

# DULWICH

# GREEN NEWS



Local news from Southwark Green Party

## The Dulwich Estate – who benefits?

In January much-loved local toy shop, Just Williams, was forced to close after its landlord, the Dulwich Estate, raised rents by 70%. It is clear that the Dulwich Estate does not need to raise rents – the only reason for doing so is, in its own words, to ‘maximise revenues for the beneficiaries’. In its last annual report the Dulwich Estate boasted record profits of £6.78 million (up from £6.26 million for 2013/2014). About 85% of its profits go to the three large local private schools while the four non-fee paying schools it also benefits receive only 15% of the charity’s income.

By its actions the Dulwich Estate, along with Network Rail, has forced local businesses in the railway arches to close – benefiting its own narrow interests rather than the local community as a whole. But the fantastic response of local residents, supporting local businesses like Just Williams and the Half Moon pub, shows that we will not take these changes lying down.



CHILDREN PROTEST AT TOY SHOP CLOSURE

Photo: Sebastian Morrison

Southwark Green Party demands that the Dulwich Estate complies with its charitable aims to provide a ‘tangible benefit to the community at large’ and reverses its draconian rent increases, which are hitting not only local small businesses but also tenants in the privately rented properties it owns.

## Let’s get another secondary school in Dulwich



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NEW SCHOOL WILL BE NEXT TO DULWICH HOSPITAL

A new secondary school for our area has been approved by the government after two years of hard campaigning by local parents, with over 1,500 choosing the Charter School to be the provider as opposed to national academy chains. But the shortage of school places continues to be a major concern for local parents.

Initially 120 new places are being offered, rising to 240 in 2018 when the school moves into its permanent site in the grounds of the old East Dulwich Hospital.

This is good news. East Dulwich and College are currently among the four worst wards in Southwark for providing places for children at their school of choice; the new school will ease this situation. However, there will be a need for a further 180 school places locally by 2018 and many local parents will still be forced to send their children to schools out of the area.

The campaign for a second community-centred secondary school in Southwark has to begin now!

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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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