



Green MANIFESTO FOR HAMPSHIRE



The Green Party has a vision for Hampshire that's very different from the other political parties.

We believe that having a healthy environment and sound public services are essential to our well-being. We need an economy that works for everyone at the local level; an economy which is based on measures of quality of life – providing decent jobs for Hampshire residents, and transport that's safe, clean, affordable and accessible for all. Local independent shops and businesses should take pride of place on our high streets. Independent shops bring individuality to towns and communities. Our current use of energy has placed us on an unsafe path and is causing environmental and social impacts across the county. We need to re-assess our energy needs and move forward to sustainable, carbon-neutral energy future. We need to promote reduction and reuse ahead of recycling of resources to reduce waste and pollution. We need to protect the care services that Hampshire County Council provides. Rather than slashing funding, we're fighting to make sure that the Government prioritises local services, not just in Hampshire but throughout the country. Having Greens on Hampshire County Council will make a positive difference. It will make life better.

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“ My prime concerns are for the County Council to ensure that air pollution in Winchester is reduced, that proper social care is provided to help ease NHS bed blocking and to promote renewable energy in Hampshire. ”



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OUR WELL-BEING

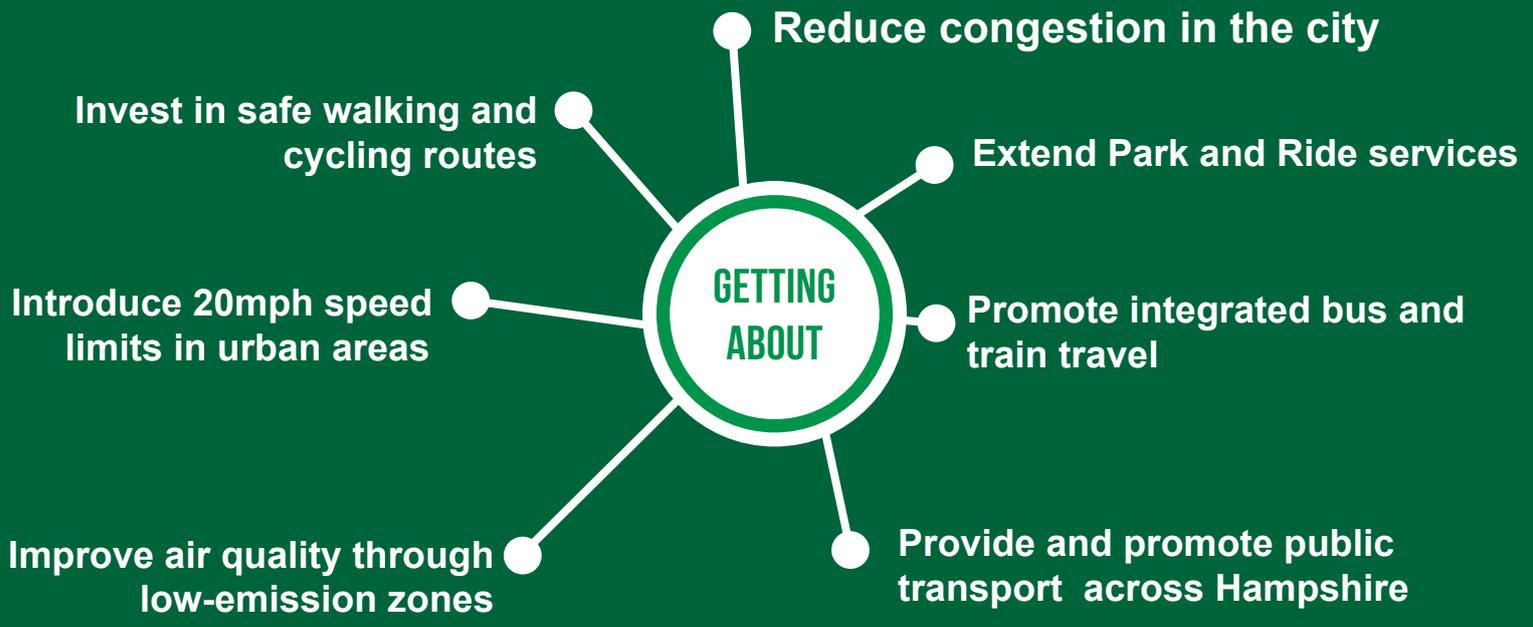
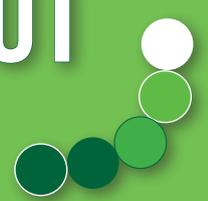


To build our healthy environment and sound public services the GREEN PARTY will:

