

## Seamus MCCAULEY Green Party Candidate for Orpington



The challenges our society faces are too urgent and too large to trust to the politicians who created them, both Labour and Conservative, and it's past time to face up to them and offer meaningful, significant change.

We've suffered 14 years now of Conservative rule. It's made our country poorer, more isolated, more divided and less secure. At the last election they offered just one thing - Brexit.

Now Brexit has failed and the majority of us recognise that failure, they're offering only the distraction of a confected culture war and the pretence of fiscal responsibility while adding a trillion pounds to the national debt with nothing to show for it but pollution, crumbling infrastructure and falling living standards.

And the alleged alternative waiting in the wings, Labour just offers more of the same. The same call for fiscal responsibility instead of public investment. A green investment plan proposed and then abandoned. More middle of the road, more of the same politics of changing nothing. They've simply watched the Tories implode as the Tory flagship policy failed and, without offering a concrete alternative of their own, assumed the right to pick up the pieces and govern by default.

But a general election should offer people an actual choice. I want to offer Orpington that choice. The choice of a sustainable future. The choice of public investment, paid for by fairer taxes on corporations and the richest 1%. The choice to address the Brexit catastrophe and re-establish our ties with Europe. The choice of something better, not just more of the same.

I've lived in Orpington for the past ten years, made my home here and sent my children to school here. Orpington's future is my future and my family's future, and the Green Party offers the only vision of a sustainable future for all of us.