

Dods Monitoring: London Green Party manifesto – a summary



The London Green Party has published its election manifesto – please read it in full here:

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Our political consultant team have pulled out all the commitments made and collated a handy summary below.

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Employment and business

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The Greens would make a small business owner chair of the **London Enterprise Panel** and focus the GLA's economic development budget on support for small businesses and co-operatives. (p17)

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The Greens would protect **existing employment and small business space**. (p17)

They would ensure all businesses displaced in City Hall and Council **regeneration plans** were able to return to those sites at reasonable rents. (p17)

The party would protect London's remaining **high street laundrettes**, by exempting them from any new permitted development rights. (p17)

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They would ensure that the **GLA monitors employment practices** and to what extent workers' rights are being enforced or eroded by any central Government changes in the law and services (p.26)

The party would work with unions and voluntary organisations to fund and create an online hub for providing **information on workers' rights** and where they can get advice and help. (p.26)

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Transport

The party would achieve flat fares by 2025 (p8)

They would create a **new 'ONE Ticket'** so you pay to get where you are going, not each stage of the journey, changing between any buses, trains and tubes along the way. (p8)

They would ensure a lower rate for **daily pay-as-you-go caps** to match the savings made on monthly travelcards. (p8)

The party would integrate payments for **bike hire and car clubs** with public transport to make registration an automatic part of the system.

Bike hire will be free with a **Freedom Pass** or 60+ card and discounted with Zip cards. (p8)

Begin consultation on a replacement for the **congestion charge** to cover the whole of London and based on three key principles: levels of pollution from the vehicle, the distance driven and the time of day and type of road used. (p9)

Introduce a **higher congestion charge** for all but the cleanest vehicles in central London, to create a Very Low Emission Zone. (p12)

The party would ensure a stronger, **Londonwide ULEZ**, developed alongside the new congestion charging scheme to start in 2019 at the latest. (p9)

Work with London boroughs to increase **car club parking** to match the potential for these services. We will aim for one million car club members by 2020. (p9)

The Greens will push for more **freight and waste** to be shipped on rivers and canals, creating a strategy for carrying more deliveries, parcels and post by bike. (p9)

By 2018, the party will introduce a **levy on workplace parking spaces**, with higher rates for central and inner London and a lower rate for outer London. (p9)

The party will take steps to regulate the growing number of **private hire vehicles**. (p9)

The Greens will **cancel plans** for new road-building schemes, including river crossings and new road tunnels. (p9)

The party will fully implement **Healthy Streets and Lifetime Neighbourhoods** principles in all aspects of London's spatial and transport planning. (p9)

They will introduce funding for **better street play areas** for young people, with rat-running reduced by closing off roads, and parklets and play streets. (p9)

Cycling

The party will complete Transport for London's **current cycling vision** and superhighway plans. (p10)

They will increase funding for **major cycling projects** and ensure they are all of a high quality, with safe junctions. They will support major walking and cycling infrastructure projects, such as the planned pedestrian/cycle bridge from Rotherhithe to Canary Wharf. (p10)

The Greens would bring in '**Car-Free Sundays**', starting with an expanding area of the West End, and encourage all London boroughs to follow suit in their town centres. (p10)

They would permanently **remove motor vehicles from Oxford Street** as soon as possible. (p10)

The party would expand the **Cycle Hire scheme** and test the viability of expanding it into outer London boroughs or creating new town centre hubs. (p10)

They would expand **cycle training in schools** and prioritise improvements to the road network around them to enable 100,000 more children to cycle to school. (p10)

Public transport

The Greens would review the **long-term infrastructure plan** to 2050, ensuring more investment was made in new rail links, trams, light rail services and rapid bus routes to improve connectivity.(p10)

They will increase **bus capacity** on overcrowded routes and ensure capacity on the wider network grows to meet demand.(p10)

The party will support **new public transport projects** with strong local campaigns behind them, including the Sutton tram extension, the Bakerloo line extension and an Overground link from Barking to Abbey Wood.(p10)

