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MY ACTION PLAN FOR GREATER LONDON

KEY MANIFESTO PLEDGES


- ✓ More Homes
- ✓ Better Transport
- ✓ Cleaner Air
- ✓ Safer Streets





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Over the next four years if elected as Mayor I will work with the Government to:

-  **Start fixing London's housing crisis by:**
 - Doubling home building to 50,000 a year by 2020 and ensuring development is in keeping with the local area
 - Giving Londoners the first chance to buy new homes built in London
 - Ensuring a significant proportion of all new homes are only for rent and not for sale

-  **Improve the capacity and reliability of London's transport system by:**
 - Ensuring the Night Tube goes ahead, starting Crossrail 2, and growing the rail network
 - Bringing suburban rail services under the Mayor's control to increase and improve the service
 - Protecting the Freedom Pass

-  **Improve London's living environment by:**
 - Protecting the green belt from development
 - Tackling air pollution with tougher rules on HGVs, and encouraging greener vehicles and safer cycling
 - Creating more green spaces and cleaning up local parks so they are safe to visit and enjoy

-  **Make London's streets safer by:**
 - Protecting neighbourhood police teams and keeping them on the street
 - Tackling the root causes of crime in local communities
 - Putting more police on public transport at night

All paid for without increasing Mayoral council tax.



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FOREWORD

London has boomed under Boris; not only as the world's financial capital, but in every field of human endeavour, from FinTech to film, business services to biotech. No city is more visited, more googled, boasts a richer cultural life, or hosts more top universities.

But too many Londoners are yet to feel the benefits of that success. London's rapid growth is putting huge pressure on our housing market, transport infrastructure, living environment and our quality of life.

So I am taking a stand.

My Action Plan for Greater London will deliver more homes, better transport, safer streets and cleaner air.

And the principle I've always stood for is that politicians shouldn't make promises they can't deliver.

My Action Plan for Greater London is fully costed, and paid for without increasing the Mayor's share of council tax.

London depends on Government for the great majority of its powers and funding, and to be effective, the next Mayor must be able to work with and secure the best deal from this Conservative Government.

That defines my work as an MP. I've worked hard for my community, holding the Government to account where necessary and delivering for my constituents.

That's why they – the people who know me best – returned me with the single biggest increased majority of any sitting MP in the country.

And now I want to stand up for London. I want to take that success we've seen under Boris Johnson and make it work for all Londoners.

So my Action Plan for Greater London will start to fix our housing crisis, doubling house-building to 50,000 a year, so Londoners on average salaries can afford to buy – with better homes built with community consent.

It will make London safer: protecting Neighbourhood Policing, putting 500 extra police on the Tube, and catching vulnerable children before they fall into the arms of gangs.

It will deliver the transport system that Londoners deserve: fast, reliable, accessible, driving forward the growth and unlocking the homes we urgently need.

It will make London the cleanest and greenest city on Earth, investing in new Pocket Parks; cycling and triggering a solar and electric car revolution.

And it will bring our town centres back to life, with a new £20 million fund – and a plan to win new powers from Government – to help make London's 600 high streets even greater still.

But most of all, it's an Action Plan to secure London's success for a generation to come.

My Action Plan for Greater London will secure over half a million more jobs for Londoners, so we keep our economy strong and secure the family finances of working Londoners.

Back my Action Plan for Greater London, and I will keep you safe, whether you're walking home at night or using public transport.

I will make sure you get to work on time, and back in time to kiss your kids goodnight.

I will clean up our air so it's safe to breathe.

I will protect the green space that generations of Londoners have treasured.

And I will fix our housing crisis, so you and your children can get on the housing ladder, and live in homes you're proud to call your own.

As a Conservative Mayor, working with a Conservative Government, you can trust me to protect London's economic security and keep Londoners safe.

I love this city: its neighbourhoods, its green spaces, its diversity and dynamism.

My Action Plan for Greater London will make a great city greater still.

Back me on May 5th and I will deliver for London.



Boris Johnson has put London back on the map. Unemployment is at a record low. A million businesses call London home – 25 per cent more than in 2008. And those businesses dominate every field of human endeavour.

