

# HOPE

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HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

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This manifesto summarises eight pledges for a stronger, safer and kinder Hammersmith & Fulham. It is not everything we have planned for the next four years, but it is a promise of what comes next.

We have done things in Hammersmith & Fulham that people said were impossible. We saved *Charing Cross Hospital*. We saved housing estates from demolition. We built London's fastest growing economy. We became the only council in England to offer free adult home care. We cut council tax to the third lowest in the country while doing more with less than half the funding we had fifteen years ago. We did not just manage the borough. We transformed it.

Every one of those achievements started as an idea that someone, somewhere, said couldn't be done. We did them anyway, because we believed residents deserved better and we had the determination to deliver it.

There is more to do. On housing, on health, on our high streets, on giving every young person a real shot at a brilliant future. We know what needs doing and we know how to do it.

This document sets out our headline commitments. Our full manifesto contains the detail behind every pledge and the wider programme we are ready to deliver. You can read it by [clicking this link](#).

On 7 May, vote for a council that has earned your trust and is ready to go further. Vote for hope you can believe in.

*Steve*









**Councillor Stephen Cowan**  
Leader of Hammersmith & Fulham Labour











**Vote for the local team that has a proven track record of winning for you**



## We're the people who:

-  **Saved** *Charing Cross Hospital*
-  **Delivered** England's 3rd lowest council tax
-  **Established** 72-strong Law Enforcement Team, the most CCTV in Britain and new gangs unit
-  **Tackled** the climate crisis and recognised as No2 council in UK on green issues
-  **Pioneered** free primary school breakfasts and put record investment into youth facilities
-  **Protected** and improved our parks, winning a record 25 *Green Flag* awards
-  **Saved** all H&F's council estates from the Conservatives' demolition plans
-  **Transformed** H&F into London's fastest growing economy producing 17,000 new jobs in future industries

## Next, we will:

-  **Help** build new state-of-the-art hospital facilities
-  **Be the best value** council in Britain, including free adult home care and cost-of-living support
-  **Introduce** AI-enabled CCTV that identifies weapons and criminals
-  **Install** new green schemes to reduce energy bills and cut emissions
-  **Offer** every local young person a *Pathway Bond* career opportunity
-  **Deliver** over £8m new investment in playgrounds and parks
-  **Build** over 10,000 genuinely affordable homes for local people
-  **Invest** in our high streets. Extend our unique European partnerships so more local young people gain international work experience



 **Help** build new state-of-the-art hospital facilities


**The NHS is one of our greatest achievements, and in H&F we will always fight for it. We saved Charing Cross Hospital and we're not done yet.**

We believe local people deserve excellent healthcare close to home. The future of health must be built around prevention, neighbourhood care and genuine partnership, bringing services closer to residents and keeping people well for longer. H&F Labour will always be on the side of patients, families and staff.

We will:

- ♦ **Work** with our partners to help build world-class NHS services in H&F, including protecting Charing Cross and fighting for the facilities our borough deserves.
- ♦ **Use** our Upstream London partnerships to help deliver new state-of-the-art healthcare facilities, embedding the latest AI diagnostics, so residents benefit from the knowledge and investment being generated right here in H&F.
- ♦ **Work** with the NHS, GPs, mental health services and the voluntary sector to bring care closer to home, so residents get joined-up support rather than a maze of disconnected services.
- ♦ **Prioritise** prevention and early intervention, keeping people well for longer and making H&F a healthier place to live.
- ♦ **Tackle** the health inequalities that still shape too many lives, including action on mental health, with earlier support for children and better help for adults.



 **Be the best value** council in Britain, including free adult home care and cost-of-living support

**We have delivered the third lowest council tax in England and cut £156m of waste from the council's budget since 2014, all while our central government funding has been cut by 54% in real terms.**

We are doing more than ever with less than half the funding, independently validated by our auditors and an external peer review. We believe value isn't just about low bills. It's about what those bills pay for, and who can afford to pay them. The future of this council must be built around efficiency, fairness and services that genuinely improve residents' lives.

We will:

- ♦ **Significantly expand** our use of automation, data and technology to find and eradicate waste, saving money for council taxpayers without cutting services.
- ♦ **Continue** our pioneering policy of free adult home care for every resident in need, because when people need care they should face kindness, not anxiety about cost.
- ♦ **Improve** residents' ability to access services easily online, by phone, and at the newly-opened Civic Campus.
- ♦ **Maintain** one of the most comprehensive Council Tax Support Schemes in the country, so that who pays is as fair as how much they pay.
- ♦ **Double** our Green Investment scheme, which has already raised nearly £5m, letting residents earn market-leading returns while funding local projects and saving the council money.
- ♦ **Tackle** the cost of living through our 60+ partner Cost-of-Living Alliance, expanding debt advice, fuel poverty support and community-based financial help for residents who need it most.





