

## 2024 parliamentary election

The Society invited all Wimbledon candidates to respond to questions relating to key Wimbledon issues. This note sets out the questions and the replies received.

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Candidates' answers						
<b>Rachel Brooks Green</b>	Greens would ensure local development is <i>appropriate</i> ; we need to: Reform building regulations and Planning, so that buildings are built to the top environmental standards and future proofed against changing climate conditions, as well as requiring local authorities to spread small	From an environmental perspective, there can be efficiency gains in going up rather than out in our new buildings - but this reaches an optimum, then rapidly trails off. The Green Party would require that all new development proposals include whole-life cycle environmental impact assessment – enabling us to quickly	It's clear that trust and confidence in our police is at an all-time low: restoring this, as well as improving crime and justice outcomes is our key focus. This will require police forces to acknowledge the institutional racism, misogyny, homophobia and disabilism that has become all too prevalent in recent years, and take	I, alongside Merton Greens, unequivocally and vehemently oppose the AELTC application. There are many reasons for this, the following being matters on which I feel especially strongly given my professional background:  We can in no circumstances accept the precedent of building	Wimbledon absolutely needs to get serious about its net zero goals, and decarbonising our energy systems is one of the single biggest chunks of that.  Moving our energy supply over to domestic sources of renewable electricity offers great benefits, in particular energy security that is not prone to volatile international energy markets and complex	To me, traffic reduction means cleaner air and making our roads work better for everyone, which I absolutely support both as a crucial strategy towards Net Zero and as major public health intervention.  There are many things we can be doing, including:

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<p>developments across the borough, rather than enormous, inappropriate concentrated development. All new development must include provision for associated services – such as GPs, shops, public transport etc. Create optimal conditions for active travel, resulting in safer roads, cleaner air and healthier people. Establish regional mutual banks and cooperative ownership schemes to invest in local innovation and technology. Reform local consultation processes in order to fully capture the needs and aspirations of local people and business.</p> <p>What I personally would like to see:</p> <p>Provision of varied and flexible community spaces to cater for the extraordinary range of</p>	<p>understand when to go up, and when to go out.</p> <p>Why does Wimbledon need buildings taller than 7 storeys? The fact is, we are seeing overdevelopment in Wimbledon town centre at the cost of under development elsewhere in our area. Real estate values in Wimbledon are so high that the concentrated development we are already seeing serves only the interests of the developers, saddling local residents and businesses with the hangover: strain on local infrastructure, loss or threat to local character and heritage, inflated prices forcing residents and the independent businesses we cherish out of the area.</p> <p>Since the needs of the locals have not been met by the developments, this leads to a never-ending cycle of development for development's sake, that</p>	<p>steps to root this out once and for all. We need to change in the way new police officers are recruited, practice ongoing 'fitness to work' assessments of existing officers, and of course, end the damaging and unjust tactics of stop-and-search and use-of-force that disproportionately target particular communities. These are some of the changes that will restore public trust locally.</p> <p>That said, I do not hesitate to applaud the often brave and tireless work of our local police officers in keeping Wimbledon safe. The key markers of success for our local force include incidence response times, crime rates and justice outcomes. Modern policing operates in a significantly different way today than it did a generation ago, with remote controllers</p>	<p>on designated greenbelt of metropolitan open land. The proposals do not include a greenhouse gas audit (W-LCA etc). Given that Merton Council – spurred by a brilliant campaign led by Dr Pippa Maslin of Merton Green Party – declared a 'Climate Emergency', and so did the Mayor of London, it is inconceivable to me that greenhouse gas calculations were neither required nor factored into the decision-making process (so far). We believe the greenhouse gas emissions associated with the development run into the tens if not hundreds of thousands of tons of CO2. This is completely unjustified. There are major flaws with the biodiversity assessment commissioned by AELTC in which 'net gain' is claimed, and indeed it seems we do</p>	<p>geopolitics. Over time, this will enable energy bills to go down – a win win for all. So yes, it's right that people of Wimbledon come to derive more and more of their energy from renewable electricity, but for the most part, this relates to infrastructure far away from SW19 –many of us wont even notice.</p> <p>That said, there is no silver bullet to solving the climate emergency or hitting net zero: what's needed is the 'everything, everywhere, all at once' approach. Therefore there is indeed a role for distributed renewable energy much closer to home, such as rooftop solar; but for many, the cost will remain prohibitive. Greens want to see more of our energy infrastructure owned by communities – rather than energy profits creamed off by business interests. We advocate for alternative funding mechanisms for renewable energy projects, such as cooperative ownership, and regional</p>	<p>Investment in our public transport – every £1 invested in our buses sees an economic return of £4.50, so it's a brilliant investment. Even at a hyper-local level, there are public transport solutions that we might not have considered, from micro-mobility (e-scooters and bikes – accompanied, of course, by proportionate rules and enforcement) to local shuttle buses to get us between our town centres. The greater the control local authorities have for public transport, the more services can be tailored for local demand. Creating the conditions to encourage Active Travel – including major investment and improvement to our cycle infrastructure and walkways, and pedestrianising more of our town centres As a last resort, thoughtfully implemented traffic control measures such as Low Traffic</p>