We have a higher concentration of legal, underwriting and banking talent – and more world-class universities – than anywhere else on Earth.

And London is pioneering a host of brand new industries, from Artificial Intelligence through to FinTech and quantum computing.

The success of London's economy will be fundamental in delivering My Action Plan for Greater London. My Plan delivers for business by securing more homes,

better transport, cleaner air and safer streets: issues which matter to business and Londoners alike. In a recent CBI survey, access to affordable housing and better transport links were the top two asks of business. And they are my priorities too.

But there are a number of issues specific to business which, as Mayor, I will make it my priority to champion. London has boomed under Boris but not for a moment can we take this success for granted.

It is essential that London continues the stability and growth seen under a Conservative Government with a Conservative Mayor.

My commitments to you:

- **I will work with government to get the best possible deal for business:** setting up a new Business Advisory Group, with members nominated by the business community themselves; standing up for London with national Government to secure the funding for critical infrastructure projects such as Crossrail 2; and by travelling the world with British businesses to get a good deal for London.
- **I will help London's businesses evolve from start-ups to scale-ups:** using TfL's 560km network of tunnels and railway verges to deliver Broadband for London, a new superfast broadband network for Londoners; mandating that all new developments come with affordable office space as standard; working with boroughs to use Business Rates to support small firms to grow; and by breaking up City Hall contracts in order to help smaller businesses compete.
- **I will back businesses to find the talent they need to thrive:** working with boroughs to find new sites for the schools London so urgently needs; pressing for more government provision on childcare, so talented women don't fall out of the workforce; and by using the soon to be devolved adult skills budget to close skills gaps in London's cutting edge industries, from TechCity to MedCity.
- **I will work hand in glove with business to solve the biggest challenges facing business:** working with more businesses to increase take up of the London Living Wage; launching a new London Faster Payment campaign, to ensure large companies pay their smaller suppliers on time; and harnessing the ingenuity of our tech sector, by appointing a new Chief Digital Officer to turn London into a Smart City – a city where data is gathered and shared to help guide better policy on everything from managing traffic flows to deciding on health priorities.

LIVING ENVIRONMENT

London's living environment is what makes our city special. Other capitals have their glittering skylines and great national monuments – as do we – but few can match London for its extraordinary abundance of parks, commons, woodlands and garden squares.

That priceless network of green space, much of it centuries-old, is fundamental to our success as a city. London's green space attracts millions of visitors a year, provides a safe space for families to enjoy, and is the centre of community life.

But with London growing faster than ever before, our environment is under considerable threat.

Only one per cent of London's electricity is powered by the sun. A mere third of our household waste is recycled.

Dirty cars, vans and buses contaminate the air we breathe.

And there is also a danger that our housing crisis is putting the environment at risk, creating a huge temptation to experiment with short-term fixes – like developing on the Green Belt.

I am clear that a cleaner, greener living environment is only possible thanks to a strong economy. So I will work with the Government to deliver my fully costed plan to protect and improve London's green spaces.

Closer to home, I have worked with my community to fight off plans for an expanded Heathrow.

So there is a very clear choice at this election: between a lifelong environmentalist, and a Labour politician who has made no notable contribution on any environmental issue during his ten years in Parliament.

Londoners care deeply about their living environment. I will make London the greenest city on earth.

My commitments to you:

- **I will protect and enhance London's green space with a new 'Green Space Guarantee':** ensuring our Green Belt is protected and investing in more green spaces to guarantee that, by 2020, no Londoner lives more than a short walk from green space. I will do that by ensuring all major new developments come with green space as standard; funding 200 Pocket Parks across our capital; backing sustainable food in every school and 100 'Pocket Farms' in primary schools; and empowering Londoners to 'Adopt a Verge' – to take over unloved patches of local council land in order to deliver community gardens or allotments.
- **I will back London's biodiversity:** working with government to knit together London's green spaces; opening up access to the Thames with a Blue Ribbon Network; engaging all Londoners with a citizen-led 'Big Green Survey'; putting in place an ambition to make London pesticide-free; and by working with community groups to make London the world's first National Park City.
- **I will clean up the capital:** doubling the number of police officers protecting major parks; tackling fly-tipping and litter within 24 hours; making it easier to recycle by standardising London-wide collection standards; and by using the buying power of City Hall to move towards a Zero Waste economy.
- **I will create a greener, more sustainable London:** backing a ten-fold increase in solar over the decade ahead and supporting Zero Carbon Homes; ensuring waste heat from the tube and from businesses is channeled into affordable heating for Londoners; backing a new public clean energy company; and supporting London's booming clean tech sector to deliver green growth for London.

