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The Lib Dems' bold plan to bring down household energy bills



**The Liberal Democrats
have a real plan to cut
household energy bills.**



Households across Colliers Wood are struggling with rising bills.

Nationally 1 in 3 households spend more than 10% of their disposable income on energy bills, according to latest figures. Shock figures uncovered by Merton Lib Dems also show that 4 in 10 local children are living in relative poverty.

The Liberal Democrats have launched a bold plan to take real action. The Lib Dem plan would slash household energy bills, cutting the average household cost from £1,720 to around £850 a year.

INVEST IN HOME INSULATION

Merton Lib Dem Leader Cllr Anthony Fairclough said: "Generating electricity from solar or wind is now much cheaper than gas. But people aren't seeing the benefit because electricity prices are still tied to the price of gas.

Lib Dems would break the link between gas and electricity prices and invest more in home insulation to bring down people's bills."

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COMMENT

Time to cut energy bills.

Across Colliers Wood, people are at breaking point.

Energy bills have soared. Wages aren't rising quick enough.

Young and old, households are feeling the pressure. The last Conservative Government made things worse. And under Keir Starmer, Labour don't seem to have a clear plan.

Reform UK offer empty words - and their policies on energy would put UK jobs at risk.

Only the Lib Dems have a real plan to deliver lower bills.

The bold plan on energy bills from the Liberal Democrats would drastically cut household energy bills.

It would break the link between gas and electricity prices, letting people benefit from clean, low-cost power.

It would also speed up investment in renewables and home insulation to bring bills down even more.

But the Lib Dems see its potential to bring down bills for people in Colliers Wood.

LOCALS STRUGGLE TO GET GP APPOINTMENT

Merton Lib Dems are fighting for new GP services in Colliers Wood



One in 10 report waiting over a fortnight to be seen by a GP

Merton Liberal Democrats have heard from scores of local Colliers Wood residents who are struggling to get a GP appointment.

The most recent numbers for our area show that more than 1 in 10 patients are waiting over 14 days for an appointment.

Nationally the Lib Dems want to introduce a GP guarantee so that everyone can see a GP within a week by hiring 8,000 more GPs across the country.

NHS resident doctor (formerly known as junior doctors) and Colliers Wood Lib Dem campaigner, George Hadjiyiannakis explained, "If we are going to give

communities the local health care that they need, we have to go further and faster. That means giving patients a legal right to see their GP within a week by ensuring there are more GPs.

Locally we are calling on the Council and the NHS to re-examine options to open a new GP surgery in Colliers Wood.

Plans were introduced in 2020 but fell through. Five years later the problems haven't got any better.

Local people need to be listened to. They deserve local champions who will fight for them. That's what Lib Dems will do here."

POLICE STATIONS THREATENED

Met Police announce closure of front desks as Mayor's deputy says she can't guarantee police stations' future

Merton's Labour Council bosses need to stand up for residents over police station front counter closures, according to Merton Liberal Democrats.

This comes after the Mayor of London tried to sneak through cuts to local police stations over the summer break.

Residents have been shocked to learn that local Labour politicians failed to mention securing the future of Merton's two police stations in Wimbledon and Mitcham and the importance of community policing in their response to the Mayor's draft Police and Crime Plan 2025-2029.

This move directly contradicts the Mayor of London's manifesto promise from his 2024 re-election campaign to maintain a 24/7 front counter in every borough.

London's Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime was forced to admit she could not guarantee that no borough

would be left without a police station, when challenged by Lib Dem London Assembly Member and Merton councillor Hina Bokhari.

Back in January this year, Merton Lib Dems called on the Council to support community policing by working to protect existing police stations and establish a new local base in Morden.

Labour refused to back the call to protect our police stations.

Commenting, Jenny Booth, Lib Dem campaigner in Colliers Wood said:

"Residents have a right to straight answers about the future of their local police station and community policing. Rhetoric about 'safer streets' means little when the front doors of our police stations are being closed to the public.

If we care about safe, resilient communities, then we must fight for the services that protect them."



Merton Lib Dems are fighting to keep our local police stations open.

Sign the petition here to save our local police stations



www.mertonlibdems.org.uk/police

LITTER & FLY-TIPPING PILE UP!

Labour have failed to tackle 'mucky Merton' after decades in charge, allowing basic services to fall apart

Despite endless promises to clean up Merton's streets, Labour Council bosses have failed to get a grip.

Pavements and green spaces are a mess, and local residents report that Merton Council have failed to stick to their promise to sweep every street every week.

Angry residents are fed up with the constant fly-tipping, streets that are not cleaned regularly and slow response from the Council.

Local Lib Dems are offering a fresh start and a new approach to street cleaning, litter and fly tipping at next year's local election to clean up Labour's decades long mess.

In Colliers Wood, local Lib Dem campaigner, John Oliver explained, "Local people are desperate for change and something to be done. As the biggest opposition group on the Council, Lib Dems continue to urge Labour to get a grip and prioritise cleaning up our streets."



Colliers Wood Lib Dems' local action...



Local Lib Dems have been reporting the state of local roads & pavements as potholes and poor surfaces are dangerous for all.



Local Lib Dems are listening to residents about their issues and concerns like fly tipping, access to GP appointments and the threat to our local police stations.



Jenny Booth, local Colliers Wood Lib Dem campaigner is concerned about local graffiti, rubbish and street weeds.



Poor street lighting is a concern for many residents, especially as the nights are now drawing in. The team are taking up the issue with the Council.



IT'S **LIB DEM** OR LABOUR HERE

LAB
31
Seats

Only the Lib Dems can challenge Labour on Merton Council.

The Conservatives are going backwards across Merton and the Greens have never won a seat here.

LIB DEM
17
Seats

CON
7
Seats

- Support is growing across Merton for the Liberal Democrats
- Lib Dems already biggest opposition party on Merton Council
- Lib Dems won seats from Labour and Tories at last local elections held here
- Labour’s control of Council will end if they lose only 4 council seats next year

The choice facing Merton residents at the next local elections is between a tired and out of touch Labour party and a fresh start with the Liberal Democrats.

Labour have been running Merton for 31 of the last 35 years and are tired and out of fresh ideas.

Merton’s Liberal Democrats are the official opposition on the Council with 17 councillors to only 7 from the Conservatives. If residents want to see change the only way to achieve that is to back the Lib Dems here.

Wimbledon now has a Lib Dem MP - it’s clear the Lib Dems are on the up in Merton. The Conservatives have nothing positive to offer and have no chance of winning here at the next local elections.

Back the Lib Dem campaign cut energy bills:

Merton Liberal Democrats have a real plan to cut the average household energy bill. Back the campaign by adding your name below...

Name:

House No: Post Code:

Email:

Telephone:

Would you like to hear from Merton Lib Dems via our local news email? Yes No

- ☐ I will put up a Lib Dem poster at election time
- ☐ I will help deliver Lib Dem leaflets in my area
- ☐ I will help with canvassing for the Lib Dem team
- ☐ I want to join the Liberal Democrats

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