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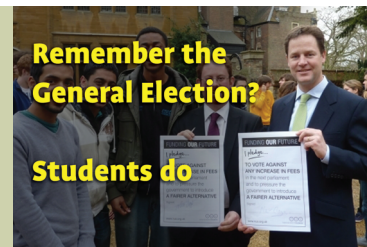
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General Election?**

**Students do**



## Greens Resist Council Cuts

Unlike Labour, Green Councillors put forward a fully costed alternative to the £6million budget cuts proposed by the Lib Dems in July. In the wake of the coalition government's Comprehensive Spending Review, the Council faces a further £200million of cuts over the next 4 years. These have already had a big impact on youth services and will affect all areas of the city, including Broomhill.

Green group leader **Cllr Jillian Creasy** says "Greens would prioritise services to children, the young and other vulnerable groups, because they will be most affected by spending cuts. We would fund energy projects and local food growing, which create jobs, saves money and help the city's economy. **Now is the time to be investing for the future not making dangerous cuts.**"

The Lib Dem proposals were passed unamended but, after a Lib Dem defection, the Greens now hold the balance of power and will play a key role in setting the budget for 2011/12.



Broomhill Green campaigner **Bernard Little** has been speaking out at recent demonstrations against the cuts in Sheffield. Bernard says:

"Sheffield will be hit hard because over 30% of jobs are in the public sector. Cuts will hit the poorest 10% the hardest. Others struggling to make ends meet will suffer from losing financial support, cuts to crucial public services and limited job prospects.

Nationally the Greens would properly regulate the banks, tax the well off, properly fund public services and invest in the green economy, so reducing inequality and securing our future."

### STOP PRESS:

**The council, has confirmed that the Green Party proposal for a minimum "Living Wage" of £7 per hour for all council employees will be implemented from April 2011 if the trade unions agree. We will now campaign to extend this to agency and contracted out council workers.**



**Bernard Little and Cllr Jillian Creasy**  
at Crookes Valley Rd post office – now closed.

### Greens want better protection for local shops

Sheffield Greens are calling for better protection and support for small and independent local shops and have helped campaigns in the Broomhill, Crookesmoor and Ecclesall Road areas.

David Hayes, Planning Spokesperson says : "Local shops play an important social and economic role and help meet the needs of older and disadvantaged residents. Profits are reinvested back into the city, unlike those of the supermarkets. The council must use stronger planning policies to protect our local shops and shopping centres."

## Late Night Opening: Pressure on Council brings success

The Green Party has taken action to oppose longer opening hours by local take-aways as have local groups and individuals. A Government Planning Inspector has supported these efforts by refusing to grant an appeal by King Kebab on Ecclesall Rd to extend their opening hours. We hope that the ruling will set a precedent for any future attempts to extend hours which may be expected from Broomhill Friery, Oasis, Fernando's Pizza, Pizza Padrino & others.

Green campaigner **Bernard Little** says : "Greens actively support local shops and businesses but the right of residents to be protected from late night nuisance is also important. We will continue to work with BANG and other residents groups to oppose planning applications that will inevitably create excessive noise and lead to anti-social behaviour."

We have outlined these arguments in our submission to the current consultation on the Sheffield Development Framework.