new developments include family homes, not just small flats.
- Ensure new developments include the facilities residents need.

Tackle rogue landlords

- Strengthen enforcement of landlord licensing schemes.
- Crack down on illegal conversions and unsafe housing.
- Provide stronger protections for tenants facing unfair eviction.

Bring empty homes back into use

- Identify long-term empty properties and take action to bring them back into use.
- Work with housing associations to refurbish abandoned homes.

Ensure developments benefit communities

- Require developers to invest in local infrastructure such as schools, transport and green space.

Chapter Three

Children & Young People

Our plan to ensure children have opportunities within the borough.

Young people deserve opportunities, safe spaces and access to good education.

Liberal Democrats will:

Fight for fair school funding

- Campaign for fair national funding for Hounslow schools.
- Protect local education budgets wherever possible.

Improve SEND support

- Work with schools and NHS partners to reduce waiting times for assessments.
- Expand local specialist provision so children can receive support close to home.

Rebuild youth services

- Invest in youth workers and community youth programmes.
- Create safe youth spaces across the borough.
- Support sports, arts and cultural programmes for young people.
- Undertake a modernisation programme of Hounslow's playgrounds.

Improve mental health support

- Increase school-based mental health services.
- Expand early intervention services for children and teenagers.

Chapter Four

Health & Social Care

Our plan to ensure everyone has access to healthcare when needed.

Residents deserve access to good care and support when they need it.

Liberal Democrats will:

Support care workers

- Ensure all council-commissioned care staff receive at least the Living Wage.
- Improve working conditions to help recruit and retain care workers.

Help residents live independently

- Expand home care services.
- Improve support for unpaid carers.
- Increase access to accessible housing for older and disabled residents.

Strengthen local mental health support

- Work with NHS partners to improve access to community mental health services.
- Increase crisis support for residents in urgent need.

Improve access to GP services and support local hospitals

- Work with the NHS and local health partners to expand GP appointment availability.
- Support investment in local hospitals such as West Middlesex University Hospital
- Encourage the development of community health hubs so residents can access GP, pharmacy and preventative health services in one place.

Chapter Five

Climate, Environment and Clean air

Our plan to ensure that our local environment is protected.

Hounslow is affected by air pollution, traffic congestion and climate change. The council must take stronger action.

Liberal Democrats will:

Move Hounslow towards net zero

- Introduce a borough carbon budget.
- Set clear targets to reduce emissions each year.

Improve energy efficiency

- Retrofit council buildings with insulation and efficient heating.
- Expand solar energy on public buildings.

Protect green spaces

- Plant thousands of new trees across the borough.
- Protect parks and local green spaces from development.
- Improve biodiversity across public land.

Tackle air pollution

- Focus on pollution hotspots near schools and busy roads.
- Expand monitoring and publish clear data.

Chapter Six

Transport & Streets

Our plan to ensure that our streets are safer and our transport more reliable.

Hounslow needs safer streets, better public transport and more sustainable travel options.

Liberal Democrats will:

Create safer walking and cycling routes

- Build joined-up cycle lanes across the borough.
- Improve pedestrian crossings and road safety measures.

Fix our roads and pavements

- Implement a repair program for potholes to make driving and cycling safer.
- Invest in pavement maintenance to ensure footpaths are safe and accessible for all pedestrians.

Improve accessibility

- Work with transport partners to expand step-free access at stations.
- Improve bus stops and pedestrian infrastructure.

Support cleaner transport

- Expand electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
- Promote car clubs and shared transport options.

Chapter Seven

Safer Communities

Our plan to ensure everyone lives in a safer community.

Residents deserve to feel safe in their neighbourhoods.

Liberal Democrats will:

Campaign for more visible policing

- Work with the Metropolitan Police to increase neighbourhood policing teams.
- Ensure police resources focus on local priorities.

Improve street safety

- Upgrade street lighting in poorly lit areas.
- Improve public space design to make streets safer for women and vulnerable groups.

Tackle antisocial behaviour

- Focus enforcement on repeat offenders.
- Work with local communities to identify problem areas.

Improve CCTV and community safety technology

- Expand CCTV coverage in crime and antisocial behaviour hotspots.
- Ensure cameras are properly maintained and monitored so they actually help prevent crime.
- Work with businesses and residents to support community safety schemes such as neighbourhood watch and shopwatch.

Chapter Eight

Local Economy and High Streets

Our plan to ensure that our local economy will be fixed.

Hounslow's high streets are vital to the local economy.

Liberal Democrats will:

Revitalise high streets

- Support local markets and community events.
- Encourage shop-local campaigns.

Support small businesses

- Promote affordable workspace for start-ups.
- Provide business advice and support programmes.

Protect community facilities

- Safeguard libraries, leisure centres and community spaces.
- Support cultural venues and local arts initiatives.
- Promote discounted/free usage of these facilties for Hounslow residents.

Invest in cleaner, safer and more attractive high streets.

- Improve town centres to encourage people to spend time locally.
- Reduce fly-tipping, litter and graffiti that damage the appearance of shopping areas.
- Invest in cleaner, safer and more attractive high streets.

Chapter Nine

Equality & Inclusion

Our plan to ensure everyone has the opportunity to feel included.

Hounslow is one of London's most diverse boroughs. Everyone deserves to feel included and respected.

Liberal Democrats will:

Promote equality

- Ensure council decisions consider their impact on all communities.
- Publish progress reports on equality initiatives.

Improve accessibility

- Ensure council buildings and services are accessible to disabled residents.
- Improve communication for residents who do not speak English as their first language.

Support community organisations

- Provide funding and support to groups tackling discrimination and promoting inclusion.

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Want to get involved?

The election showed that many residents want a strong Liberal Democrat voice in Hounslow. With Liberal Democrat representation restored to the Council for the first time in 16 years, we are continuing to build our presence across the borough and campaign on the issues that matter most to local people.

For more information, please contact us.

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