



DEMAND BENITA FOR LONDON



Why Siobhan Benita?

Experienced and effective

A former Senior Civil Servant with 15 years in Whitehall, Siobhan understands Government and policy making. She recently authored a cross-party, parliamentary report on serious youth violence affecting London. Having secured over 330,000 votes and beaten UKIP when she ran for Mayor in 2012, she knows what it takes to run an effective, London-wide campaign.



A candidate with impact

Siobhan has extensive media experience and a proven track record of performing well in hustings and on TV and radio interviews. Her broad appeal will help our party to maximise its impact and attract voters from a wider range of groups.

Born and bred Londoner

Siobhan was born in London, grew up and raised her own family in the capital. The daughter of an Anglo-Indian mother and married to a Frenchman, she is proud to champion the diversity of our amazing city.



Dear friend,

I joined the Lib Dems on the morning of the EU referendum result. With Labour and the Conservatives lurching to extremes and pursuing a catastrophic Brexit, I am proud to belong to the only party offering a real and positive alternative.

I also know that as Lib Dems, we understand the key issues facing Londoners because of the local campaigns we run and all the doors we knock! So, whilst I have policy ideas already, I know that you do too and I want us to use the time between now and the election itself to develop a winning manifesto together. I will listen to members, to other Londoners and I will also take inspiration from good practice in leading cities around the world. Together we can build our vision for a liberal London that will excite voters - a London that cares about its environment, nurtures talent, innovation and business, celebrates diversity and looks after its most vulnerable citizens.

The Conservatives do not have a big name in this election. With your help I am confident that I can give the current Mayor a real contest and put the London Lib Dems firmly back on the political map!

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Siobhan's Plan for London

REDUCE CRIME

Serious crime has risen and people don't feel safe. I would:

- restore effective neighbourhood policing and local police stations
- rethink the unpopular mergers of borough police commands and improve emergency response times
- support a 'public health' approach to violence reduction by addressing root causes as well as enforcement

PROVIDE HOMES FOR ALL LONDONERS

Too many Londoners struggle with high rents, unaffordable prices or poor quality accommodation. At the same time, properties lie empty across the city, often falling into disrepair. I would:

- prioritise the creation of social and affordable homes
- help private renters connect with reliable landlords and decent properties
- support councils to bring empty homes and disused spaces back into use

CREATE A CLEANER, GREENER LONDON

Thousands of people die prematurely because of London's poor air quality. Public transport must be a viable alternative to private car use. I would:

- phase out the most polluting vehicles and oppose airport expansion
- make it easier for people to walk and cycle and protect popular bus routes
- address the daily misery faced by so many Londoners who commute by train
- lead a 'Keep London Tidy' litter initiative
- drastically reduce London's waste by eliminating single-use plastic

SUPPORT FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Young people in London are disproportionately affected by many of today's challenges. The Mayor can help every young Londoner to have a good start in life. I would:

- increase school places where they are needed most
- establish a new post of young Mayor for London
- create a Greater London Youth Assembly
- appoint a London Commissioner for Young People

