

LIB DEM SUCCESS

The London Elections on 6th May saw local campaigner Hina Bokhari chosen as a member of the Greater London Assembly. She said of the win:

"I am delighted to have been elected to represent London, including Sutton, on the Greater London Assembly. Thank you so much to everyone that gave me their vote on 6th May."

"As one of the first Muslim women elected to the GLA, I promise to work tirelessly on behalf of all people in London, including those living in outer boroughs like Sutton."

Success in London was followed by a stunning victory for the Lib



Sarah Green MP and Lib Dem leader Ed Davey celebrate victory in Chesham and Amersham.

Dems in the Chesham and Amersham parliamentary by-election on 17th June. The Liberal Democrats secured a 25% swing away from the Conservatives, winning the seat and delivering a devastating blow to the Tory "blue wall".

The message is clear: the Liberal Democrats are surging, and it's coming at the expense of Boris Johnson's Tory Party.

Council surpasses new home targets

Sutton's Lib Dem-run council surpassed home building targets last year, providing 132 more homes for residents than expected.

Over **550 new homes** have been delivered to plans which conserve Sutton's unique character, with 146 affordable homes to help meet the local communities housing needs.

Cllr Jayne McCoy, Chair of Sutton's Housing, Economy and Business Committee, said "Sutton has established a strong track record of delivering new homes and commercial space. Sutton is not exempt from the housing crisis and I'm pleased that we're playing our part in providing more homes."



Councillors Ruth Dombey and Jayne McCoy visit a building project.

OUTRAGE AT TORY GOVERNMENT'S UNDEMOCRATIC CHANGES TO PLANNING



The government is facing criticism for its proposals, which residents worry will lead to a planning "free-for-all".

A Sutton Lib Dem petition calling on the government not to go forward with its planning proposals gained yet more momentum last month, as more residents learnt of the government's plans to shut them out of the planning process.

Their shocking loss to the Lib Dems in the Chesham and Amersham by-election in June was also seen by many as a verdict on the government's plans.

People up and down the country are appalled by the proposals. The government not only faces a rebellion from traditional Conservative voters, but from its own back benches: including **former Prime Minister Theresa May**, who recently said the plans would mean "open season for developers".

Leader of Sutton Council, **Councillor Ruth Dombey**, said:

"The housing crisis can be solved without the destruction of Sutton's distinct character. Plans to 'densify' areas, in which applications are automatically granted without residents having the opportunity to object, are undemocratic. They take power away from local people and place it in the hands of huge property developers. Sutton Liberal Democrats will continue our campaign against these short-sighted proposals."

Residents can sign the Sutton Lib Dem petition here:

www.suttonlibdems.org.uk/planning_petition

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