

# CAMBERWELL & PECKHAM GREEN NEWS

Local news from Southwark Green Party



## Make this high-risk junction safe for all

Each day 25,000 vehicles go through the Camberwell Green road junction. Traffic is frequently gridlocked, air pollution levels are among the worst in the borough, and it is a high-risk area for cyclists and pedestrians. In May 2015, physiotherapist Esther Hartsilver was killed in a collision with a lorry on Denmark Hill while cycling to work at King's College Hospital.

Last year, Southwark Council held a public consultation on plans, developed with Transport for London (TfL), to alter the Camberwell town centre road network. Local feedback, including a submission from Southwark Green Party, was widely critical. Councillor Darren Merrill admitted that the proposed changes had 'gone down like a lead balloon'.

The flawed plans included removing bus lanes and narrowing exits off the junction. This would have done nothing to improve bus journey times and would have made cycling more dangerous. For pedestrians, the



proposal risked encouraging more 'informal crossing' – a major cause of collisions.

Following the consultation, the council and TfL are developing a revised plan. Southwark Green Party believes that the new proposals must prioritise the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and buses. We want to see traffic light sequencing that avoids people being stranded on traffic islands, alternative routes that enable cyclists to avoid the junction altogether, and priority given to buses. Camberwell deserves a transport system that puts the needs of local residents before the convenience of motorists.

## All change at Peckham Rye?



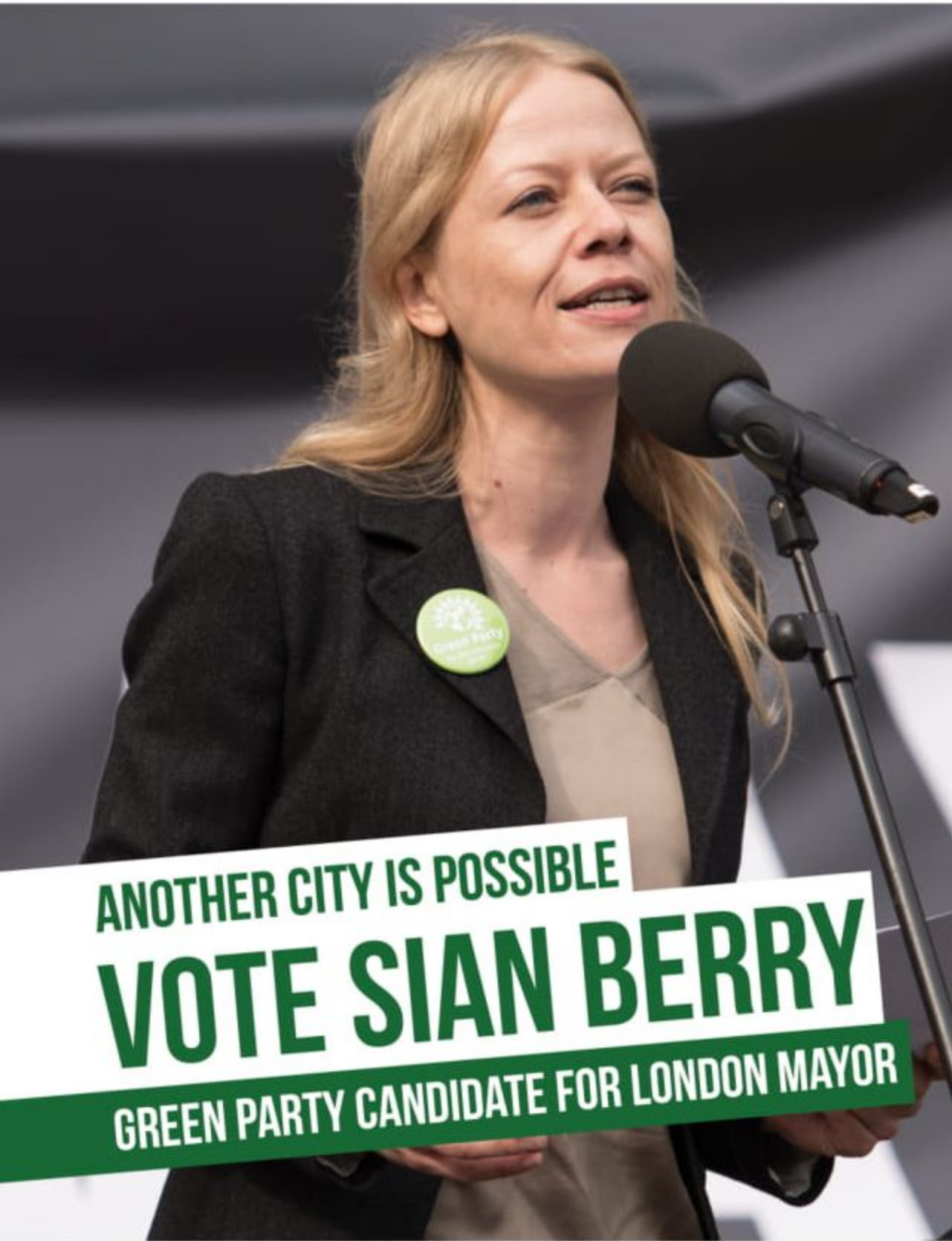
Local people are keen to see improvements to the plans for a new square in front of Peckham Rye station. Residents have suggested including trees in the design; involving local traders; and making better connections between bus and train services.

