
COLIN BOYLE – GREEN

Surrey Docks Ward by-election – statement for Canada Water Consultative Forum – Colin Boyle, Green Party

Surrey Docks is very central, yet peaceful and green, has a distinctive history and character, and has a strong, diverse and inclusive community. I and my family count ourselves fortunate to have lived locally for the last 14 years.

I want to protect all that makes Surrey Docks great, while ensuring that further change makes it even better:

1. I will be your representative first and foremost. Surrey Docks is very diverse, and I will represent that diversity, while bringing people together.
2. I will work for a greener, healthier and better Surrey Docks, by getting the best from Southwark Council and by supporting local initiatives.

My priorities are:

- Canada Water Masterplan: provide a strong, independent, local advocate in this crucial time.
- Infrastructure:
 - Improve bus frequency and reliability
 - Implement “Boris” bikes
 - Build the Rotherhithe/Canary Wharf bridge
 - Improve broadband
- Planning: protect our area’s character, heritage and amenities.

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CRAIG COX – CONSERVATIVE

Craig is a strategy consultant advising government departments, who has made Southwark his home and for several years and has experienced the frustrations of the daily commute with Southwark’s poor connections across the river. Craig has long been involved in local politics, and has experience as a local councillor fighting for his key values: improved public services, protecting the environment and ensuring value for money.

As a strong local champion, Craig wants to lay the foundations for a new approach to improving the lives of everyone in Surrey Docks. Craig wants to use his commercial experience to get build the Rotherhithe Bridge up, to ensure access to Super-Fast Broadband is a right, and opposing unnecessary development in Surrey Docks, such as at South Dock and Canada Water.

JOHN HELLINGS - INDEPENDENT

No response

WILL HOLMES – LABOUR

Will Holmes – A strong Labour voice for Surrey Docks

Surrey Docks is a fantastic place, and I want more people to be able to live and work here. That's why I support the broad proposals of the Canada Water Masterplan. However, I understand that such change does create some concerns. That's why, instead of stoking up fears and opposition, as your Labour councillor I will fight for the right of every resident to be included in the consultation process.

The new housing, jobs and leisure facilities coming to the Rotherhithe peninsular need to come alongside improved transport and other infrastructure. It is through the action of Labour MPs and Councillors that we have improved the C10 bus and got real commitment from BT to bring high speed broadband here, and I will be a strong voice for Surrey Docks in making sure these improvements continue.

TOBY PRESCOTT – UKIP

My name is John Prescott but known by my middle name Toby, I was raised in Bermondsey and went to Bacons school ,I moved to Rotherhithe thanks to the original help to buy scheme implemented by the London Docklands Development Company , aided by our then MP Bob Mellish ,which allowed many locals to get on the property ladder , by discounting brand new houses in the area, I am married with 3 children, all of whom went to a local a school ,I drive a London black cab for a living , and have a passion for sport the environment my culture and Rotherhithe, Rotherhithe is a great

DAN WHITEHEAD – LIBDEM

It is difficult to fully convey the multitude of complex challenges that we face on the Rotherhithe peninsula in 150 words.

A rapidly growing population is putting increasing pressure on an already substandard local transport system. Meanwhile residents find that the area's infrastructure and public facilities are insufficient to cope with demand.

As someone who lives in Surrey Docks I understand these issues. If you were to elect me as your local councillor I would continue the Liberal Democrat fight for a better bus service, a bridge that connects Rotherhithe with Canary Wharf and better broadband for all.

I will fiercely oppose further large-scale urban developments on the peninsula until the Labour-run Southwark Council has clear plan on improving the area's infrastructure. Furthermore, I will always fight to maintain the existing heritage of an area that is truly unique and I proudly call home.

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