

Ambitious for Hounslow

Hounslow Labour Party's Manifesto for the 2022 elections



Introduction

Four years ago, we set out an ambitious programme for Hounslow. We promised 1,000 new council houses – we delivered. We promised to fix our roads and fill potholes – we delivered. We promised to create apprenticeships and training opportunities – and again, we delivered.

In 2022, we face fresh challenges. Over a decade of Conservative central government mismanagement has caused a cost-of-living crisis, our high streets and businesses are feeling the strain of COVID, and the climate crisis looms ever larger. Hounslow Labour stands ready to tackle these challenges and embrace the opportunities that the future brings, building on the foundations of our last administration and forging out in a bold new direction for an even better borough.

We believe that our plan for the future improves vital services our residents rely on, increases opportunities for our communities and businesses, ensures the voices of local people are heard on local decisions, and builds on the progress our borough has made since Labour took control of Hounslow Borough Council in 2010.

As the Conservative Government squeezes council and household budgets further, we will do everything we can to protect our most vulnerable residents. We will continue to ensure the financial security of the borough through prudent financial management, continue to bolster the local economy by delivering investment in our high streets and town centres, continue to restore community policing by employing our own team of police officers to help keep our streets safe, continue to fight the climate crisis, and continue working every day for a greener, fairer and more equal Hounslow.

Our Key Pledges

A Greener Hounslow

We will plant 20,000 more trees, reduce carbon emissions by 50% and invest £5m to ensure our parks and open spaces remain among the best in London.

A Healthier Hounslow

We will improve the borough's air quality by providing safe walking and cycling routes, developing our 15 minute neighbourhoods and rolling out more than 2,000 additional electrical vehicle charging points.

A Cleaner Hounslow

We will reduce rates of fly tipping by at least 25% by introducing the Special Waste Service across the borough and investing £2m in pavement improvements.

A Thriving Hounslow

We will introduce the "Hounslow Young Person Guarantee" - a guarantee of support, education, training or employment for all our borough's young people aged 0-25.

A Safer Hounslow

We will create safer neighbourhoods by investing over £15m in tackling anti-social behaviour on our streets and implementing an early intervention approach to reduce serious crime among young people.

A Liveable Hounslow

We will build 1,000 council homes and buy 1,000 more social rent homes for the borough's residents and invest £300m in improving the quality of our council estates.

A Greener Hounslow

The climate crisis is without doubt one of the most significant and important challenges that we will face in our lifetime. This council has not hidden from the climate crisis, and will continue to provide the leadership needed to ensure that Hounslow plays its part in avoiding climate catastrophe.

Over the next four years we will:

- Continue to implement our climate emergency action plan
- Plant 20,000 trees
- Invest £5m in our parks and open spaces, ensuring they remain among the best in London
- Extend wildflower meadows on parks and on streets and achieve 45% of borough classified as Green Infrastructure
- Be half way to achieving our goal of being a carbon net zero council in 2030
- Generate 25% of the energy the council uses
- Achieve 50% Recycling Rate



A Healthier Hounslow

The COVID pandemic has brought public health into focus in a way not seen for a generation.

From cleaner air to social care, we will take action and invest as much as possible in creating a borough where all stay healthier for longer, and live a good, as well as long and happy, life.

Over the next four years we will:

- Improve the air quality in the borough by ensuring residents are able to walk, cycle and use public transport easily and safely.
- Deliver over 2,000 more electrical vehicle charging points to make it easier for resident wishing to switch cars.
- Provide new ways for children to get to school, cutting pollution and traffic on the school run.
- Further develop our partnership with the NHS to ensure the health and care system recognises the needs of local residents – working with the NHS and integrating services that are designed around residents.
- Support our most vulnerable residents to live as independently as possible, for as long as possible.



A Cleaner Hounslow

We are proud to live in Hounslow, and take pride in the communities that we represent.