## **Introduce** AI-enabled CCTV that identifies weapons and criminals

**We established a 72-strong Law Enforcement Team, built the most extensive CCTV network in Britain, established our gangs unit – and knife crime in H&F has already fallen by 44%.**

We believe every resident deserves to feel safe in their neighbourhood, and that keeping people safe means being visible, modern and relentless. The future of safety in H&F must be built around smart technology, early intervention and a borough where every resident can live without fear.

We will:

- ♦ **Invest** in AI-enabled CCTV that identifies weapons and criminals in real time, making H&F the first council in Britain to deploy this technology at scale.
- ♦ **Continue** to invest in our *Law Enforcement Team*, tackling anti-social behaviour, fly-tipping and street crime day and night, and opposing any efforts to scrap it.
- ♦ **Continue** to grow our *Gangs, Violence and Exploitation Unit*, with early intervention for vulnerable young people and targeted action against specific gangs.
- ♦ **Refresh** our *Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy*, enforce our PSPO on street sexual harassment, and protect our unique *Specialist Domestic Abuse Courts*, the only ones of their kind in the country.
- ♦ **Use** new *Public Space Protection Orders* and *Respect Orders* to tackle persistent anti-social behaviour, including loitering, public drinking and drug use in our town centres and public spaces.

## **Install** new green schemes to reduce energy bills and cut emissions

**H&F has led the way on fighting the climate emergency and has been independently recognised as the No. 2 council in the UK tackling the climate emergency, and we have built Europe's largest air quality monitoring network.**

We believe every resident deserves to breathe clean air and keep their energy bills down, and that acting on climate is not a sacrifice but an improvement to daily life. The future of our borough must be cleaner, greener and healthier.

We will:

- ♦ **Retrofit** council homes and work with private residents to install solar panels, heat pumps and insulation, cutting energy bills and carbon emissions.
- ♦ **Work** with energy providers to launch new community clean energy schemes across the borough, so residents in private streets can access cheaper, greener power.
- ♦ **Continue** to expand one of Britain's densest electric vehicle charging networks, with plug-in points in every neighbourhood.
- ♦ **Deliver** a joined-up network of protected cycleways, safer junctions and walking routes, so more residents can travel without a car.
- ♦ **Work** with schools on safer routes, *School Streets* and cycling programmes, so children can walk, wheel or cycle to school with confidence.
- ♦ **Use** our Europe-leading air quality monitoring network to drive down pollution, working with *Imperial College London* and community partners to protect residents' health.





**Offer** every local young person a *Pathway Bond* career



Every H&F school is rated **Good or Outstanding**, our **Children's Services** are rated **Outstanding** in every field, and we pioneered **free primary school breakfasts**.

We believe every young person in this borough deserves a real chance at a brilliant future, whatever their background or starting point. We have built the foundations. Now we want to go further with the *H&F Pathway Bond*, opening doors to careers, opportunities and experiences that previous generations could only have dreamed of.

We will:

- ♦ **Invest** in early help and family support from pregnancy through the early years, so families get support before problems grow and every child gets the strongest possible start.
- ♦ **Support** schools, teachers and leaders to keep driving up standards and widening opportunity for every child across the borough.
- ♦ **Ensure** every young person can access sport, culture and activities outside school, so no child misses out because of cost or circumstance.
- ♦ **Strengthen** mental health support for children and teenagers, making help easier to access and available earlier, before problems become crises.
- ♦ **Give** children with SEND and their families earlier help, clearer pathways and less complexity to navigate, building on our award-winning offer.



- ♦ **Give** every young person in H&F a real route into work and careers through the *Pathway Bond*, connecting them to over a hundred employers including the *BBC*, *L'Oréal* and our *NHS Trust*.
- ♦ **Stand** by care-experienced young people with practical support on housing, jobs and stability as they move into adult life.



**Deliver** over £8m new investment in playgrounds and parks

Our parks are among the finest in London, with a record **25 Green Flag awards** in 2025.


We believe clean, green public spaces are not a luxury but a right, and that every resident deserves a neighbourhood they can be proud of. With over £8m of new investment in playgrounds and parks committed, we are building on 12 years of progress.



