

# **WHY VOTE GREEN?**



## **WE WORK HARD**

Our current councillors work tirelessly to make Exeter a greener, fairer city.

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Labour's large majority on the council means they can ignore others when making decisions.

Electing Green Councillors will ensure Exeter has independent voices on the council that will put your area and it's needs first. Unlike Labour, Green councillors are free to act (and vote) in the interests of their local community.



## **WE CAN WIN**

We're always looking to increase the number of Green councillors in wards all over the city, standing for change against an underperforming and underachieving Labour council.

The 2021 local elections were the best for the Green Party so far, and we were the only party to gain councillors in Exeter last year.

In Exeter, Greens really can make a difference.

## WHAT WE WANT FOR EXETER



**GREEN JOBS** 



Real action to ensure Exeter meets its pledge to be carbon neutral by 2030 - including a city-wide carbon reduction budget to show progress, engagement with communities on the steps we will all need to take and the creation of a locally owned fund to provide investment.

Support the creation of local jobs which contribute to the recovery from COVID and help the city meet its climate goals - especially those in the social enterprise and small business sectors. We want to see a modern market in the city centre which focuses on supporting new and small businesses and promoting local affordable food.

Ensure decent new zero carbon housing with low running costs that is truly affordable to rent. We'll challenge Labour's plans to profit from a company renting all its homes at market rates and instead push for more investment in council housing. We support community led, cooperative and self-build schemes for low cost housing.

**GREEN TRAVEL** 

Ensure low carbon and active travel options - especially walking, cycling and public transport - are safe, convenient and affordable and so tackle the city's poor air quality. We support Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, which will make our streets safer and more pleasant places to live and move around. We want to make Exeter 'a 20mph city'.



Push Labour to keep their promise on the stalled new kerbside food waste collection. Food waste makes up almost half of Exeter's incinerated waste and Exeter has a dismal 26% recycling rate, the lowest in Devon.

AN OPEN, FAIR & **INCLUSIVE CITY** 

Push for open, transparent and democratically run council where local people have a say on issues that affect them and where robust scrutiny and holding ruling parties to account is possible. We want to give communities a better say in how we plan the future development of Exeter - a new local plan that protects nature, boosts biodiversity and creates low carbon communities.

### **OUR GREEN COUNCILLORS'** PRIORITIES



As Green Councillors, we work hard in our wards all year round, listening to residents and tackling local issues

We will push for local action to tackle the cost of living crisis and address the root causes of growing inequality. We will place the climate and ecological emergency at the heart of all decisions.

We'll bring positive solutions to the Council and focus on

- Continuing to work to improve Council services such as Council Housing repairs, planning enforcement and real action on climate change.
- Improving Council services to meet needs and ensure better scrutiny of plans, projects and spending decisions.
- Working with communities to fight for more truly affordable homes.
- Creating ways for all homes in Exeter to be warm and affordable to heat and investing in the building skills and the jobs to enable this.
- Protecting and increasing trees, green and open spaces, and improving plant diversity.
- Giving communities a better say in how we plan the future development of Exeter - a new local plan that protects nature, and creates low carbon and healthy communities.

We'll challenge Labour on its

- Planned £7.65m cuts to essential Council services over the next 3 years.
- Plans to profit from a residential property company to let homes at market rates.
- Broken promises for doorstep collections of food waste and glass for recycling.
- Lack of action on tackling air pollution and making it safer to walk and cycle.

Green councillors are committed to working together and cooperating with other parties on areas of common ground and building on the success of the Progressive Group of councillors.

#### HELP US GROW A GREENER, FAIRER EXETER. TAKE ACTION





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