

CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM GREEN NEWS



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Eleanor puts up a pollution monitor in Peckham

SOUTHWARK GREENS WARN OF AIR POLLUTION RISK TO CHILDREN AND OLDER PEOPLE

COUNCIL CAN DO MUCH MORE TO PROTECT RESIDENTS NOW

Air pollution has been in the news recently as people become aware of how it damages everyone's health. We have been putting up tubes to measure nitrogen dioxide pollution in Camberwell and Peckham. The results will be published at the end of March on www.southwarkgreenparty.org.uk.

We have also [written to Southwark Council](#) to share some tested ideas:

- Traffic-free areas round schools
- Safe cycle routes and bike parking
- Health information for residents

Do you agree that we need rapid action on air pollution? Email Eleanor: contact@southwark.greenparty.org.uk

WHY DOES LABOUR-RUN SOUTHWARK DEMOLISH COUNCIL FLATS INSTEAD OF REFURBISHING?

GREEN PARTY SAYS RESIDENTS MUST HAVE A REAL SAY IN FUTURE OF THEIR HOMES

Bellway is building 89 homes on [Elmington Road](#), Camberwell. They say they are suitable for 'families, first-time buyers, investors and professionals'. Only 22 will be at 'social rent'. The site previously held 60 council homes. Higher density here comes at the cost of reduced green

space and the felling of eight trees. How much could have been saved in money, resources and community life by refurbishing and insulating the blocks instead of demolishing them? Unfortunately, this story of 'social cleansing' and reckless waste is being repeated [across Southwark](#).



How much could have been saved?



With safe streets, children enjoy their journey

QUIETWAY 7 - WHAT WILL IT MEAN FOR YOU?

SOUTHWARK CHILDREN WANT THE CHANCE TO SCOOT IN SAFETY

Most residents in our area do not own a car and rely on public transport, walking and cycling. So we welcome TfL funds to improve cycling in the borough. [Quietways](#) are meant to be suitable for all who want to cycle, age 8-80. [Quietway 7](#) will link Elephant and Castle through Burgess Park to

Dog Kennel Hill and Dulwich. With a bit more [vision](#), Southwark Council could use this chance to create really safe, quiet streets around local schools. In surveys, children say they'd like to walk, scoot and bike to school – and research shows it's good for both health and learning.

GREEN PARTY MEMBER OF THE LONDON ASSEMBLY SAYS LONDONERS NEED TO FEEL SECURE IN THEIR HOMES

SIÂN BERRY IS WORKING FOR AFFORDABLE HOMES



Siân visited small businesses on Rye Lane

Green Party member of the London Assembly Siân Berry says: 'I want Londoners to be secure in their homes. To feel that they are part of a

community that they can enjoy, shape, and design – and afford to live in.'

Siân supports private renters and council tenants across London. In her '[Big Renter's Survey](#)', over a third of private renters said they had been overcharged by estate agents.

Southwark Green Party did some 'mystery shopping' to find out which agents are following the rules. We reported bad practice back to Southwark Trading Standards – who took swift action. Thank you!

WE LOVE: BENHILL ROAD NATURE GARDEN

A GREEN OASIS NEXT TO BRUNSWICK PARK SCHOOL IN CAMBERWELL

After years of neglect, [Benhill Road Nature Garden](#) has finally reopened and can now be enjoyed by everyone. The new garden is beautiful: with a pond, wildflowers and buddleias, as well as wooded areas to sit, climb and ponder. Green spaces help our physical and mental health as well as providing opportunities for play and learning. The garden was established with help from the council and London Wildlife Trust and is maintained by volunteers.



A Site Of Importance For Nature Conservation

SOLIDARITY WITH ALL SOUTHWARK CITIZENS

REFERENDUM VOTE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO DIVIDE US

Many people in Southwark are linked by family, history or love to other parts of the world, whether they were born in London or have moved here. Greens recognise that the NHS, universities, schools, transport and construction – to name just a few – depend on the expertise and dedication of people from all over the world, including EU citizens. The Green Party defends the rights of all our fellow Londoners to participate as equals and feel at home in the city we share. Both Caroline Lucas, Green MP, and Jenny Jones, Green member of the House of Lords, have sought to protect the rights of EU migrants by putting amendments to the government's bill to trigger Article 50.

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USEFUL LINKS

AIR POLLUTION DANGER

Southwark Council can and should do more to protect us all from the invisible killer. Plan a lower pollution route for yourself: cityairapp.com

GREEN PARTY WANTS RESIDENTS TO HAVE A SAY

Find out more on housing: www.sianberry.london

TAKE THE QUIETWAY THROUGH CAMBERWELL

Did you know all residents are entitled to free, individual or family cycle training?

www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/southwark