

ROTHERHITHE & SURREY DOCKS GREEN NEWS

Local news from Southwark Green Party



Canada Water Masterplan needs radical rethink

The latest Canada Water Masterplan has confirmed local residents' worst fears. Colin Boyle, Southwark Green Party Chair and local resident, stated that: 'The Rotherhithe we know will be lost, and in its place we will have a high-rise, densely packed urban landscape. We need to develop Canada Water, but this proposal is entirely out of keeping with the area and ignores the feedback that local residents provided in previous consultations.'

The knock-on effects have also been ignored, with no evidence that our already stretched roads and public transport will cope, or our schools and health services.

This vast development brings no new social housing and insufficient public space (e.g. one new park that is just 6% of the size of Southwark Park). Our little local nature area will also be lost because the Council failed to get the leisure centre included anywhere else in the plan (see the <http://canadawaterwest.org/> campaign).



Sian Berry, Green candidate for Mayor, commented: 'This masterplan seems to be an unpopular development which hasn't won the support of the existing community. Nobody disputes that we need many more new homes in London, but we also need to site them sympathetically, and that means persuading the local community of the benefits of a scheme rather than imposing it on them. I urge Southwark Council to work with the community to come up with better ideas.'

Developers turn local pubs into yet more flats

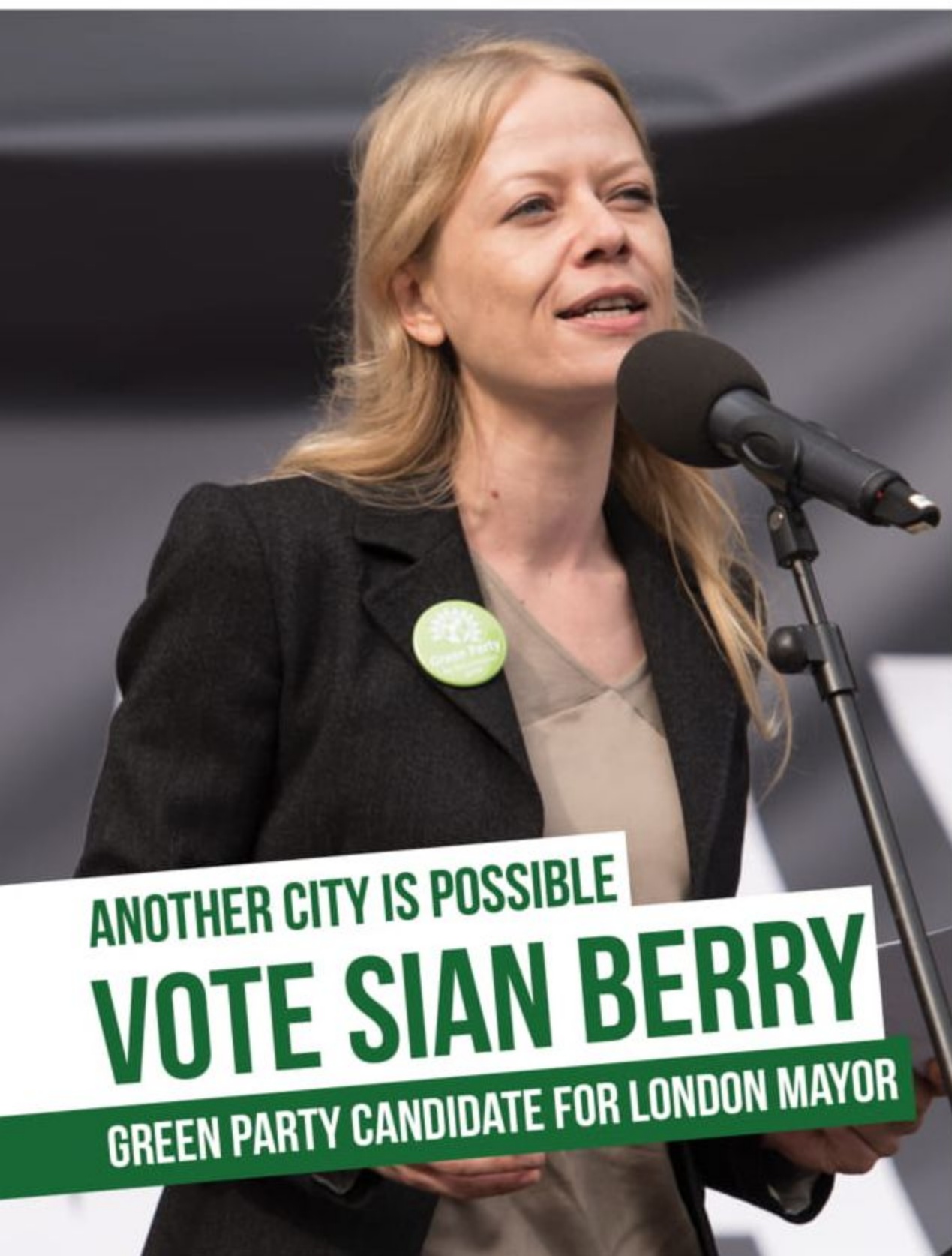


Profit-driven developers continue to take their toll on our pubs, with recent local victims including the Clipper, the Ship York and the Three Compasses. All now face replacement with yet more flats, reducing our area's character, heritage and amenities.

Elsewhere in Southwark, the Council has protected pubs through accepting applications to list them as 'Assets of Community Value' – for example, the Ivy House, the Gladstone Arms and the Elephant & Castle pub. In our area, the Council has been less supportive, with no local pubs listed. The recent application to list the Clipper was also rejected.

Other London councils have proactively listed their pubs – for example, Wandsworth Council listed 121 pubs last year. We would make this Council policy in Southwark, and in the meantime, we will continue to support local campaigns to retain our pubs.

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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

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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 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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