

Bromley in

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Where are Bromley's Affordable Homes?

Just One Affordable Home Built in Bromley Last Year



Nearby Sutton Council - run by Liberal Democrats - are building the first new council houses in 30 years

Bromley Liberal Democrats will make sure 35% of all new homes built in the borough are affordable.

Bromley Council built just one affordable home in Bromley Town last year* - we haven't found it yet but let us know if you do, there are quite a few people looking for it. Housing in Bromley has reached crisis point. Young families and public sector workers just can't afford to live here. Homelessness is at record levels, representing a tragedy for everyone affected and a huge financial burden for the Council.

We need a mix of people of all ages, professions and income brackets to build a Bromley for the future, with a safety net for people when they need one. A better mix of housing will make Bromley a better place to live for all of us.

Liberal Democrats want at least 35% of new housing to be affordable and included as part of every major development. Lib Dem Candidate

for Bromley Town Julie Ireland said: "Developers must not be allowed to build affordable housing elsewhere or to segregate it from the rest of the development through the use of "poor doors". And they must make sure that essential services (transport, GPs, school places etc) are included in the plans".

Nearby Sutton Council - run by the Liberal Democrats - has started building the first Council houses in England for 30 years. Labour councils talk about it, but Liberal Democrats take action. A Lib Dem led Bromley Council would build new council homes here.

"We believe everyone has a right to a decent, warm, appropriate home in safe well-managed neighbourhoods, whether buying, renting privately or in council-owned housing.

*2015/16, the latest figures available

PRUH A&E Closed to Non Urgent Cases



The PRUH Hospital in Farnborough closed its doors to non-urgent cases in early March due to staff shortages

The NHS is in crisis nationally and here in Bromley. The PRUH closed its A&E in March to non-emergency cases. The trust that runs it was fined **£4 million** for failing to meet national targets for emergency and non-emergency waiting times.

The three key causes of these issues are:

- Lack of funding for the NHS
- Lack of staff - the PRUH has a long standing shortage of 16% of the nursing staff it needs
- Lack of social care to support patients at home - causing "Bed blocking" and further delays

The **Liberal Democrats** have been campaigning nationally for change in all three of these areas. We have proposed a 1p rise in income tax to raise £6bn in ring fenced funds for the NHS and social care, we have called for the reinstatement of bursaries for student nurses, and we have repeatedly called for the pay cap on NHS workers to be lifted. We were pleased when the pay rise for hospital NHS staff was announced recently, but will continue to push for it to be extended to social care workers as well.

And there's lots that can be done at a local level too. More **affordable housing** will allow NHS staff to live locally. Lib Dem candidate Sam Webber commented: "Bromley Council is responsible for providing care packages to support patients returning home and they are the 4th worst performing council in London. A Lib Dem Bromley Council would use funds from the Council's £54m of investment reserves to pay for more **occupational therapists and home care workers** to ensure the swifter transfer of patients home to reduce "bed blocking".

It's the Lib Dems or the Conservatives in Bromley Town!

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School meals face Conservative cuts

Nearly 1 million poorer children will lose out on a free nutritious meal at lunch - costing parents £400 a year



Free school meals were brought in by the Liberal Democrats in coalition. Now they are being cut by the Conservatives.

Changes to Universal Credit will mean that nearly 1 million of the country's poorest children will lose out on free school meals in primary school.

The Liberal Democrat policy was brought in just a few years ago and has been a huge success, improving school outcomes through better concentration while saving parents hundreds of pounds a year. Lib Dem

Council Candidate for Bromley Town, Rhian Kanat commented, "ensuring every child has a nutritious meal during the school day is incredibly important, helping to ensure they thrive at school and get the most from their lessons; it's one of the most important factors in improving the attainment of children from poorer homes."

Injuries on Bromley Roads at 10 year high



Figures recently released show that the number of injuries and deaths on the roads in Bromley have reached a ten year high. Bromley Councillors insist on waiting for a serious injury or death before taking action - the Liberal Democrats are calling for a more proactive approach to road safety. We urge the Council to listen to residents and community groups who have particular concerns in their area. It's time to introduce traffic calming measures around speeding hotspots, to make sure that children's routes to school are safe and that the roads work for all users, cyclists, pedestrians and drivers.

3 Lib Dem campaign updates

1. LIB DEMS PROMISE TO CYCLISTS

All 60 Lib Dem candidates for Bromley's local elections on 3 May have endorsed Bromley Cyclists' 8 key aims for the future of cycling in the borough. We will continue to campaign for walking and cycling to be put front and centre in street improvements in Bromley.

2. A CLEANER BOROUGH -

Lib Dem Councillors will improve the cleanliness of our streets by increasing street sweeping, ensuring sufficient public litter bins within a short walk of the town centre and using new technology that tells us when those bins need to be emptied. We are pleased that our campaign for a bin on Palace View under the Kentish Way bypass has finally been heard, with the Council promising to reinstate the litter bin.

3. BULLERS WOOD FOR BOYS IS TO OPEN THIS SEPTEMBER

in temporary accommodation at 1 Westmoreland Road, avoiding the need for bulge classes in Bromley's secondary schools this September. There are obvious challenges with this temporary site but given the many obstacles this much needed school has faced from the Council and the desperate shortage of school places, we welcome the school to Bromley Town. We will continue to support the parents' campaign to build the school on St Hugh's playing fields on Bickley road.



Bromley Lib Dems joined over a 1000 people marching in support of the school

YOUR CHOICE ON 3rd MAY

Contact the team

The local Lib Dem team want to hear from you on any issue, big or small, that you'd like help with.



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Enough school places for our children - planned for well before it's a crisis, in the areas with most need.



Safer roads - there are schools and communities crying out for safer routes to school and work - we refuse to wait for fatalities before we act.



More housing - we need more affordable housing for our young families and public service workers but it must fit in with the local area and come with increased services.

OR X

No more secret meetings and done deals - every decision by our Council must be open and transparent. Residents must have confidence that everyone is treated equally.

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No more penny pinching at the expense of our children - the Council tried to save £1m in Children's Services which led to an Ofsted report declaring the entire department "inadequate".

... and Labour have never won in Bromley Town - it's us or the Tories.