

Fraser Graham

For Lothian Regional List



*I am a Chartered Architect, **living and working in Edinburgh since 2010**, having studied at The University of Edinburgh. I **joined the party in 2016** after the EU referendum, and I have been **involved at many levels of the party** since. I became an approved candidate in 2020.*

*I am an experienced campaigner, **ready to fight** as a parliamentary candidate: in the **2017 General Election** I served as the **election agent** for Aisha Mir in Edinburgh South West. Since then, in 2019 I became **convenor of the South Edinburgh local party**, and also a member of the **LGBT+ Liberal Democrats' Executive**.*

My Liberal Policies and Values

As a Chartered Architect, I know we need to **do more to combat climate change in the way we build**. We must aim for **zero carbon homes and businesses** to reduce energy needs and carbon generation. That means promoting **efficient building techniques** and improving our building standards for a **carbon neutral future for the Lothians**.

In Edinburgh, low income households are **priced out of the market**, and in East and West Lothian **increasing commuter housing** has put pressure on local amenities and services. Covid-19 has fundamentally altered the way we live our everyday lives, meaning now is the time to invest in housing and infrastructure to **boost our construction industry** and provide good **affordable homes** for those who have been financially impacted by the pandemic. **It's time to build back smarter and greener.**

As a **bisexual man** I've experienced **homophobia and biphobia** first-hand: I am a clear and unequivocal **advocate for LGBT+ rights**. I will fight tirelessly for **banning gay conversion therapy**, ending **the restrictions on Gay and Bisexual men giving blood** and holding the Scottish Government to account on the delivery of **LGBT+ inclusive education in schools**.

Trans and non-binary rights are human rights: I spoke proudly in favour of **reform to the Gender Recognition Act** at Hamilton conference. I want to hold the Scottish Government to their promise of GRA reform, including **self-identification of gender** and **recognising non-binary identities**. This is **not a fringe issue** to be ignored over larger fights such as independence: **the true measure of a society is in how it treats its most marginalised groups.**

As the **child of a railway worker**, I have a great **appreciation for our transport infrastructure**. It saddens me how much of Scotland's once-booming railway infrastructure now lies disused. We must **rebuild our railways to serve more communities**, reduce car use, and improve access to **commuter towns**. The success of the Borders railway has shown the way forward, and **reopening the Edinburgh Suburban** railway to passenger traffic would be a next step to **bring relief to already overcrowded roads** across the region and **reduce air pollution in Edinburgh**.



Speaking Out

"Trans men are men, trans women are women and non-binary identities are valid."

Scottish Conference, Hamilton 2019

"Conference, I like trains"

Scottish Conference, Hamilton 2019

"The Scottish Liberal Democrats and the LGBT+ community proudly support the Black Lives Matter movement."

Scottish Lib Dem Virtual Pride 2020

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