We will:

- ♦ **Complete** our ambitious parks and playgrounds programme so every child has a safe, modern and inclusive place to play close to home, with parents and carers involved in shaping every major upgrade.
- ♦ **Continue** to improve our parks, working with *Friends of groups*, *Tenants and Residents Associations* and *community gardeners* to make green spaces across the borough even better.
- ♦ **Ensure** every neighbourhood feels cleaner and safer, with faster action on litter, graffiti, dog mess and fly-tipping, deploying our *CCTV network* and *Law Enforcement Team* where needed.
- ♦ **Work** with residents to beautify green spaces on housing estates, making them more pleasant, accessible and biodiverse.
- ♦ **Never** sell or lease our parks, no matter the financial pressure.
- ♦ **H&F has already contributed** the best part of £54million to make *Hammersmith Bridge* safe from 'catastrophic collapse'. To provide context, *Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government* figures detail how between 2010 to 2021 all London councils spent a combined total of just £100million on the maintenance and repair of all London road and river bridges. But, even then, most of that money was eventually paid by *Transport for London* or the *Department for Transport*. The repair works essentially require a brand-new bridge to be built as all of the *Grade II\* listed heritage structure* needs to be replaced or strengthened or restored. We will act to encourage *TfL* and the *DfT* to pay their fair share and fund all future repair works for *Hammersmith Bridge*.




 **Build** over 10,000 genuinely affordable homes for local people

**We saved every H&F council estate from the Conservative demolition and sell-off plans that would have expelled hundreds of families from the borough.**

We believe everyone in H&F deserves a safe, secure and genuinely affordable home, and that housing is the foundation everything else is built on. We have the most genuinely affordable homes planned per square kilometre of any council in the country, and we are determined to deliver them.

We will:

- ♦ **Deliver** over 10,000 genuinely affordable homes across the borough, using public land and tough negotiations with developers to maximise social rented homes for families on the waiting list.
- ♦ **Always** protect our council homes from sale, maintain and retrofit existing stock, and ensure every tenant has a named housing officer as their first point of contact.
- ♦ **Expand** selective licensing across all wards, increase enforcement against rogue landlords, and implement the *Renters' Rights Act* in full, so every private tenant in H&F knows their rights and can enforce them.
- ♦ **Establish** a *Housing Association Compact*, holding registered providers to clear standards on repairs, complaints and rent affordability, so housing association tenants get the same quality of support as council tenants.
- ♦ **Treat** leaseholders fairly and transparently, with clear service charge accounts, better consultation on major works and a strengthened *Hardship Fund* so no leaseholder is forced to sell their home due to unexpected costs.
- ♦ **Invest** in a *Housing First* approach for residents with the most complex needs and strengthen our rough sleeping outreach, keeping H&F among the strongest boroughs on homelessness prevention.

 **Invest** in our high streets. Extend our unique European partnerships so more local young people gain international work experience

**We have transformed H&F into London's fastest growing economy, creating 17,200 new jobs in future industries through our unique partnership between Imperial College London and our Upstream London innovation ecosystem.**

We believe a strong economy must work for everyone, from the global businesses choosing to locate here to the shoppers and traders who use our high streets every day. We have built the foundations of something remarkable, and we intend to go much further.

We will:

- ♦ **Attract** new business, health, academic and STEM anchor institutions to H&F, building on our world-leading innovation ecosystem and continuing to grow the gravitational pull of our borough as a global centre for future industries.
- ♦ **Deliver** London's most ambitious affordable workspace programme, creating 15 new facilities including laboratories, innovation spaces and creative studios, supporting 400 new start-ups and giving local founders a real chance to grow here.
- ♦ **Invest** significant funding into Uxbridge Road and our other high streets, working with residents and businesses to improve the public realm and bring long-term vacant units back into use.
- ♦ **Use** planning and licensing powers to tackle the clustering of betting shops, adult gaming centres and fast food outlets near schools, and push the government to give councils stronger powers to act.
- ♦ **Work** with *Business Improvement Districts*, residents and traders to boost footfall, grow seasonal markets and ensure tourism benefits local businesses.
- ♦ **Declutter** and improve our high streets, making them more accessible and pleasant for shoppers, with better cycling infrastructure, tough action on illegal parking and crackdowns on graffiti and anti-social behaviour.
- ♦ **Support** retention of full control of licensing powers by the council so that decisions are taken locally in line with residents' knowledge, views and wishes.
- ♦ **Ensure** local businesses get a fair shot at council contracts, with local procurement targets, apprenticeships and work placements built into every major development.
- ♦ **Work** with residents and businesses to significantly improve the public realm in key high streets including King Street, Uxbridge Road, and Wandsworth Bridge Road.