The Peckham Society first put forward a proposal to improve the entrance to the station in 1997. Campaigns by local residents and the Rye Lane & Station Action Group led Southwark Council, the GLA and Network Rail to allocate a total of £15.25m in public funds for the project.

In 2013 local people stopped a move to clear out all the businesses around the station. Now small businesses are facing eviction again. Traders fear losing premises they have worked hard to develop. Southwark Green Party will work with local people to make sure the new space benefits both the local economy and the community.

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# SIAN BERRY, GREEN CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR OF LONDON

Sian Berry is the Green candidate for Mayor of London, for the election on May 5th 2016.

Sian is a Camden councillor and stood for Mayor of London in 2008. In the last Mayor elections, the Greens came third, beating the Lib Dems and UKIP.

As a transport campaigner, Sian has won hundreds of millions from the government for green transport projects across the country. In Camden, she has challenged social housing cuts in Kings Cross, and convinced all the parties on the Council to create a £1 million fund to stop community centres and libraries from closing.

Sian will:

- Take decisive action to deal with London's polluted air
- Tackle low wages and invest in new jobs
- Cap rent rises and stop foreign business buying up new housing

“Sian Berry, for the Greens... has been an articulate, imaginative and effective advocate for her cause.” – The Independent, 2008

“She has succeeded greatly in raising her party's profile” – The Financial Times

## VOTE GREEN ON THE ORANGE PAPER

There are two elections happening on May 5th 2016 – elections for the Mayor of London and elections for the London Assembly.

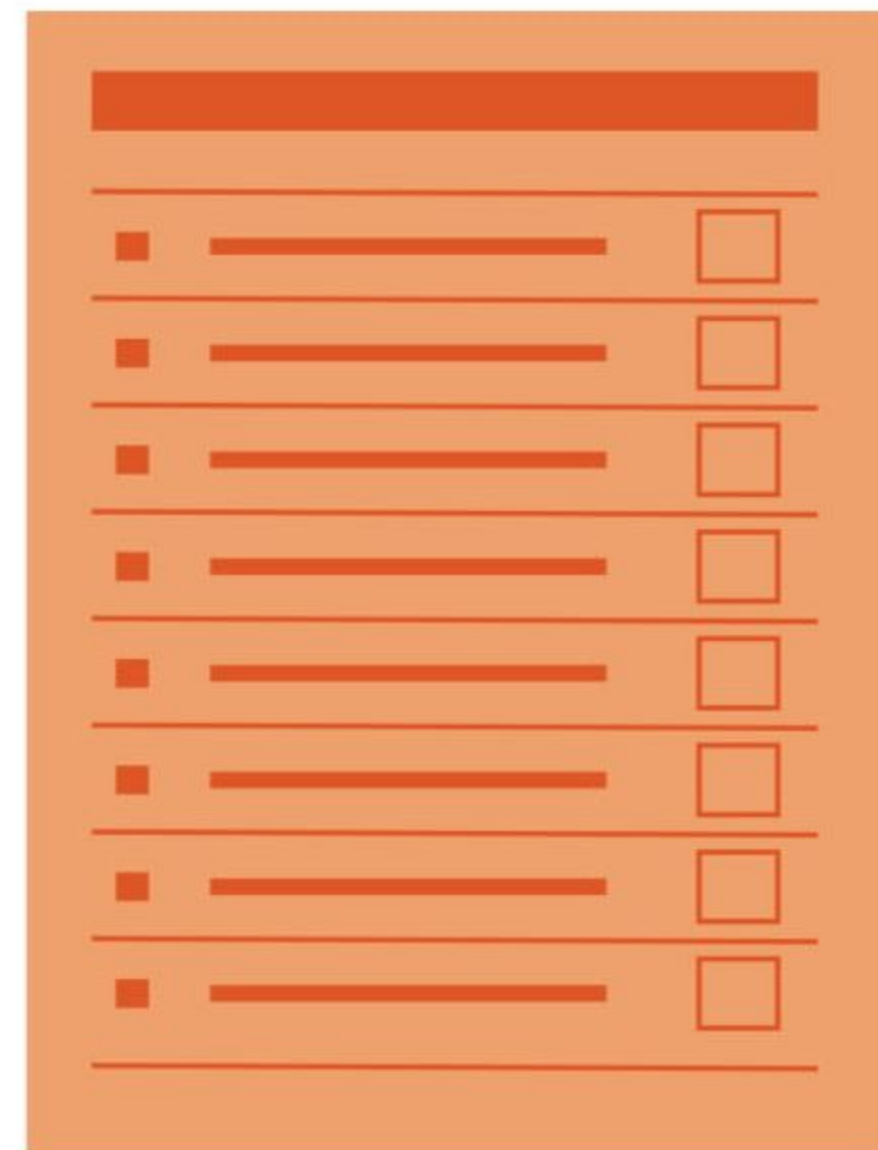
The London Assembly holds the Mayor of London to account and sets their budget.

No matter who are you are voting for in the Mayor election, who do you want the Mayor to work with?

Vote Green on the orange ballot paper to elect more Green Assembly members to hold whoever is Mayor to account on housing, transport, air pollution and policing.

The election is held under a fair voting system, so every vote counts. No votes are wasted.

Your vote is powerful. In the last election, the Greens were only around 1% away from electing a third Assembly member. Vote Green on the orange ballot paper and you will elect more Green Assembly members.



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