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special interest groups and networks of connected people across Wimbledon. Space to meet, space to flourish Comprehensive urban Greening across the borough to make Wimbledon more resilient to the impacts of climate change and help lower air pollution. It will provide unparalleled appeal to town centres and create biodiversity corridors that connect our isolated green spaces and elevating their biodiversity. More varied types of businesses such as repair cafes and 'Thing' libraries. Making Wimbledon a place where small, independent businesses can thrive, with an offering in keeping with what our residents want.

continually fails to address the housing crisis, the climate crisis, nor creates the favourable conditions for the sorts of independent businesses we seek to attract here to be able to thrive. Better would be to understand the needs and demand both in Wimbledon itself and in surrounding areas, in order to ensure the benefits of development are shared equally.

coordinating and optimising response teams and vehicles over entire regions. The role of the local police station has changed, and key to the situation in Wimbledon is the extent to which the investment in keeping the building open translates to better outcomes. We need to understand this better but would in principle be open to alternative cost-effective options like community policing hubs if that's what the evidence suggests.

not at present require such claims to be independently verified. Their calculations on redress for felling of mature trees are wrong and misleading. The carbon emissions from felling a single mature oak would take 150 newly planted saplings 10 years to redress – by which metric the proposed 1,500 would compensate the felling of just 3 existing trees. The benefits of the development to the local area are negligible.

mutual banks. This, combined with our National Insulation Programme, would be transformative for lowering energy bills, tackling the cost of living crisis, and of course curtailing carbon emissions.

Neighbourhoods, speed limits, school streets and, in time, smart road pricing to replace ULEZ. The current measures in place across Merton are the right ideas, wrongly executed – abundantly clear through the strength of ill-feeling among drivers, as well as evidence of relocation rather than reduction of traffic.

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### Danielle Dunfield-Prayero Conservative

Wimbledon has a great diversity in its offering of shops. It is a mix of homes, parks, schools, nurseries, shops, restaurants, offices, theatres and cinemas, this is what makes it a special place. In addition, there are a lot of independent stores, which is a strong selling point that we all want to maintain. I have spoken with our local small business owners, and I know how tough it is. We must support our independent shops that make Wimbledon special. For example something that we can do, is Small Business Rate Relief, and I have been campaigning on this issue.

The vast majority of the buildings here are low-rise, and this gives a feeling of space, this is something I want to keep and will be campaigning to make sure there is no inappropriate development. The Local Plan, which the local Conservatives opposed, represents the further 'Croydonisation' of Merton. We need a strong focus on building family homes and not tower blocks. For example, the local Conservatives have campaigned against the inappropriate St George's House East development in Wimbledon town. <https://www.mertonconservatives.org/news/save-wimbledon-our-statement-st-georges-east>

I will continue campaigning to make sure the police station remains in Wimbledon. This is something Stephen Hammond and the team have been working on this since 2017. It is very important the police station remains open, especially due to the increase of police numbers of thanks to Conservative Government. It also the only rapid response unit in the area so we must ensure it remains open. During the Mayoral Election in May, Susan Hall was the only candidate that promised no more police station closures. We will do everything we can to fight to keep open.

