

**Response to Dulwich Alliance request for information from**

**Women's Equality Southwark**

**Tue, 29 Jun, 2021**

Dear Dulwich Alliance Team,

Firstly - thank you very much for reaching out to us.

As promised here is our response to your questions:

The Women's Equality Party (WE) believe climate change is a social justice and feminist issue. Both the causes and impacts of climate change all disproportionately impact the most disadvantaged and marginalised - including women, Black and ethnicity minority groups, people living with a disability and people living in poverty, who are least likely to have access to financial resources or support to mitigate its impacts.

WE believe all levels of government, including local authorities, can and must do more to reduce carbon emissions and do everything possible to help the UK reach net zero CO2 emissions. This includes reducing the overall number of cars on the road and increasing the quality, safety, affordability and accessibility of alternative means of transport such as walking, cycling and public transport.

WE believe that measures to reduce CO2 emissions by Southwark Council must be done through a consultative process to ensure the needs of all stakeholders, importantly including diverse members of our community - such as Black and minority ethnic groups, lone parents, older people, and people living with a disability - are considered. This is the message that we would explicitly communicate as part of our campaign in the 2022 local elections.

During the recent London Mayoral elections, WE did not stand candidates locally. Since the founding of the party in 2015, we have however campaigned locally in both Mayoral elections for our London - wide Mayoral and Assembly Member candidates. In the 2018 local election, we stood our candidate Claire Empson (Branch Co-Leader), an active member of the community, mother and independent business owner.

As a party that does politics differently, we wholeheartedly believe in taking the time to actively listen, engage and bring together the community in order to propose and campaign for solutions that enable the reduction of emissions without negatively impacting the lives and businesses of our local community.

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Should you have any follow up questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Many thanks,

Rachel Barber