

**Q1 - Will you, if elected, agree to meet with representatives from the Croydon Green Network three months after the election so that we can follow up on your party's commitments? Please could each MP candidate answer YES or NO.**

YES

**Q2 - What are your party's commitments to developing a new Climate Plan that will meet our climate targets to cut CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 2/3 by 2030 and share the costs and benefits fairly?**

Labour will harness the benefits of the net zero transition to grow the economy, bring down bills, and make Britain energy independent again. Working with the private sector, Labour will invest in clean industries of the future - in ports, hydrogen, and carbon capture - to create 650,000 jobs. We will set up GB Energy to harness the power of clean energy generation and insulate homes to cut bills and carbon emissions for businesses and households. Labour we will make the UK a clean energy superpower by 2030.

**Q3 - What are your party's commitments to growing the UK's renewable energy in general and Croydon Community Energy in particular?**

Turbo-charging the development of renewable power across the UK and in communities like ours in Croydon will be a core mission of a Labour government. We want to double onshore wind, triple solar power, and quadruple offshore wind by 2030, and we see local power generation as an essential part of this mix. To drive our mission forward, Labour will create a new publicly-owned company called Great British Energy. GB Energy will invite communities such as Croydon Community Energy to come forward with projects, and work with local leaders and devolved governments to ensure local people benefit directly from this energy production. Steve helped set up Repowering when he was Leader of Lambeth Council, which is now the country's biggest community-owned sustainable energy co-operative. Labour MPs will continue to push Croydon Council to back Croydon Community Energy as a similar project.

**Q4 - What are your party's commitments to fixing the UK and Croydon's heat leaking homes?**

The quality of housing is a key problem in Croydon and across the UK. Labour's Warm Homes Plan will save families hundreds of pounds, slash fuel poverty, and get Britain back on track to meet our climate targets. If we are elected, Labour will invest an extra £6.6 billion over the next parliament – doubling the Conservatives' existing investment plans – to upgrade 5 million cold and draughty homes. With grants and low interest loans to support investment in insulation and other improvements like solar panels, batteries and low carbon heating, Labour's Warm Homes Plan will make homes warmer and cheaper to heat.

**Q5 - What are your party's commitments to clean water - ending the sewage scandal, cleaning up Croydon's River Wandle & other local rivers and taking action to prevent local flooding?**

The condition of Britain's coasts, lakes and rivers like the Thames and Wandle is scandalous. Under the Conservatives, we now have the highest levels of water pollution ever recorded with every single river in England polluted to some extent. Labour is deeply concerned about the damage being done to people's health, biodiversity, ecosystems and tourism. Labour will strengthen the power of the Environment Agency and Ofwat to hold water companies to account. We'll make water bosses face criminal charges if they continue to do nothing to stop severe levels of illegal pollution, and we will ban the multi-million pound bonuses they pay themselves for this kind of failure. We will require water companies to develop a long-term plan to clean up our water.

**Q6 - What are your party's commitments to clean air - ending the breaches in emission standards from the Viridor Beddington Energy Recovery Facility, where our waste is incinerated, and bringing down harmful levels of nitrogen dioxide and PM 2.5 pollutants in Croydon in line with World Health Organisation guidelines?**

Air pollution in the UK cuts 40,000 lives short each year – this is a national health emergency. Labour will tackle the air quality crisis so everyone has clean air to breathe. We will place new duties on ministers to ensure air quality is improved and will grant new powers to local authorities to take urgent action on air quality in the best way for their area. We will work with local and regional government to clean up our air while ensuring that working people are not left to foot the bill.

**Q7 - What are your party's commitments to protecting and enhancing biodiversity nationally and in Croydon, increasing tree cover in the 70% of Croydon neighbourhoods that have less than 10% and increasing accessible green space in Croydon West where there is poor access and only 11 square metres of green space per person?**

The Conservatives have left Britain one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. Labour will give nature its future back. In partnership with civil society, communities and business, we will restore and protect our natural world, including in places like Croydon. We have committed to meeting our legal obligations under the Environment Act. We will increase responsible access to nature for all to enjoy, with 9 new National Rivers Walks in every region of England, 3 new National Forests, and millions of trees planted to create new woodlands. With expanded nature-rich habitats – wetlands, peat bogs and forests – we will make sure families can explore and wildlife can thrive.