Green spaces in Wimbledon are vital for our environment and our community's happiness. While I support tennis, AELTC's current proposals need resident input. I've met with The Chair Debbie Jevans and we are planning a follow-up after the championships to address concerns and find a way forward. I will report back to Save Wimbledon Park

Yes, definitely! I am proud of our record and remain committed to delivering net zero by 2050. Today the UK is home to the five largest offshore wind farms in the world. Half of our electricity comes from renewables, We have reduced emissions further and faster than any of our competitors and the UK is the first major economy to get halfway to net zero. And we have done this while growing our economy by 80%, demonstrating to other countries that there is a positive economic path to tackling climate change. On electric vehicles, we must support people who choose electric cars by ensuring our charging infrastructure is truly nationwide, including rapid charging. One of things I will be pressing for is to make sure we have adequate amount of electric charging points in Wimbledon. Another thing I would like to mention is the Boiler Upgrade Scheme that is open until 2027 and some Wimbledon residents can apply for. I will campaign to make sure the government will always encourage the use of renewable fuels in Wimbledon.

We have no plans to reopen historic LTNs, instead we want to ensure that the schemes are properly consulted on going forward to avoid creating more problems than they solve. Ideally, I would like to see extensive local consultation on new 20mph zones and Low Traffic zones.

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**Paul Kohler  
LibDem**

As a bar owner, I know the importance of hospitality to our high streets. We need vibrant, interesting retail areas with a range of shops, hospitality and cultural venues. More could be made of the creative and tech sectors. Creative industries have a really rich history here - from William Morris's works along the Wandle, to film and TV at Merton Park studios, the Polka and Wimbledon New & Studio theatres. A concert hall could be a great addition to the town if a robust business case can be made and capital raised. We must also look at what makes other local centres successful and explore how we might encourage more independent retailers into the town centre - to create a mix of shopping opportunities and activities as has been

Residents feel really strongly about the height of new buildings, and it's a basic democratic point that the local authority should respond to this. This is why Liberal Democrat councillors sought more moderate maximum height limits for Wimbledon town centre in the then new strategic planning document for Wimbledon in 2020 (a proposal which was NOT supported by any of Merton's Labour or Conservative councillors).

With a change in ways of working since Covid, the plans should be revisited and the case for refurbishment of offices rather than demolition properly considered. There are also some exciting opportunities to consider what a town centre might need when more people are working from home, or more locally (but are in shared houses that aren't so suitable for working from home) which is why I

The long history of the threat to Wimbledon Police Station is covered on [my website](#). It stems from both the Mayor's policing strategy and Government's underfunding of the police.

Many of you will know about the attack in my home in 2014. But I would not be here today if it hadn't been for the speedy response of officers from Wimbledon Police Station.

In 2018 I was able to prevent Wimbledon Police Station's imminent closure [by taking the Mayor of London to court](#); but we cannot afford to be complacent about the station's long-term future. As a result of my legal action Merton is one of the few boroughs in London to retain two police stations. However a recent [article](#) in the

I do not support AELTC's plans - to build a 10 storey stadium, 38 tennis courts, over 9 km of roads and 10 further buildings including a large maintenance hub on parts of Wimbledon Park. The development is a breach of the covenants made when the freehold of the golf course was sold by Merton Council to AELTC at a knock-down price in 1993. I genuinely don't understand why the Labour-run Council administration won't seek to enforce these covenants. An MP needs to stand up for what they believe is right, supporting residents, not just rolling-over for big commercial interests. I have been working with residents and community groups to Save Wimbledon Park since 2021. [You can read more about my campaign here](#). My submission to the Mayor

I am very proud of the Liberal Democrat manifesto and its plans for tackling climate change. What I particularly like is our emphasis on practical measures like home insulation which will save money and reduce carbon dioxide emissions. We also focus on evidence - for example, our subsidised Energy-Saving Homes scheme, would include pilots to find the most effective combination of tax incentives, loans and grants, together with advice and support for people. Further, by investing in electric vehicles and clean public transport, including walking and cycling routes, Liberal Democrats will enhance local, regional and national connectivity while boosting the economy, protecting the environment and improving public health. Our manifesto can be seen here: <https://www.libdems.org.uk/manifesto> Friends of the Earth described it as "an impressive document recognising the interconnection of the climate and nature crises with existing societal inequalities".

