

STANDING UP for Hornsey & Wood Green

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ANNUAL REPORT...**

YOUR VOICE in Parliament

FIGHTING for a fairer
Hornsey & Wood Green

HELPING
thousands of
constituents

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 **Labour**

PAYING THE PRICE

OF TORY BACKLOG BRITAIN

Whether it's getting a GP or dentist appointment, a new passport, mental health support or seeing justice done if you're a victim of crime, people in Hornsey & Wood Green are paying the price of Tory backlog Britain.

7.2 million people waiting for NHS treatment, a decade-long wait for social housing, and the biggest courts backlog on record.

In Parliament, I've stood up for Hornsey & Wood Green, **calling for more support for struggling families, schools and hospitals hit by the cost of living crisis, challenging the Prime Minister on ambulance waiting times, defending our vital frontline**



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workers, and urging Ministers to build the social housing we so desperately need.

There's a new PM but it's the same old Tories whose choices over the last 13 years have destroyed our public services and left so many in Hornsey & Wood Green struggling to make ends meet. Bills have soared but wages haven't and taxes on hard-pressed households have increased.

For too many, everything is unaffordable and nothing is working as it should.

Yet Rishi Sunak's Tories have chosen to spend **£1 billion on a tax cut for the richest 1%** rather than put money back in your pockets. A change at the top isn't enough – we need a change of direction and a Labour Government on your side.

Please don't struggle alone. Find out what help is available with the cost-of-living crisis at www.catherinewest.org.uk/costoflivingcrisis or please get in touch if I can help you.



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DEFENDING OUR HIGH STREETS

High streets are the hearts of our communities, yet high business rates, the growth in online shopping and the closure of banks and Post Offices have left them struggling.

I've campaigned locally against bank closures and to find a new home for the Wood Green post office, and in Parliament I secured a Westminster Hall debate to raise issues on employment and high streets with a government minister.

Labour's commitment to lowering business rates, coupled with our skills plan, will help businesses back on their feet after a bruising 13 years.

STANDING UP FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Every child deserves the best start in life. But children are losing out as devastating austerity cuts to school budgets together with soaring energy costs and a special needs funding crisis have left 90% of schools saying they'll run out of money next year.

I've met local school heads and education unions to hear their concerns and I've urged the Schools Minister to recognise the pressures schools are facing and get back round the table to



end the strikes. A Labour Government would **close the unfair non-dom tax loophole** and use that money to **fund Breakfast Clubs at every primary school** and the **biggest expansion of the NHS workforce in history.**

SAVE OUR SWIMS!



Across the country, our community swimming pools are under threat from soaring energy prices, crumbling buildings and staff shortages.

As chair of the all-party group on swimming, I've met the Sports Minister, urged the Government to rethink their shortsighted decision to exclude pools from the energy bill relief scheme and presented Swim England's **#SaveOurPools** petition signed by over 50,000 people.

Locally, I've campaigned against the closure of Crouch End Fitness and raised concerns about the maintenance of our beloved Park Road Pools. I welcome Haringey Council's commitment to working with Fusion to ensure all our local pools remain open, safe and welcoming.

DELIVERING FOR YOU

Over the past year I've:

- **Voted against** the cruel Tory Nationality & Borders Bill and Illegal Migration Bill that will criminalise and further scapegoat vulnerable refugees.
- **Hosted** a Parliamentary roundtable on London's ongoing support for Ukrainian refugees.
- **Fought for** private rental reform and an end to section 21 evictions.
- **Called on** the PM to investigate the Royal Mail mismanagement that's seen shareholders walk away with £500 million while residents, small businesses and posties are let down.
- **Pushed** Ministers to develop a flood prevention strategy to defend our community against extreme weather.
- **Voted against** the undemocratic Tory EU Retained Law Bill and stood up for our creative industries affected by Brexit.
- **Received** the Patchwork Foundation's MP of the Year award for my work helping young Londoners from under-represented groups get involved in politics and held my fourth Politics Summer School for 16-19 year olds.
- **Successfully called for** an end to the shameful forced installation of prepayment meters.
- **Raised** residents' community safety concerns in my meetings with Haringey's Borough Commander.
- **Voted against** the Tory anti-strike law that attacks workers' rights.
- **Called for** quicker access to vital mental health support.
- **Secured** a debate on the protection of our urban trees.
- **Called for** sustainable funding programmes for cycle training in local authorities.
- **Supported** constituents affected by the Turkey & Syria earthquake and backed calls for a family reunion scheme.

A GREENER, CLEANER FUTURE

I welcomed Shadow Climate Change Secretary Ed Miliband MP to Hornsey & Wood Green to set out a future Labour Government's plans for **green jobs and a new publicly owned Great British green energy company**. We'd keep your energy bills down now with a **proper windfall tax on oil and gas giants** and



in the future by insulating 19 million homes.

We'd also end the Tory sewage scandal with:

- Tough sanctions for failing water bosses
- Automatic fines and mandatory monitoring
- Ambitious targets to end systematic sewage dumping by 2030

Sewage dumps into our rivers and seas have **DOUBLED** since the Tories slashed funding for vital environmental protections. Shamefully when Labour gave Tory MPs the chance to support Labour's Water Quality Bill they **REFUSED**.

The Mayor of London and Haringey Council are showing the difference Labour in power



With Assembly Member Joanne McCartney to plant a tree marking 90 years of Hornsey Housing Trust

can make with **bold measures to clean up London's toxic air**, create safe walking and cycling infrastructure, and make London a net zero-carbon city by 2030.

I back Haringey's ambition to be one of London's greenest boroughs, with work under way on a major energy efficiency and **decarbonisation retrofit of all Haringey's 15,000 rented council homes**.

WORKING FOR YOU EVERY DAY

My small team and I have dealt with over 15,500 requests for help on personal or policy issues over the past year. I hold regular advice surgeries, by telephone and in person, and keep you updated with my monthly newsletter. Need my help?

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I feel **WORSE OFF** than a decade ago
 Yes No

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If there was a General Election tomorrow, which political party would you vote for?
Labour Conservative Lib Dem Green Don't Know Won't Vote Other

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