

Ruth Fabricant Green Party candidate for Beckenham and Penge.



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A Beckenham resident for over 35 years, I am also familiar with the areas of Penge and Crystal Palace, where I shop, campaign, and enjoy conversing with residents of all ages.

An Early Years teacher in Bermondsey and Forest Hill, I later volunteered in Beckenham schools. Working in a range of areas gave me the opportunity to engage with teachers, support staff and parents from a wide range of social and ethnic backgrounds.

Sharing residents' concerns I have campaigned against cuts to public services, lack of funding for the NHS, and petitioned to 'Keep the Hunting Ban'

and a '20 mph speed limit outside all schools and in places of need' I initiated and completed a petition to 'Save Beckenham Toilets' which enabled me to speak at a full council meeting.

I am vegetarian, and Green Party regard animals as sentient beings. We have strong policies to protect animals, wildlife, and restoration of nature. Nature is necessary for both our emotional wellbeing and our very existence.

We are an inclusive party, and as a teacher I have ensured inclusion in all activities regardless of gender, race, or disability, and aimed to foster a lifelong love of learning. Greens will reverse the continuing decline of youth clubs and support services for young people.

A member of Friends of the Earth; RSPB-giving nature a home; CND; Bromley Trades Union Council and Stand up to Racism, I celebrate diversity as opposed to scapegoating immigrants for government shortfalls. I campaign for issues in line with Green Party policies, gaining paper signatures across the borough. I have recently campaigned with RMT union to keep ticket offices open and am delighted that due to overwhelming public support our campaign was successful. With fellow Green Party members, I have supported striking junior doctors, nurses, rail staff and teachers.

In pockets of the Beckenham constituency residents are relying on food banks, due to the cost-of-living crisis. Our policies of Universal basic income, transition to renewable energy and insulating homes will help everyone. We will have a just and fair transition, helping people financially to retrain for the thousands of jobs which will be created in renewables. Green Party will make it easier and cheaper for people to choose eco-friendly options in their everyday lifestyle. I am proud that it was our Co leader Carla Denyer who declared the very first Climate Emergency.

Greens support residents opposing the building of a 16-storey block of flats on the site of the Blenheim Centre Penge, as this will put pressure on local services and will be totally out of keeping with the pleasing Victorian architecture of the area. The housing crisis will be tackled by renovating empty homes and building affordable social housing; 'Right Homes, Right Place, Right Price.'

Greens have pledged £30bn for the NHS and our policies will be funded by a wealth tax for the 'super rich.' On Gaza, we are continuing to call for an immediate ceasefire and hope for peace.

I am proud and honoured to be standing as your candidate and will continue to stand up for what matters to residents.

The Green Party is unique, and the only party to solve both the cost-of-living crisis and climate chaos.