Emissions from vehicles damage our and our children's lungs and cause heart disease, as well as adding to carbon emissions. Air pollution from vehicles affects the poorest the most. I support reducing damaging emissions to help prevent this suffering. But the key to the effectiveness of measures like these is both giving people a fair amount of time to adapt - and providing incentives to do so. We absolutely should be encouraging people to make changes that are better for the environment and health. But people shouldn't be punished for past decisions that they made in good faith. Traffic interventions should proceed where they have community buy-in and a key part of that is the evidence base. Trials should be utilised

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achieved so well in Teddington. That said, I absolutely do think that the best thing a local authority can do for retail is get the basics right - our town centres and shopping parades need to be clean, safe and great places to walk and cycle. As Wimbledon's MP I would be a strong voice to push the Council to do more and seek to better leverage Wimbledon's world brand which the Council singularly fails to exploit.

am so supportive of the shared working places being planned for the Wimbledon Quarter to supplement our existing provision. Ultimately, I see a Wimbledon with a mix of retail, office and housing with plenty of interesting things to see and do. I see a Wimbledon with outstanding buildings using sustainable materials, and one that is easy to move around and a great place to walk and cycle. We will encourage development of existing brownfield sites with financial incentives and ensure that affordable and social housing is included in these projects.

Evening Standard revealed that Sadiq Khan is planning to close 4 more police stations as he wants to restrict EVERY borough in London to just one police station. That means Wimbledon Police Station is again under threat and I will do all I can to fight any decision to close a facility which, every local Borough Commander appointed since my court case has stressed, is critical to policing in Wimbledon. As the Casey Review into the Met made clear, having a police station in the heart of the community means police are more visible - key in building trust - and can get to incidents far more quickly. As such, I believe it is key that properly resourced teams of local officers are based in the area they represent, and not simply driving in and out. I have consistently worked to build

of London's consideration of the planning application included comments on: The loss of metropolitan open land and the precedents that will set if the Mayor fails to protect this important ecological asset. The failure to abide by solemn promises to the community by both the AELTC and Merton Council. The effective concreting over of parts of Wimbledon Park. The loss of Capability Brown's historic parkland and unique views. My full submission is available within this [document](#).

with the traffic and air quality measured before and after the trial interventions, this will enable the community to really have an informed say and see the benefits and mitigate any negative impacts. They can be used as opportunities to 'placemake', making areas nicer places to be.

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consensus between politicians about the long-term future of the station, and I have consistently challenged new threats - often working with colleagues in the London Assembly. I would be an even stronger voice on this from Parliament.

**Aaron Mafi Workers**

I believe that the heart of a thriving community lies in the strength of its local businesses. To revitalize Wimbledon's retail centers, we need to allocate more spaces for independent local businesses. This can be achieved by setting aside at least 40% of commercial areas for small businesses, with rent reviewed annually based on fair earnings assessments. Additionally, we should provide grants and rent support to ensure these businesses thrive. I propose expanding areas for monthly markets

I am strongly against the construction of buildings taller than seven storeys in Wimbledon. The examples of Sutton and Kingston demonstrate how such developments can overwhelm the local landscape, block essential sunlight, and increase traffic congestion in smaller areas. High-rise buildings detract from the charm and character of Wimbledon, creating an urban feel that is at odds with the community's identity. Preserving the scale and feel of Wimbledon is crucial to

To ensure the Wimbledon police station remains operational, we must explore several strategies. One idea is to establish an annual fundraising event that involves the community and local businesses, creating a sustainable funding source. Additionally, lobbying for government support and grants specifically for essential services in local communities can help secure the station's future. Public awareness campaigns highlighting the importance of a local police presence can also

I am completely against the AELTC's application to develop the former Wimbledon Park Golf Course. As I mentioned in an email to Clive (SWP), this development would not only destroy a cherished green space but also lead to significant environmental and social detriments, such as increased traffic, pollution, and loss of wildlife habitats. It is vital that we protect our green spaces, which are essential for community health and well-being.