They will support **Crossrail 2** in principle but work to ensure that the route and new stations are in the best position for as many Londoners as possible to benefit.(p10)

The Greens would take all **privatised commuter rail services** under Transport for London's wing, running them for the public good not private profit. (p10)

They party would **review bus driver training** with the involvement of older and disabled people's groups. (p11)

They would ensure all buses have the **best possible access**, including working with bus manufacturers and making procurement decisions by working closely with older people, parents and disabled people's organisations. (p11)

The Greens would commission an independent audit of ways to **improve accessibility** on the tube and rail networks. (p11)

They would introduce a **20mph default speed limit** on all Transport for London roads. (p12)

Reinstate the **road user hierarchy**, putting pedestrians and those with disabilities at the top and private car travel at the bottom of priorities for schemes such as junction improvements. (p12)

The party would update and improve London's **Transport Health Action Plan**.(p12)

Support the extension of the **Confidential Incident Reporting** and Analysis System (CIRAS) to coaches and heavy goods vehicles in London.(p12)

The party would develop the **use of speed limiters** and journey data recorders on all vehicles working for Transport for London.(p12)

They would increase and improve **traffic law enforcement**, including training of police and TfL staff and monitor the impact of transport law enforcement on people walking and cycling.(p12)

They would **install countdown signals** at all major junctions and review traffic lights. They would also introduce a rush hour construction lorry ban (as a condition of planning and effectively enforced), and a **rush hour HGV ban**. (p12)

From 2016 the Greens would ensure all GLA Group **procurement** insists on direct vision cabs and HGV safety technology, extending this by 2018 to all lorries operating in London.(p12)

The party would risk assess **regulated routes for HGVs** in London. (p12)

They support the **London Freight Enforcement Partnership** to take dangerous lorries off our streets. (p12)

Road vehicles

Accelerate the programme of **replacing diesel buses with hybrids and electric vehicles**, ensuring the entire fleet is moved to these technologies by 2020 at the latest and that the Ultra Low Emission Zone can be extended to all of London without affecting bus services.

Maintain and **extend scrappage grants and loan schemes** for black cab drivers so that all their vehicles are zero-emissions capable by 2018

The greens would bring **legal action against car makers** for cheating on their emissions tests and misleading all of us about the pollution caused by our vehicles.

They party would begin consultation immediately on **introducing emergency traffic-reduction measures** to protect Londoners from the worst air pollution days we currently experience. (p13)

The party would lobby Government for a **scrappage scheme for diesel vehicles**, and for changes to Vehicle Excise Duty and the new Roads Fund to encourage reduced car ownership or a switch to low- or zero-emission vehicles. (p13)

The party would put much **stronger car-free housing policies in the London Plan** to support the trend for lower car ownership in both inner and outer London. (p13)

They would ensure all **planning applications** are air quality neutral, requiring new developments to reduce air pollution in the most heavily polluted areas. (p13)

They would **oppose all road and airport expansion** and put together proposals for City Airport to be closed and replaced with a new quarter for homes and businesses. (p13)

The party would revisit plans for the '**New Bus for London**' to explore a number of newer, more accessible, higher-capacity and cleaner versions of the new design, more suitable for Londoners' varied needs. (p13)

They would ensure the **electric car charging network** is properly maintained and funded and aim to expand it to provide 25,000 charging points across London. The Greens would develop more electric vehicle charging networks for vans, car clubs and private cars in local areas in collaboration with local councils. (p13)

Ensure that **air pollution** is monitored and properly publicise the data so that people can better protect their health, for example by cutting car use and avoiding outdoor exercise when there is high pollution. (p13)

The party would help to develop and install more continuous **monitoring equipment**. (p13)

They would make sure all schools, retirement homes and day-care centres able to develop **air pollution action plans** to respond to high pollution episodes. (p13)

Migration

They would increase support for **asylum seekers** and EU migrants at risk of destitution and homelessness. (p5)

The party would set up a task force to review the impact of the **Immigration Bill** on Londoners. (p5)

