

Nancy Platts

Labour parliamentary candidate, Brighton Pavilion, campaigning for a fair future for all



Join the campaign to save Preston Circus fire station



Nancy Platts supports Brighton firefighters' campaign to keep Preston Circus fire station open instead of spending £4m of taxpayers money moving it to an unspecified location. The historic site at Preston Circus offers unrivalled access to all parts of the city and a change of site could mean that it will take longer to reach an incident which may be life threatening.

Nearly £1m has been spent upgrading the existing site at Preston Circus in recent years. Firefighters believe that any further modernisation can be undertaken more cheaply than building from new and will meet the needs of the community.

- Join the campaign to save Preston Circus fire station by writing to: Nancy Platts, Labour Parliamentary candidate for Brighton Pavilion: Brighton Pavilion Labour Party, FREEPOST BR901, Brighton BN1 4ZZ
- For further information please see the fire station website www.savebrightonfirestation.com
- Find the campaign on Facebook
- Sign our Number No. 10 petition at: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/Preston-Circus>

The economics of this just don't stack up. East Sussex Fire Service have spent nearly £1m refurbishing the existing station and now, when public spending is tight, they want to use valuable resources to move to a new station. Any spare cash should be spent on more firefighters and equipment, to better serve the residents of Brighton.

Nancy Platts, Labour Party Parliamentary candidate, Brighton Pavilion

We've got a perfectly functional station in a perfect location to access all parts of the city. There's nowhere we can go that will be better than here. Yes, it's old but they are talking about spending a lot of money on something we don't think is needed.

Firefighter Steve Liszka, chair of the Preston Circus FBU branch

Nancy Platts for a fair future for all in Brighton Pavilion

I believe that the outcome of this election will be critical for the future prosperity of Brighton and the UK. The recession has caused much hardship and as we go into 2010 we need to ensure that the economy is carefully steered towards a full recovery. If a Conservative Government is elected and public spending is scaled back too quickly it will choke off recovery, and cause fresh unemployment.



Young people cannot be left on the dole queue. I am pleased that the Government has announced that everyone under 25 will be guaranteed a job, training or work experience if they are out of work for six months or more. Most importantly, ordinary people must not be made to pay the cost of the financial crisis and we must protect our public services.

We also need to ensure that new industries are given the support they require. This is why the Government has announced a massive expansion in wind farms around the UK Coast. This will play an important part in the UK economy's shift to low carbon, and could be worth £75bn and support up to 70,000 jobs by 2020. This includes a licence to build 100 turbines on Hastings Bank, between Brighton and Newhaven. Together these could provide enough power for 250,000 households in Sussex.

Nancy says:

- We should always be seeking progressive change
- We should always be asking for transparency and accountability
- We should always be asking Labour Governments to deliver more

Nancy out campaigning with Brighton residents

Nancy marches with thousands of others in London in the lead up to the Copenhagen Conference on climate change.



Nancy condemns the Conservative Party who by joining with the extreme right wing grouping in the European Parliament are aligning themselves

with climate change deniers.



Nancy recently attended a meeting on preventing and tackling hate crime in Brighton and Hove. The meeting was a follow-up to the candlelit vigil held in November where Nancy and others pledged support to the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Nancy recently supported Carlyle Street residents from Hanover who were experiencing problems with traffic noise and pollution.



Gerry Kassab, a resident of Carlyle Street for 19 years says, "Our street was being used as a 'rat run' day and night by cars, vans and lorries...but the council said we had to wait until 2011 before they would even 'review' the situation. Nancy helped us to organise a petition and a

deputation to the council. She was like a breath of fresh air and finally we are getting some action."



In November, Nancy Platts joined GMB workers to protest about Conservative council proposed cuts in pay for refuse workers and street cleaners of up to £8,000.

Nancy says, "The mismanagement of labour relations by the Conservative run Brighton and Hove Council threatens to plunge the city into a full scale dispute with council refuse workers.

"I hope that others will join me in calling for the council to adopt a realistic approach to resolving the issue of equal pay so that any further strikes can be avoided."

Nancy supports residents at the Lewes Road Community Garden saying 'no' to Tesco on Lewes Road.



Nancy says, "We need to protect the independent shops and businesses that create the distinct identity that is the heart and soul of Brighton."

Nancy Platts, a life long community campaigner, will, if elected as your MP for Brighton Pavilion, campaign on the issues that matter most to you.



Brighton and Hove Pensioners Association

Nancy Platts pledges to campaign for more help for older people

Nancy's pledge follows the announcement by the Labour Government that a National Care Service is to be set up, which will provide free personal care to those most in need, allowing people to stay in their homes.

Labour has already introduced the winter fuel allowance, further cold weather payments, pension credit, free eye tests for the over 60s, free swimming and free bus passes.

Nancy attended the listening event organised by Brighton and Hove Age Concern and older people's groups about the consultation 'Shaping the Future of Care' in Brighton.

Nancy says, "This was a great opportunity to meet with the very people this strategy will impact on first and to hear for myself, their ideas and concerns. I would like to see further investment in care for older people; this could be funded by abandoning Trident and raising taxes for those people on salaries over £100,000."

Latest news in brief

Crime down under Labour



Nancy supports voting reform

Nancy says, "I am pleased that if re-elected Labour will hold a referendum on a fairer voting system, whilst the Conservative Party continue to oppose any change to the existing first past the post system of voting."

"I believe that whatever the state of national politics local MPs must first and foremost be people who understand and support local issues, irrespective of party. My meetings with Nancy showed me she was not simply wanting a superficial understanding of the needs of Brighton residents, but that she has an enormous appetite for getting stuck in to support and promote issues which will not give her electoral advantage but have furthered the causes themselves enormously."

Ian Chisnall



Nancy pushes for national roll out of FareShare

Nancy grabbed an opportunity at Labour Party conference to introduce local Brighton FareShare trustee, Ian Chisnall, to Food Minister, Hilary Benn MP

FareShare re-distributes surplus food to projects working with homeless and vulnerable people across Brighton and Hove and they discussed whether the national rollout of such projects could provide an alternative to landfill.

Since then Hilary Benn has said he will be writing to the major retailers encouraging them to support FareShare.

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Voting Green will mean a Conservative MP for Brighton



At the 2005 General Election, the Green party trailed in 3rd place nearly 6,000 votes behind Labour.

In this year's General Election, there is a straight choice between a Labour and Conservative Government and with the Conservatives in second place in Brighton, *your* vote will determine who runs the country.

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Nancy Platts wants to hear **your** views

Q1: Which issue would you most like the Labour government to act on?

Q2: Which local issue would you most like Nancy Platts to act on?

Q3: If there were to be a general election tomorrow, who would you vote for?

Conservative Labour Lib Dem Green Other Don't know

Q4: How certain are you to vote Labour? (0= will not vote; 5 = will definitely vote)

0 1 2 3 4 5

Q5: Would you prefer a Labour or Conservative Government?

Labour Conservative

I am backing the Nancy Platts campaign to be the next MP for Brighton Pavilion

I can help the Nancy Platts campaign by delivering leaflets

I would like to vote by post, please send details.

I would like to join the Labour Party; please send details

If you do not want the Labour Party to contact you, please write to us at 179 Preston Road, Brighton BN1 6AG

Thank you for completing the survey. Please return this form to:

Nancy Platts, Brighton Pavilion Labour Party, FREEPOST BR901, Brighton BN1 4ZZ

Name _____

Address _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

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