- Ensure sufficient school places are provided in the right places for local communities, so as to cut school-run congestion.
- Lobby central government for more democratic control of the creation and operation of free schools and academies.
- Develop the quality of services for vulnerable children, teenagers, adults and carers. We want improved mental health services for all and will resist cuts.
- Care for the increasing number of elderly people by supporting long-term independent living, together with high-quality continuing care.
- Encourage increased use of libraries and other cultural and community services, and oppose attempts to reduce them.
- Carry out a proper analysis of the hidden costs of reduced social services (e.g. the costs of crime, homelessness and social breakdown)
- Assess, and address the problem of rural isolation in public services.
- Defend our Green Belt and green spaces from development, house-building, oil and gas extraction, including fracking, and inappropriate developments. We will maintain public green spaces for wildlife and people.
- Encourage effective management of the Council's land holdings and elsewhere to ensure protection from flooding. This will include opposing development on flood plains.



GETTING ABOUT



We want to ensure safe, affordable, accessible and healthy ways of getting around across Hampshire. Greens will:

- 1. Ensure there is safe, environmentally sustainable, readily available, and affordable public transport across Hampshire. We will promote investment in hybrid and electric buses to reduce air pollution.
- 2. Maintain, improve and increase the number of safe walking and cycling routes, including investing in safe, healthy and non-motorised routes to school.
- 3. Work with district councils to introduce a 20mph speed limit and low-emission zones in urban areas to address poor air quality mainly caused by traffic, which leads to 50 deaths per year in the Winchester area, and is at illegal levels in some areas.
- 4. Promote an "Oyster card" system for integrated travel across the county.
- 5. In conjunction with better public transport (especially bus) services, facilitate the City Council to be able to increase city centre parking charges and bring in Sunday parking charges. The County would also, where possible, provide funding if needed, to help extend the city park and ride services into the evening and especially on Sundays.

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LOCAL JOBS, FOOD & SHOPS



Greens believe in building a green economy which is based on measures of quality of life. This benefits Hampshire by:

- Introducing plans and policies that encourage communities to live, work and consume locally.
- Ensuring that all council employees receive the real Living Wage as a minimum and that this policy is also applied to Council contractors.
- Reducing the ratio between the Council's top earners and the lowest paid.
- Promoting green infrastructure spending through the Council's Local Enterprise partners.
- Encouraging small-scale local food production on council-owned land.
- Resisting the disposal of County Council assets and allowing community projects to have first refusal.
- Seeking discretionary powers to nudge local, low-impact enterprises by providing favourable conditions and a favourable planning environment.
- Supporting fair business rates.
- Buying local, sustainably produced food for Council operations including schools and contractors who supply services
- Local independent shops and businesses should take pride of place on our high streets. Independent shops bring individuality to towns and communities.



SAFE ENERGY FUTURE

Reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Promote community energy projects
in Council properties

Resist new oil and
gas extraction

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Build genuinely affordable
housing

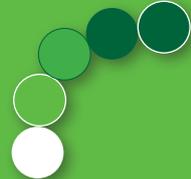
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renewable energy

Encourage small-scale local food production

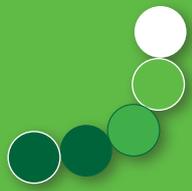
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Greens will:

- Keep pressure up for continuous and deep reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the Hampshire County Council estate.
- Resist new oil and gas extraction, including fracking applications.
- Support funding for renewable energy. This will provide careers and help the environment.
- Promote energy efficiency in all Hampshire CC properties. Hampshire County Council will be encouraged to lead by example, introducing the Passivhaus standard for its own new build.
- Promote divestment from fossil fuels by Hampshire County Council's pension fund.
- Favour brown-field development and re-occupy/re-furbish of empty properties (over green field) on Council land, with the priority being for social and genuinely affordable housing.
- Promote community energy projects in Council properties, aiming to achieve energy security for the County, and to do so sustainably; provide positively discriminating grant assistance to low-income households to retrofit properties for energy-saving.



REDUCE RE-USE RECYCLE



Promote a Gold standard on reuse and re-cycling

Educate and communicate on the benefits of recycling

Maintain excellent recycling services

REDUCE
RE-USE
RECYCLE

Reduce landfill

Promote reduction and/or re-use

The Green vision is of the reuse and recycling of resources to reduce waste and pollution. The GREEN PARTY will:

- 1 Promote a Gold standard on reuse and recycling for Hampshire with the aim of raising all Hampshire local authorities up the league table to the top 5%.
- 2 Maintain excellent recycling services (no charges or cuts in opening hours) to prevent fly tipping and make good use of waste.
- 3 Favour recycling and bio-digestion instead of incineration as the primary means of reducing landfill.
- 4 Promote reduction and re-use of materials, encouraging research into environmentally safe waste disposal and/or re-use.
- 5 Provide communication and education to help people appreciate the benefits of recycling.

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