Sport

They would end the **sponsorship of sporting events** by junk food companies, and ensure all events given support by the GLA group offer healthy food options. (p15)

They would lobby Government for a fairer settlement on costs incurred from national and '**capital city status**' duties and for the power to recover all policing costs from commercial venues and events such as football matches. (p18)

Financial services and tax

The party would create a **Bank for London** specifically tasked with providing loans and finance to small businesses. (p15)

The Greens would put the **GLA's banking services** out to tender and include each bank's track record in lending to micro and small businesses as an important factor as well as whether they have divested from fossil fuels. (p17)

Housing and planning

The Green Party will set up a **not-for-profit housing company** to help Londoners take the lead on building affordable homes and regenerating our estates. (p4)

The **new housing company** will:

- create a new People's Housing Precept, replacing the existing Olympic Precept
- support renters taking legal action against private landlords with advice services
- establish and support local groups exposing wrongdoing and prompting local authority enforcement action
- set up a Londonwide landlord register, to establish a database of landlords and campaign for mandatory licensing of all landlords.
- establish a People's Land Commission, making more public land available to community-led housing projects and using compulsory purchase powers to help them assemble other sites ready for development
- provide a Community Homes Unit of experts in planning and project development in City Hall to help communities and small builders develop their plans
- offer residents a 'Right to Regenerate', giving them the chance to take control of regeneration in their area by developing their own Neighbourhood Plan

- aim to provide 200,000 homes by 2020, with 50,000 new homes a year created through a combination of new-build and redeveloping empty properties

They will use City Hall money and public land to support residents in planning their own **regeneration projects**. (p4)

They will ensure **new housing** is built to the highest environmental standards and **insulate** older homes to the same standards. (p4)

The party will set up a **renters' union** to help tenants against rogue landlords and lettings agents. They will set **annual figures for a living rent** for students and private tenants. (p4)

The party would **set targets for new homes** of different tenures based on need, supporting aim of building 50,000 homes a year and include at least 16,000 social rented homes and 10,000 low-cost rented and ownership homes in the target. (p5)

The Greens would produce a usable definition of **London affordable housing**. (p5)

They would publish detailed **supplementary guidance on viability**, which includes measuring the value of land at its existing use and accounting for excessive land prices. (p5)

They would **introduce planning policy** requiring any regeneration of council or housing association estates to have a comprehensive, independent analysis carried out of the social, environmental (including embodied carbon) and economic benefits of all possible options. They would also introduce new policies on taller buildings. (p5)

On homelessness, the party would make sure London has a 'housing first' approach to end **rough sleeping** and include places for at least 2,000 former rough sleepers. (p5)

The Greens would set up a **Homelessness Board** in City Hall, bringing in public services such as the NHS, London Councils, the Metropolitan Police and specialist services to ensure a more joined-up approach. The party would back a new law to prevent people on the streets being turned away by councils and extending the City Hall '**No First Night Out**' scheme. (p5)

The party would press for the London Councils grant scheme to be taken over by City Hall to **protect essential services** that operate across multiple boroughs (p5)

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Crime and justice

The party would treat **drug addiction** as a health issue instead of waiting for it to become a crime issue. They would ensure that services are better integrated in order to bring a greater number of addicts into health care rather than the courts. (p15)

The party support the evidence and consensus against the **blanket national prohibition** of less dangerous drugs. (p15)

The party will replace officer targets with more **frontline capacity targets**, with a particular focus on neighbourhood and community policing.