At 8.6 million people, London is a global powerhouse. And it is growing fast. By 2033, we will be home to 10 million people. That requires us to build a city the size of Birmingham over the decade ahead: more than 50,000 new homes a year.

But London has a problem. Since the turn of the millennium, we have been building just half the number of homes we need.

An average home in the capital now has a price tag of over £500,000 – which is over 12 times the median income in the city.

Young Londoners who have worked hard to secure good jobs are now trapped on a rent treadmill, locked out of homeownership. In turn, this has caused rents to rise by a third. The implicit deal that if you work hard and save up you'll have a home of your own has been broken in London.

So I'm standing as Mayor to restore London's promise, so more young people can get the keys to their first home.

I am clear that the only way we can hope to build the homes London needs is through securing a stronger economy, through competent management of London's finances and by getting a good deal from Government.

My commitments to you:

- **I will build 50,000 homes a year by the end of 2020:** working with the Government to release public sector land for Londoners; protecting the transport budget in order to make that land accessible for development; creating a new team of 'flying planners' to unblock stalled sites; and ensuring the sector is as competitive as possible, by tackling land-banking, helping smaller builders compete and setting up a new House Building Academy. I will also support Councils and Housing Associations safeguard their vulnerable residents by lobbying the Government for the power for councils to borrow to build; backing a new local council-led London-wide Housing Fund; and amending the London Plan to guarantee that estate regeneration will only happen with resident support.
- **I will help more Londoners on average salaries to get the keys to their first home:** guaranteeing homes built on Mayoral land are ring-fenced for Londoners; backing a new 'Mayor's Mortgage' to help more Londoners buy off-plan; ending backroom deals with developers; and requiring Local Councils to explicitly support 'mixed communities', so that developers deliver more homes for Londoners on average salaries.
- **I will build houses people want to live in and are proud to call their home:** backing genuine consultation over box-ticking exercises; appointing a new Chief Architect to drive high quality design across London; reviewing the planning rules that make it hard to build the homes Londoners love; and helping communities co-design developments in order to deliver both better homes and faster planning approvals.
- **I will secure a better deal for London's 2 million renters:** fining and blacklisting London's rogue landlords; strengthening the London Rental Standard so that three year tenancies are offered as standard; lobbying Government to ensure estate agent fees are upfront and cost-reflective; changing planning rules so that more homes are purpose built for rent and not for sale; and doing everything I can to end the scourge of homelessness in London, taking direct Mayoral responsibility for this issue.

Our transport network already handles 24 million journeys every single day. But this complex, finely-balanced system is under pressure like never before.

Overcrowding, congestion, families spending more time travelling than they do with each other – this is the daily experience of too many Londoners.

Too many lives are cut short by pollution in our air. And we have a housing crisis that won't be fixed unless we unlock new sites for development by connecting them with road, rail and tube.

London has seen record investment in our transport infrastructure under a Conservative Mayor and a Conservative Government – all funded by a strong economy.

My Action Plan for Greater London will keep London moving, clean up our air, and unlock more of the homes Londoners need.

But these plans will be dangerously undermined by my Labour opponent.

There's a real choice at this election. Sadiq Khan and Jeremy Corbyn want to experiment with policies which TfL say would leave a £1.9 billion black hole in their overall budget. That £1.9 billion black hole will mean essential upgrades cancelled: up to a third less capacity on key London Underground lines, less house-building than promised.

I will not make a reckless fares pledge that would be disastrous for London and put at risk the investment London needs to keep moving and growing.