Whether taking part in community clean-ups, or holding companies accountable for sewage dumping into our water, your councillors have worked to keep our borough clean. Your Labour council will take tough action to tackle the blight of fly-tipping, make our pavements safer and tidier and ensure that our roads remain the best in London.

Over the next four years we will:

- Extend the Special Waste Service to cover all fly tipping hot spots across the borough and reducing fly tipping by 25%
- Fine people who fly tip and invest the money back in to the service
- Maintain our roads, pavements and street lights as the best, or among the best in London
- Invest £2m to further improve pavements, inviting residents to nominate pavement that need attention



A Thriving Hounslow

Young people and their families are at the very heart of what we do. We are proud to say that 100% of our schools have an Ofsted grade of good or outstanding but our ambition doesn't end there. We want to ensure that all young people, whatever their age or circumstance, receive a first class education as standard, support when they need it and a variety of opportunities into training and employment.

A thriving Hounslow also means a strong local economy. We are proud of the entrepreneurial spirit and the large number of SME's that set up in the Borough. We support large and small enterprises, thriving town and village centres and local jobs for Hounslow residents.

Over the next four years we will:

- Introduce the "Hounslow young person guarantee", ensuring young people and their families have the access to the support, education, training or employment they need.
- Give under 5s access to high quality early years provision
- Provide 5-15 year olds with catch up support to negate any effects of the pandemic on their learning
- Give all 16-25 year olds the opportunity to be in education, training or employment
- Ensure young people on free school meals receive this 365 days of the year to ease the cost of living crisis

A Thriving Hounslow

- Provide an enhanced offer for care leavers focused on housing, transition, education and training to support the most vulnerable
- Lead the way in increasing access to internal training and employment for young people leaving care and those with SEND
- Provide support for new SME's to locate in vacant Council owned Commercial Units with a phased approach to rent.
- Use new powers with Business Rates to attract employers in to the borough and reward employers who employ Hounslow Residents at the London Living Wage.
- Continue to support businesses with tailored support to innovate and grow.
- Work with Heathrow Airport to create a London Living Wage zone for green jobs.



A Safer Hounslow

We know that for many people anti-social behaviour and crime can be a blight on their lives and communities have told us they want to be part of the solution. We want to protect our young people from exploitation by criminals and gangs and by working with schools, youth services and the police, we will do our best to build a safer Hounslow

Over the next four years we will:

- Invest over £15m in the priorities of our Safer Communities Strategy with the aim of keeping Hounslow a safe place to work, live, study and visit
- Reduce violent and serious crime by introducing early interventions and engaging with our communities in a place-based approach through effective partnerships
- Support survivors of domestic violence by targeted work with victims, perpetrators and children affected by domestic abuse and violence
- Work with police to reduce violence against women and girls



A Liveable Hounslow

High streets are the heart of every community, and we are proud of our record of revitalising and supporting them. From Feltham to Chiswick, we have bold plans for our high streets, supporting small businesses to drive the recovery from COVID across the borough.

For people to be part of a community, they need to have a place in the community. We are proud of our record on building social and affordable housing, and we'll continue to pursue homes for all of our residents, regardless of income or background.

Over the next four years we will:

- Build 1,000 new council houses to help residents in need in these tough times
- Ensure that all new council developments are low carbon, doing our bit to protect our environment
- Buy 1,000 existing homes to provide high quality, genuinely affordable rented accommodation for our residents.
- Invest £300 million to transform existing council estates to raise residents' quality of life
- Radically overhaul the current system of community consultation ensuring residents have more opportunity to contribute to the decision-making process.
- Ensure a modern, digital council that is easy to do business with – online, on the phone and in person.

A Liveable Hounslow

- Make best use of council buildings across the borough to extend the opportunity for face to face engagement with council officers and councillors.
- Deliver masterplans for our town centres and villages to be vibrant by attracting match funding and external funding.
- Introduce a Hounslow App to promote local shopping.





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