They will undertake a **review of council service and funding cuts** since 2010 and explore ways of using more of the Met's budget to support community organisations. (p21)

They would lobby Government for a fairer settlement on costs incurred from national and '**capital city status' duties** and for the power to recover all policing costs from commercial venues and events such as airports and football matches. (p18)

They would work with Londoners to develop new **approaches to policing**, and a model of policing by consent, extending to community policing, preserving public order while maintaining free speech and the right to protest, and the use of force. (p21)

The party will protect and expand **Safer Neighbourhood Teams** with a new drive to recruit community support officers from their local communities, making the teams more representative in order to increase levels of trust. (p21)

The party would promote more **inter-agency cooperation** between the police, social services, physical and mental health organisations and youth services. (p21)

The Greens would **create a fund within the Met budget for voluntary and community groups** that help reduce the causes of criminal behaviour, for example youth groups that address knife crime. (p.21)

The party would roll out a '**community initiative' response** to gangs as a replacement for the flawed Operation Shield. (p21)

The Greens would **campaign for the decriminalisation of all drugs** and the legalisation of less harmful drugs such as cannabis. (p21)

The party would end the blanket **use of stop and search**. (p21)

The party would improve the **diversity of the Met**, setting ambitious targets for the number of women and black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) officers. They would introduce a clear strategy for identifying areas of underrepresented talent and actively promote women and BAME officers. (p22)

The party would review the **implementation of the Prevent legislation** and commission community and voluntary organisations to investigate ways in which the police can improve their relationships with local communities. (p22)

The party would ensure all police officers receive adequate **disability equality training**. (p22)

The party would guarantee a **liaison officer** in every borough to work with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender and all sexualities and gender identities (LGBT+) communities. (p22)

Each borough will also draw up an Anti-Homophobia Action Plan to remedy local hate crime hotspots. (p22)

The Greens would lead a Londonwide review of training, resources and delivery of local health, police, child, adult and community services to ensure **harmful practices** such as female genital mutilation, honour killings and forced marriage are prevented or prosecuted. (p22)

The party would call for comprehensive **reform of the IPCC**. (p22)

The Greens would scrap the **Territorial Support Group** and use its current funding to train more ordinary police officers for public order situations. (p22)

The party would end the use of '**kettling**' and help to eliminate deaths in custody and unnecessary police shootings by supporting independent inquiries into every death. (p22)

The Greens would carry out an **audit of all databases** that hold the personal details of Londoners. (p22)

The party would ensure **domestic refuges** are funded strategically at a London level, leaving no refuge overly dependent on an individual borough council's budget. They would work with councils to set up **one-stop shops for domestic violence** survivors in every borough. (p23)

The party would guarantee sufficient funding for four **rape crisis** centres in London, making sure that all survivors of sexual violence are given the support they need. (p23)

The party would expand the **provision of women's refuges** with specialist skills to help ethnic minority women at risk of honour killings and other criminal acts. (p23)

The party would continue **training all police officers** in how to handle domestic and sexual violence sensitively. (p23)

The party would develop an agenda for **traffic justice reform**. They would improve enforcement of the rules of the road with a higher priority for the traffic police budget and a crackdown on uninsured drivers, and continue Transport for London's promotion of driving bans for unsafe drivers. (p23)

They would increase the council tax precept for **the London Fire Brigade** to help reverse the damaging and tragic cuts to fire stations and fire engines across London. (p24)

The Greens would ensure that **driving offences** that kill and injure are recorded and treated in the same way as other violent crime. (p24)

The party would establish a **working group with victims and campaigners** to agree performance indicators and increase community confidence in the investigation and prosecution of drivers who kill and seriously injure people. (p24)

They would **establish a road death and injury investigation** in London and set standards for fatal and injury investigations. (p24)

The party would lobby the Government for a full **review of driving offences**. (p24)

Health and social care

The party would make sure housing policies form part of an integrated London strategy for **improved mental health** (p5)

In the London Plan, require boroughs to create exclusion zones around schools where **fast food shops** aren't allowed and to resist a saturation of fast food shops in any part of their borough. (p14)

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The party would back the introduction of a **sugary drink tax**. (p15)

The Greens would support key services such as **sexual health clinics** and domestic violence refuges as vital Londonwide services. (p15)

The party oppose cuts to local government's **public health budget**. (p15)

They would work to make sure **sex and relationship education** is included in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) classes in all London's schools, and support efforts by Greens nationally to make it a statutory requirement. (p15)

The Greens would ensure that the **principles of lifetime neighbourhoods and a dementia-friendly city** are included in new planning rules for streets and homes. They would support a dementia-friendly city through training and information for front-line staff in all GLA group agencies and promote this training to borough councils and private companies that deal with the public. (p27)

They would appoint a **disability equality policy adviser** and a new forum for London Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations to feed into policy development, particularly housing, crime and transport. (p28).

