



**Rotherham
MBC Elections**
Thursday May 6th 2010

**VOTE
GREEN PARTY**



**SAVE THE
GREEN BELT**

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Rawmarsh under threat

Rawmarsh is being threatened by a building boom which will permanently destroy part of our precious local green belt for good. Meanwhile social housing stands empty and in need of repair.

The Green Party says stop, look and plan ahead. What we do today will have consequences for the future. If we build houses for commuters on our green belt area, will it ever become farmland again? We have a responsibility to our children and their children.

Vote Green to oppose the green belt building programme

Our local shopping centre is on its knees with no sign of local council support. It is a vital part of the community and should not be allowed to fall into disuse and disrepair. The Labour Party has enjoyed the loyalty of Rotherham people for many years. Have they repaid this loyalty? Have they listened to public opinion on expensive Private Finance Initiative (PFI) schemes, foundation schools in Maltby, the meals on wheels service or the closure of day centres for our most vulnerable people?

Vote Green for local services under local democratic control



Richard Penycate outside an empty house in East Rawmarsh

A GREEN VOTE IS FOR:

MORE JOBS

Jobs are vital for communities. We would create jobs and training in public transport, renewable energy and food production. We support local, independent businesses over the corporate giants who often damage the local economy.

Closed shops in Rawmarsh show the impact of Parkgate and the big supermarkets.

BETTER PUBLIC TRANSPORT

To tackle traffic congestion, air pollution and road safety we would prioritise walking, cycling and public transport. We want safer pedestrian routes, more crossings and a 20mph limit on residential roads (excluding major routes).

BETTER HOUSING AND LOWER BILLS

We believe everyone has the right to housing that is safe, warm, dry and affordable. We would better insulate all housing and offer more energy saving advice. We would fund more posts in Environmental Protection and Licensing to deal with rogue landlords.

NO MORE PRIVATISATION

We oppose the privatisation of NHS, council and other public services. We believe private firms cost more and offer a poorer service and less democratic control. We would bring in a 'Living Wage' and reduce the gap between the best and worst paid.



STRONGER COMMUNITIES

We believe good local services are the building blocks of strong, safe communities. We would work with local community groups to listen to their views, get the services they need and make our streets cleaner and safer. We want more support for our local shops, post offices, schools and youth facilities. Without them there will be no local community in Rawmarsh.

VOTE GREEN – FAIRNESS FOR ALL

There's only one Green Party

In government Labour has failed to keep public transport promises or really encourage the green industries we need today. In neighbouring Sheffield, the Lib Dem Council has planned new and wider roads and removed public transport priorities.



*Green Party leader
Caroline Lucas – first
Green Party MP?*

Party are prepared to make the big long-term decisions that will improve all our futures. Now you can elect Richard Penycate as the first Green councillor in Rotherham.

**Save the
Green Belt
VOTE GREEN**

Across the country there are Green members of the London Assembly, the Scottish and European Parliaments and many local councillors. We expect our first MPs to be elected to Westminster this year.

While other parties talk green, only the Green

Your Green candidate in Rawmarsh ward **RICHARD PENYCATE**



Richard is 58 and has lived in Rotherham for 35 years. He taught in a local school for 30 years before setting up and running the the Creation Recycling kerbside collection service in partnership with Rotherham MBC for five years. He is now a builder focusing on green building techniques.

Richard says : “ I joined the Green Party from Labour in 1998 when it became clear that they were not going to look after and protect ordinary working people. The Green Party is the only party focused on investment to create jobs not massive cuts in vital public services that we will protect from privatisation.

I am passionate about protecting the green belt from developers. Our housing needs can be met by building on brownfield sites and proper investment in our social housing stock which has suffered from decades of neglect. Rotherham needs new thinking from new councillors instead of the excesses of the Labour council. I would be proud to serve as the councillor for Rawmarsh ward. “



Richard Penycate
Green Party Council Candidate



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