

Nottingham 2015 Labour Manifesto



GREEN POLICIES

Introduction

Nottingham Labour is committed to making our city increasingly clean, green and energy efficient. One of the key values guiding Nottingham Labour is our commitment to developing a green, sustainable European city that people choose to live, work and relax in. And we know that if we're to achieve that, we must incorporate green policies and principles into our ambitions for the city.

We recognise that being a green city allows us to deliver greater value for money and helps keep the cost of living down, it makes the environment we live in more pleasant for all and it is key to being a sustainable city that caters to the needs not just of our current population but to future generations. That's why we're continually investing in solar panels, insulation, public transport, our open spaces and new technologies.

Over the next 4 years, Nottingham Labour is committed to making our city an even greener place to live and work, and this document sets out our plans to do just that.

Nottingham Labour has delivered:

- 3,300 homes with solar panels, saving households an average of £120 a year,
- Loft, cavity wall and solid wall insulation as well as energy efficient boilers to a total of 30,000 homes across the city,
- All neighbourhoods as clean as the city centre and Nottingham recognised as England's cleanest city,
- Incentives to encourage developers to build eco-homes, with all new schemes meeting high energy-efficiency standards,
- Carbon emission cut as an authority by 20% by 2014, and on track to reach our target of 31% by 2016,
- Carbon emissions in the city cut by 18% since 2011,
- £36million investment in energy efficient street lighting across the city,
- Simple recycling available to every household in the city,
- Effective use of our planning powers to ensure developers incorporate energy efficiency standards into all building developments,
- Millions invested into our parks and open spaces, winning more Green Flag awards than ever before.

Your Community

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Work with citizens to keep Nottingham England's cleanest big city,
2. Help people switch energy supplier with annual local advice events and publicity in every area,
3. Develop a Smart City Collaborative to enhance the use of new and existing technologies to make Nottingham a more modern, inclusive and efficient city,
4. Use smart metering and remote control technology to help keep energy bills down,
5. Work with local people to deliver more Green Flag Award winning parks and open spaces than any other council in the country.

Getting Around Your City

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Get 10% more people walking, cycling or taking public transport to work,
2. Deliver a network of continuous, safer commuter cycling routes,
3. Plan further extensions of Nottingham's tram network, taking advantage of underused rail lines,
4. Encourage low carbon vehicles by creating an infrastructure of charging stations across the city,
5. Improve the standards of taxis in the city.

Your Home

Nottingham Labour will:

1. Tackle fuel poverty by setting up a not-for-profit energy company to sell energy at the lowest possible price to Nottingham people,
2. Maximise Government and energy company grants to continue our programme of insulating homes in those areas that are hardest hit by rising fuel prices, whether they are owner occupiers or tenants,
3. Reduce domestic energy use by 10% by seeking funding for further insulation and more efficient boilers,
4. Double the number of council houses with solar panels installed from 3000 to 6000 and the number of council commercial buildings from 30 to 60,
5. Promote the benefits of domestic energy efficiency using zero carbon homes projects in Nottingham's most deprived communities.



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