



Is the Labour Council Taking Brentford for Granted?

'I took a look around Chiswick recently and I noticed that many of their streets are better maintained by Hounslow Council than ours', says Stephen Clark, Green Party candidate for Brentford West. 'You wouldn't believe that we lived in the same borough.'

Chiswick streets are generally well paved, cleaner, and have many more trees. Whereas Brook



Typical Brentford Street



Typical Chiswick Street

Road South in Brentford, for example, is almost without trees and large stretches of the pavement are either uneven and broken or shoddily repaired with tarmac. This isn't unusual in our area, which has been represented by Labour councillors for much of living memory.

A Radical Green Rethink!

We need to take a long hard look at how we can adapt our streets for future city living. We need to:

- Plant more street trees to make our environment more

attractive, shade us from the heat, cleanse the air, and absorb water.

- Encourage residents not to turn front gardens into car parks. Gardens guard against flooding by absorbing rain water. They also provide havens for wildlife.
- Make our roads into places where everyone feels safe walking, cycling and even playing.
- Encourage less use of cars for inessential journeys.
- Improve public transport to make it the preferred choice.

We will start a debate with residents on greener, better neighbourhoods.

Rubbish Bins

Many of our bins are poorly designed. The openings are too small and get jammed with rubbish, often dog excrement bags, even though they are empty further down. It is hard to use them without touching them. They are unhygienic and off-putting to use.

It would also help if they were emptied more often and the rubbish cleared from around them.

‘A bin I saw in Ealing recently offers a far more practical solution’, says Stephen Clark.



A typical Brentford bin

The High Street

Some months ago the Green Party said ‘enough is enough’ to further redevelopment of Brentford High Street.

Residents have put up with a permanent building site for the past twenty years or more. There are now plans for ripping down the relatively new Heidleberg building for yet more flats.

‘This building, completed in 1983, is an ideal candidate for an imaginative refurbishment for a variety of uses,’ says Tony Firkins, Green Party candidate for Brentford West. ‘When are we going to work on taking account of the environmental cost of development and start adapting what we already have?’



An Ealing Council bin

We would take a fresh look at all local plans and do things differently! When your chance comes on May 5th, choose your Green Party candidates.



If you share Stephen Clark's concern for our local environment, nature, our green spaces, addressing climate change, transport improvements, energy conservation, tackling poverty and improving animal welfare (farm animals, animals in sport, wildlife and pets) then consider joining us in the Green Party: join.greenparty.org.uk.

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