

Re-select Catherine West MP

Standing up for Hornsey & Wood Green



Dear friend,

It has been an honour and a privilege to be your voice in Westminster since 2015.

A General Election could come at any time, and we need a Labour Government in power, tackling the cost-of-living crisis, defending our public services, standing up for refugees and acting on the climate emergency. To achieve that, we need to win across the country and hold crucial swing seats like this one. With my record of standing up for Hornsey & Wood Green, I hope you will put your trust in me once again.

Boris Johnson's leadership has set the tone for his rotten Government. Whilst he was partying, people across Hornsey & Wood Green missed funerals and suffered unbearable loneliness to protect others. Whilst his Chancellor was writing off billions to fraudsters, people in our community chose between eating or heating their homes. **I am proud it was my question that exposed the Prime Minister's lies.** I have never missed a chance to show that our country is in crisis because of the Conservatives and a decade of decline under successive Conservative and Lib Dem Coalition Governments.

Want to chat? I hope I can count on your support but I'm here to answer any questions you have. Get in touch at catherine_west@labour.org.uk or find out more at www.catherinewest.org.uk/reselectcatherine

Keeping you updated

I've worked hard to ensure that I'm always accountable and accessible to local members and supportive of affiliated trade unions and socialist societies. I send out a monthly e-newsletter, regular [Climate Change & Environment reports](#), deliver Annual Reports across the constituency, campaign regularly across all wards and am active on social media. My third [summer school](#) gave 16-19yr-old constituents the chance to learn about Parliament, the media, local, regional and national Government. Since my re-election, I have:



- Asked **1,023** written Parliamentary Questions.
- Spoken in **363** Parliamentary debates.
- Replied to over **35,000** emails and letters on policy issues.
- Helped resolve over **6,000** pieces of casework from constituents.

Cost-of-living crisis

Thousands in our community face terrible hardship as the cost-of-living soars. The Tories have been too slow to act and don't seem to understand the harsh financial decisions families are making. I've met Ministers to push for support for our local schools and early years settings hit by soaring energy prices and urged the Chancellor to reverse his cuts to the discretionary housing payments that help Haringey Council support those in most need. I also campaigned to keep the £20 Universal Credit uplift, a lifeline for so many households. I believe that climate justice and social justice go side by side. The



Ten years of the Tories has led to record demand at our foodbanks. Local charity Food Bank Aid support 10,000 people each week.

environment must be at the heart of Labour's response to the cost-of-living crisis with massive investment in renewables and insulating Britain's cold and leaky homes.

Representing Labour's values overseas

I've proudly served on our party's frontbench under successive leaders. As Shadow Foreign Minister I've helped place human rights and adherence to international law at the heart of Labour's progressive foreign policy. I've met trade unionists from across the globe, from Brazil to Turkey and Hong Kong, and made clear that Labour will always stand with them and oppose any trade agreements which don't have labour rights at their heart. I've taken a firm line on forced labour in our supply chains, arguing that the fashion industry and our financial services sector shouldn't have investments in areas where there are concerns about genocide. With my remit now covering Asia and the Pacific, I've backed moves in Parliament to reduce NHS dependence on PPE from Xinjiang region in China following concerns about crimes against humanity.



Labour will always be a European focused party and restoring the UK's relations with our EU allies post Brexit is a key priority.



A housing walkabout in Sky City together with Cllr Peray Ahmet and Cllr Emine Ibrahim

Safe, secure, affordable homes for all

Housing is the number one issue that constituents contact me about with too many people struggling in overcrowded, unsuitable homes. I oppose all major planning applications that don't contain a minimum 50% genuinely affordable homes, and in Parliament I've stood up for renters, securing an [adjournment debate](#) to push for a Renters' Reform Bill and an end to Section 21 "no fault" evictions. I've worked with Shelter to [successfully defend tenants facing eviction and eye-watering 40% rent rises](#) and defended leaseholders caught up in the cladding scandal.

Defending our public services

The Tories' rampant contract cronyism, privatisation and cruel austerity agenda is devastating our public services. In Parliament, I've opposed US corporations buying up GP contracts and fought to stop private companies having a say in how our NHS is run. I've campaigned for pay rises for our NHS heroes, better mental health support for our young people and challenged the disparity that sees healthcare workers in "outer London" Haringey receive less than "inner London" colleagues. As Vice President of the Local Government Association, I've pushed for more funding for our schools and local authorities hit by the impact of COVID and a decade of Tory austerity.



I campaigned against the Health & Care Bill and will always defend our precious National Health Service.



Hosting an Amnesty roundtable with Afghan human rights defenders. The Tory treatment of refugees, not just from Ukraine but from around the world has been shameful.

Celebrating diversity & standing against racism

I've been [a vocal critic of the Government's shameful treatment of refugees](#), opposing the Nationality & Borders Bill and bringing a Bill to Parliament to try and grant asylum seekers the right to work. As shadow sports minister, I raised the shocking racism in cricket with Ministers and spoke out about racism in sport as a member of the 'Show Racism the Red Card' group. I've challenged the Met Police Commissioner about my concerns over the use of stop and search powers and called on the Government to reform the curriculum to ensure black voices are heard.