I am a strong advocate for the use of renewable energy sources in Wimbledon. We should promote modular building designs that incorporate green technologies, such as solar panels and energy-efficient systems. Additionally, installing more car charging points and incentivizing their use can help reduce our carbon footprint. Retrofitting existing buildings with solar panels and other renewable energy sources can further support Wimbledon's transition to a greener, more sustainable future.

While I support efforts to reduce traffic in Wimbledon, I am against road closures that create a postcode lottery, increasing property values on some streets while others suffer from increased traffic, pollution and a decrease in value. Instead, we should explore other measures such as improved public transport options, incentives for carpooling, and the development of cycling infrastructure. Encouraging the use of electric bikes can also help reduce traffic and its

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to attract more visitors and offer free parking for the first hour, making it easier for people to shop locally rather than relying on online shopping. This approach not only supports local entrepreneurs but also fosters a vibrant, community-focused economy.

maintaining its unique appeal.

galvanize community support and increase political pressure to maintain the station.

associated impacts on our community. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to share my views. I am committed to working towards a better future for Wimbledon and look forward to engaging further with the community on these important issues.

**Eleanor Stringer Labour**

The first step is to support our fantastic existing and independent retailers that add so much character to Wimbledon. Our Town Centre and high street cannot be taken as a given or for granted. Across the country, we have seen so many shops shut and high streets falling into disrepair due to economic instability and a government that doesn't care about local businesses. We are lucky that Wimbledon is thriving, footfall is back

Wimbledon is a truly unique place. There is so much to love about our fantastic array of independent cafes, exciting cultural spaces, and historic architecture. My primary mission is to make sure Wimbledon's existing businesses are thriving following 14 years of economic uncertainty and slow growth. Any larger developments must be in harmony with our unique town centre and local culture but must also ensure that our suburban town centre continues to thrive. The Wimbledon

Following 14 years of Conservative governments of various iterations, the number of police stations in London has fallen sharply. Under the last Labour government, there were 160 police stations in London, but following the coalition, austerity, and, more recently, the chaos of Johnson, Truss and Sunak, we're down to just 36. This is a political choice by the government, with awful consequences for people living in London.

This is a complicated issue and the people of Wimbledon deserve for this to be treated with care and thoughtfulness. The fact of the matter is that there are covenants on the land which are still in place, and any proposed plans should respect the conditions of those covenants. The All England Club have stated that they will address the covenants once the planning process is concluded, which is currently with the Deputy Mayor of London for decision and

Yes – would absolutely support an increase in renewable fuel usage, so long as it was affordable for residents. As Deputy Leader of the Council, I'm proud that through our actions, the Council was rated 4<sup>th</sup> in the country for our actions in combatting climate change. I think, nationally, we can go further in order to benefit residents here in Wimbledon. But we must make sure, first and foremost, that options like renewable fuels are affordable for residents. The cost of fossil fuel energy on the international market rocketed, and it is the actions of the government over

Low Traffic Neighbourhoods or new speed limits in Wimbledon (or anywhere) should not be forced upon residents without consultation, and the views of local residents should be treated as a priority, not a tick box exercise. A one-size-fits-all approach is not appropriate or effective. But we should be using any tool we can to increase safety and improve air quality in residential streets and near schools. As a



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up to pre pandemic levels and our vacancy rates are much lower than in other towns. And we have to recognise that it isn't just residents who keep our shops going – workers and travellers shop there too. I'm a big supporter of Labour's 5-point plan to breathe life into Britain's high streets, which I know will boost our existing retailers here in Wimbledon and help attract new businesses of all kinds. Labour will replace business rates with a new system of business property taxation which rebalances the burden and levels the playing field between our high streets and online giants. From speaking to businesses in the Town Centre, I know late payments are also a significant issue. Small and independent retailers shouldn't be forced to wait months to be paid for work by big

Masterplan was a huge piece of work, which concluded that there is room for some height in our town centre, particularly where there are already dense (and let's be honest, unattractive) blocks. Any individual application should be considered on its own merit and judged on whether it's consistent with planning policy.

