

DELIVERING FOR DERBYSHIRE WITH A DIFFERENT KIND OF POLITICS

Our policies are based on three pillars of sustainability:

Social – building healthier, happier holistic communities

Economic – delivering a sustainable economy and supporting those in need

Environmental – protecting our one and only world

Below we set out how we will deliver on these policies.

1. LEADING WITH INTEGRITY

To deliver our vision for Derbyshire, we first need the right leadership. The Green Party believes people are turned off by current two-party politics. The Green Party has a different kind of politics:

We will not:

- Issue false statements
- Engage in personal abuse

We will:

- Hold politicians accountable
- Act with integrity
- Work with other parties to find the best solutions
- Act independently in the best interest of our communities
- Work hard and engage with residents year round – not just at election time

2. A SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT NETWORK FOR ALL

- Create affordable, reliable and accessible bus services
- Work with others to present a business case to the East Midlands Mayor for the public ownership of buses
- Take traffic off the roads by building a network of safe and accessible cycle and walkways, particularly in our urban areas
- Encourage walking, cycling and scooting to and from school. Where appropriate, introduce ‘school streets’ – traffic free areas, promoting children’s safety at ‘pick up’ and ‘drop off’ times
- Increase the number of secure bike parks, particularly at transport hubs
- Make a stronger case to central government for more funding to repair roads

- Get the right balance between responsive pothole repair and resurfacing
- Hold contractors to account – getting the roads repaired right first time, reducing pothole repair failures and delivering value for money
- Invest in better flood management, protecting our highways and other infrastructure from the damage caused by flooding

3. INVESTING IN RESILIENCE AND ADAPTING TO CLIMATE CHANGE

- Provide seed funding so Derbyshire has the resources to bid for external funding to develop flood management schemes, protecting communities and infrastructure from the impact of flooding
- Replicate other local authorities' success by insulating the homes of the poorest and 'leakiest' homes in Derbyshire
- Increase the rate and numbers of EV charging points

4. BIODIVERSITY AND OPEN SPACE

- Ensure the right balance between economic growth and protecting the environment
- Work to secure the long-term future of farming families and agriculture workers
- Promote sustainable farming and diversification of income to the benefit of rural areas
- Protect agricultural land from inappropriate development
- Work with landowners to ensure sustainable stewardship of the land, for flood management, habitat for wildlife, greater biodiversity and public health benefits

5. A HEALTHY CARING DERBYSHIRE

- Ensure older and vulnerable people receive support to stay in their own homes safely and for as long as they wish
- Reinstate discretionary grants to the voluntary sector to support people so they can remain in their homes safely
- Keep Ada Belfield, Derbyshire's flagship care home in Belper, open and out of the hands of private care companies
- Explore alternatives to privatisation of care services, such as Sheffcare, Sheffield's older persons care home/day centre charity
- Change the culture so parents and children are at the heart of special needs education (SEN) decision making
- Increase the number of SEN places at local authority schools, by increasing local authority support, for example providing more teaching assistants
- End the reliance on extortionate private school SEN placements

6. SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY

- Where possible, encourage consumers and businesses to buy locally
- Design procurement processes that, whilst ensuring value for money, give fairer opportunities for smaller, local business to compete with multi-national conglomerates
- Provide advice and support for residents and businesses to reduce energy usage
- Work with community energy groups and local businesses to incentivise renewable energy growth and create green jobs
- Implement a comprehensive review of how we can increase efficiency in the council. For example, expand renewable energy schemes, such as putting solar panels on school and other corporate buildings
- Protect pension values, by divesting funds from fossil fuel investments