The Greens would develop an advice and advocacy strategy for London and ensure the **London Health Inequalities Strategy** and London Health Improvement Board addresses health inequalities experienced by deaf and disabled people. (p29)

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Food and agriculture

The Greens would develop a co-ordinated and strategic response **to food poverty** in London, working with boroughs to help protect and extend meals on wheels and free school meals, and deal with problems such as 'holiday hunger' when school meals are not available. (p14)

The party would work with boroughs to map food poverty and identify opportunities to **improve access to affordable healthy food** by introducing new street markets and allotments in areas where it is hard to buy or grow food. (p14)

The party would support and significantly expand London's **street markets**. (p15)

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The Greens would support hospitals, prisons and care homes **to grow their own food**, offer more healthy food including organic vegetarian and vegan options. The party would introduce standards in the London Plan so that every new home has space to grow food. p15)

The party will ensure the **Metropolitan Police Wildlife Crime unit** is adequately and securely resourced. (p32)

The Greens will ensure that all **purchasing across the GLA group conforms to strict animal welfare rules**. (p32)

On **catering**, the party will use procurement decision to encourage the use of less meat and dairy in catering. (p32)

The party wish to work with government, charities and providers to improve **veterinary care** for pet owners on low incomes, as well as promote dog and cat neutering and microchipping. (p32)

Children and schools

They would work to make sure **sex and relationship education** is included in Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) classes in all London's schools, and support efforts by Greens nationally to make it a statutory requirement. (p15)

The party would introduce **anonymised CVs** in all GLA Group recruitment and work with employers to use them more widely. (p18)

They would create at least 150,000 high-quality **apprenticeships** aimed at young people under 25, all paying at least the London Living Wage and with half a day's off-the-job learning per week. (p18)

Would lobby the Government **strategic education priorities** to be devolved to the GLA, in co-operation with local authorities in London, and for control of the Mayor's academy schools to be returned to local boroughs. (p18)

The party would also create a **Deputy Mayor for education** and assign staff in City Hall to work with schools and colleges to improve the co-ordination of education in the capital. (p18)

Higher and further education

The party would continue to **oppose tuition fees** for further and higher education and the cuts to the Education Maintenance Allowance and university grants. (p18)

Media

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They would improve **access to digital services** for older people including access to broadband at home and via mobile devices. (p27)

Arts and culture

The party would define and protect areas where groups of businesses are of particular **heritage and cultural significance** to the city as a whole. (p17)

The party would include in planning rules a requirement for a **range of cultural spaces**, including arts and music venues, to be built in new developments. (p18)

They would protect **grassroots music venues** by supporting their listing as assets of community value and with planning rules and a new approach to licensing. (p18)

The party would set up a **register of 'meanwhile' temporary spaces** available to help arts and cultural organisations. They would help small arts organisations and existing and emerging artists to benefit from our new advertising policies for London's transport network. (p18)

On a permanent basis ensure that existing **digital advertising space** in Tube stations will be dedicated to art projects for one minute every hour. (p18)

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They would ensure that the **GLA monitors employment practices** and to what extent workers' rights are being enforced or eroded by any central Government changes in the law and services (p.26)

The party would appoint a representative in City Hall with the task of monitoring and co-ordinating the effects of all the Mayor's **policies on older people**. (p.27)

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They would appoint a **disability equality policy adviser** and a new forum for London Deaf and Disabled People's Organisations to feed into policy development, particularly housing, crime and transport. (p28).

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The party would procure a larger portion of **GLA services from smaller firms**, using duties to consider social value when spending public funds. (p17)

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