Words are not enough on an issue as critical as this, and retaining our police station is just one part of improving public safety in Wimbledon. The Labour Party has been clear that there will be no return to the austerity politics that drove the closure of London's police stations. Labour will boost police officer numbers locally as part of putting 13,000 more police officers on our streets nationally. We're the only party that has made tackling antisocial behaviour front and centre of our agenda for voters, and put simply, this mission cannot be achieved by further closing police stations like ours in Wimbledon. We also need a local candidate with a track record of improving public security and a government with a mission to take back our streets. As Deputy Leader of the Council, I've worked hand in hand with the police to make sure Wimbledon is one of the safest places in the whole

could be subject to further challenges, including from the Secretary of State. Regardless of whether this plan or another is approved in the future, my position is that the owners of the site must work hand in hand with the local community so that the use of the ex-golf course has tangible and lasting benefits to the local community and protects the public park for generations to come.

the last 14 years that have meant the UK is uniquely exposed to these prices. I'm so proud that the Labour Party has put environmental issues in our missions for government. Labour's mission to become a green energy superpower will cut the energy bills for residents by up to £1,400 each year. As part of this mission, Labour will switch on GB Energy, which will protect our national security by using our abundant natural resources to free ourselves from the manipulations of Vladimir Putin and petrostates. To achieve our mission by 2030, a Labour government would quadruple offshore wind, more than triple our solar panels and upgrade homes across Wimbledon through our Warm Homes Plan. Labour will make sure Wimbledon residents will never again face spiralling energy bills, whether that's picking up your energy bill or picking up the fuel pump. This is something our country can and should have control over. To not invest in the future of our prosperity and security

cyclist, I'm also very keen that we make it easier for people of all ages and abilities to cycle around by bike. I often speak to residents in favour of traffic-reducing measures in their community in order to protect the safety of their children. I recently wrote to the Secretary of State for Transport on behalf of local residents who value the fact that our streets are quiet and safe, thanks to traffic reduction measures around my ward in Merton High Street, measures that have been in place for decades but that were under threat by the government. I am proud of the Council's commitment to 20 mph limits, given the strong evidence that they increase safety while only marginally affecting driver's travel time. ULEZ is similarly an evidence-based approach

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	clients. Labour would introduce tough new laws to stamp out late payments and make sure more money gets to high street firms.		of London. I've invested in Wimbledon's 24-hour CCTV security system, protecting residents and catching criminals. I've also led the council's work on eliminating violence against women and girls. This is just the start, and as your MP, I am committed to building on this record.		would be reckless and irresponsible. This is an opportunity to grow our economy from the bottom up and the middle out whilst cutting the bills of residents. Only Labour has a credible and costed plan to deliver on climate issues and help Britain lead the world in cheaper, cleaner energy and industry.	to improving air quality. The expansion from central to outer London was needed, and I am proud that our Labour Mayor provided grants to help the poorest households to change cars, which our Labour Council supplemented with additional funding.
<b>Michael Watson Heritage</b>	Reduce business rates, reduce parking charges, enable the extending of parking periods, increase parking spaces	My views on buildings even over 4 storeys are resoundingly antithetical.	Campaign for Merton Council to compulsorily purchase the police station and put it at the disposal of the Met, rent free.	If the wonderful views which now pertain are to be preserved with similar amounts of greenery and wildlife allowing public access and enjoyment, whilst permitting discreet building development for the exclusive use of AELTC, I would not be opposed to such development .	I would not encourage the use of renewable fuels in Wimbledon .	I am against further traffic reduction in Wimbledon .

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