I am standing up against that experiment and for a greater London. My priority as Mayor will be to keep London moving and growing – which is why I will directly chair TfL myself.

My commitments to you:

- **I will keep London moving:** increasing capacity on key underground lines by a third; delivering and expanding the Night Tube; backing new river crossings in East London; and standing up to union bosses.
- **I will build a better service for Londoners:** taking over substandard suburban rail services; working with TfL to deliver new bus routes for outer London; protecting the Freedom Pass; backing a range of improvements to the Tube including Wi-Fi, more step-free access and extra policing; and bearing down on fares wherever possible by cracking down on waste and inefficiency in TfL.
- **I will tackle congestion:** taking more freight lorries off our roads by mandating the use of consolidation centres, and a 'River and Rail First' policy; tackling roadworks; and levelling the playing field between black cabs and Uber.
- **I will drive up air quality:** backing Boris Johnson's investment plans in order to at least double the rate of cycling and clean up London's taxis and bus fleet. I will also lobby government for a diesel scrappage scheme, consult with local communities on expanding and strengthening the Ultra Low Emission Zone, in tandem with rolling out public transport and clean car alternatives. This will include the creation of 'Charging for London' to deliver a Boris Bike equivalent for electric cars. I will aim to make all of London a pollution-free zone.
- **I will use transport to boost our economy and deliver the homes Londoners need:** putting in place plans to extend the Northern Line, Bakerloo Line and Overground; delivering the Sutton Tramlink; and working with the Government to secure funding for Crossrail 2 – unlocking over 270,000 new homes for Londoners.

The Met is the oldest police force in the world, and also the finest.

We should never forget that London's success is underpinned by the brave men and women who work round the clock to keep our city safe.

Under Boris Johnson they succeeded in cutting crime by nearly a fifth. But today London's police force faces unprecedented challenges.

Knife crime is once again on the rise, driven by an insidious gang culture that preys on our young.

Violence against women, hate crime, binge-drinking and mental health all present distinct challenges that can't be solved by policing on its own.

And the very values that make London great also make us a target. According to MI5, a terrorist attack is 'highly likely', and we know that London would likely be the epicentre of that attack.

As an MP I've stood up for Londoners, securing a deal from the Government to protect the police budget over the course of this Parliament.

My Action Plan for Greater London will mean more police on our streets, more community control over their priorities, a greater focus on gang crime and crimes against women, and the toughest possible response to the extremist threat confronting our city.

But it's only possible with a Conservative Government delivering a stronger economy for London.

My commitments to you:

- **I will back Neighbourhood Policing:** maintaining officer numbers at 32,000 for the life of my term as Mayor; guaranteeing bobbies stay on the beat; piloting more community control over how local police time is spent; creating a new 'Virtual Neighbourhood Watch' to report and monitor local crime; and getting tougher on burglaries and anti-social behaviour.
- **I will give the police the tools and backing they need to keep us safe:** backing the expansion of intelligence-led stop and search; supporting the doubling of armed response vehicles; and creating a new team of Cyber Specials to help London tackle rising cyber-crime and online extremism.
- **I will crack down on gang culture:** taking knives off our streets through a new deal with retailers; backing the toughest possible sentences for gang leaders, backed up with GPS tagging; and helping vulnerable young offenders find a ladder out of crime, by working with London's Premier League football clubs to create a new free school for gang members.
- **I will make tackling violence against women and girls an absolute priority:** ensuring police, prosecutors and teachers have the training they need to spot women and girls at risk; funding Havens, Rape Crisis Centres and Independent Domestic Violence Advocates right across London; carrying out a London-wide 'Know Your Rights Campaign'; and working with the police and the justice system to drive up conviction rates.
- **I will confront, disrupt and prevent extremism:** supporting a new Integration Test for any public spending; working with internet providers to flag and remove extremist content online; making tackling hate crime an absolute priority; and always backing the police as they put their lives on the line.
- **I will put more police where Londoners want them:** funding an extra 500 officers on the Tube; providing more Police Contact Points on the Underground network; and boosting the number of police officers cracking down on booze-related crime.



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