

## Dr Caroline Sandes



Resident of Bromley since 2019, I am honoured to be the Green Party candidate for Bromley and Biggin Hill. I have been employed part-time as a bookseller in an independent bookshop for nearly ten years, so I am a keen supporter of local & independent businesses.

I grew up in Ireland and studied archaeology before moving to London in 2002 to study for a PhD from UCL. I teach at the Institute for Sustainable Heritage, UCL, and at the Department of Creative Industries at Kingston University. I have therefore experienced first hand the devastating consequences of the last fourteen years on the quality of our third level education, particularly in funding, the cost of university education, and how teaching staff are treated.

I am particularly supportive of young people, whether my students or not, and have supported young people struggling to find affordable and secure accommodation, to manage demands of mental health issues and with difficulties in finding empowering employment.

Since 2009 it has been brutally clear that support and services for young people, particularly those who are vulnerable, have been severely reduced. These issues are further compounded by over-priced rental accommodation and of housing in general, the cost of living crisis, and severe underfunding of education including of pay for teachers. I believe that the Green Party have the strongest, fairest policies to instigate real change and improvement in these areas.

In terms of local issues, the pollution caused by Biggin Hill airport is of immediate concern. It has been identified as one of the most polluting airports in Europe, so this is something that needs to be examined and sustainable solutions found. I am also a keen walker and a big fan of the London Loop, of which several sections cross the constituency, so protecting the many green spaces and parks, along with the wildlife, of Bromley and Biggin Hill are very important, not least in their contribution to making our urban environment so liveable. The Green Party is the only political party to give the environment the priority it needs, both locally and in tackling the wider climate crisis.

In all of these areas and in key areas such as the NHS, employment, childcare, public transport, the Green Party offers fairer, stronger, well-funded policies to tackle those issues most important to you. Your vote for the Green Party is a vote for real hope and real change in Bromley and Biggin Hill.

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