

OUR CANDIDATES



Susan Catten

A Waltham Forest resident for forty three years, I have been a union rep for forty five years representing members on grievances, disciplinaries in the civil service and am now a caseworker for 2 union branches in the public sector.

Having volunteered at citizens advice bureau whilst a law student, I have advised on benefits, debt, housing and landlord disputes. I am passionate about radically improved rights for private renters.

I will not shy away from the enormity of the challenges facing electors but you need a feisty, committed, tireless campaigner and I am that person.

Connor Rosoman

As a young renter in Waltham Forest, I know the challenges ordinary people in the area face. We have to deal with expensive housing and a cost of living crisis, and younger generations are poorer than those before them. All the while, the super-rich are wealthier than ever!

As a founding member of Leyton & Wanstead Your Party and a proud socialist, I've organised with working people throughout the borough, I've joined workers at the picket lines, marched for Palestine, and joined thousands of others to stand against the far right in Walthamstow in 2024. I'll fight to bring our campaigns on the ground into the town hall.

If elected we are both committed to not taking the councillors allowance instead donating it to food banks and the local community.

 **Waltham Forest**
Independent Socialists



WFIS endorsed by
Zarah Sultana MP

I support Waltham Forest Independent Socialists' candidates committed to fairness & actual change!



For more information on Waltham Forest Independent Socialists see here

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STAND UP TO RACISM



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Bills through the roof
Unaffordable housing
Public services on life support
Illegal wars

We can't go on like this

Vote

Election of councillors to Cathall Ward	
Vote for no more than 2 candidates by putting a cross <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in the box next to each of your choices	
Susan CATTEN Waltham Forest Independent Socialists	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Connor ROSOMAN Waltham Forest Independent Socialists	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>


Waltham Forest Independent Socialists

Council Elections
Thursday 7th May 2026
CATHALL WARD



Austerity isn't working!

One in 25 people in Britain uses a food bank

The number of UK billionaires has grown to 156

Time for local politicians to stand up against the cuts

The Local Government Association says £25 billion has been cut from local Council budgets since 2010. Over 300,000 council jobs have gone.

Hopes of a change of direction under Labour have been dashed.

This is why so many Council services have eroded, from libraries to youth centres, to road maintenance, to housing enforcement, to losing our local community centres and our local dump.

We need local politicians to stop making excuses over this and start building as much opposition as possible.

Prioritise the vulnerable

Top of the list of services to protect must be the statutory services essential to our most vulnerable citizens.

Three areas contributed £21million to our Council's 'overspend' last year: Adult social care, Special Needs support for children, and support for those made homeless. Despite the 'overspend' auditors still found inadequate support ("risks above tolerance level") in these areas. This is not acceptable or sustainable.

We will loudly oppose any further reductions to Council Tax relief for those already on the breadline.

We will support every community campaign to defend and improve Council support for those with special needs, those needing care provision and the homeless.

Housing emergency!

Only 5% of the 9,000 homes built in Waltham Forest in the last decade have been for social rent – less than the 500+ council homes sold under Right to Buy. "Affordable" rents and shared ownership schemes are out of reach of most local people. Our young people are being forced out of London.

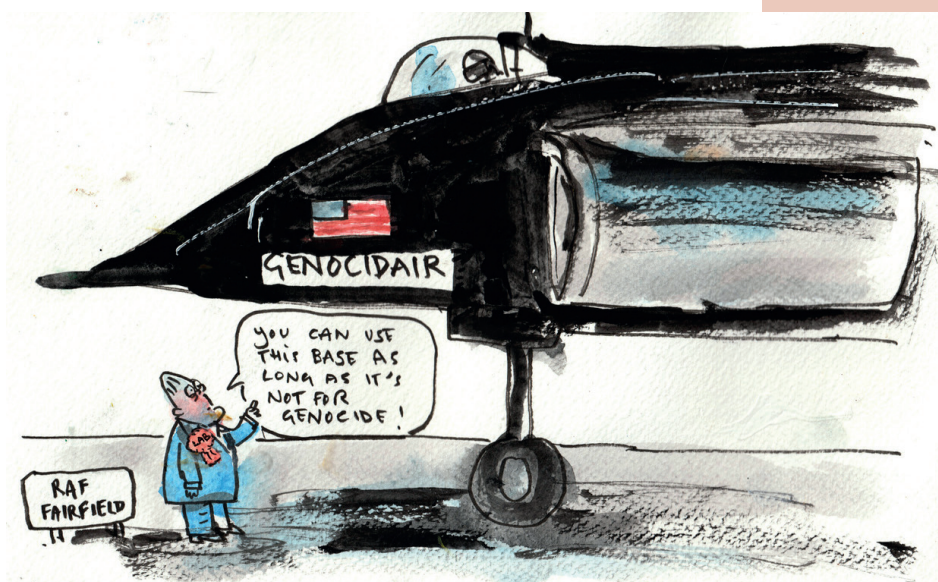
There are 1,500 empty homes in Waltham Forest. Councils need stronger powers to take control of vacant properties and house the homeless.

Reopen the Queen Elizabeth II Jubilee Centre

Local resident Leticia says: "We used to have a parent and toddler group there that I attended. There were lots of other groups and drop-in sessions, and an outdoor area for the kids. It had a great sense of community. It should be brought back into full public use for community groups and youth activities."

When will Whipps be finished?

The new Whipps Cross hospital was originally due to be completed in 2026. The current estimate is 2036 to 2038 – but don't hold your breath.



Why we left the Labour Party



Lizzy Ali and Ray Goodspeed are the former chair and secretary of Leyton & Wanstead Labour Party. They were part of a group of senior members who resigned from the party in September 2025. Ray says: "We both worked hard for years, running the local Labour Party, but we couldn't tolerate Starmer's betrayal of working people, his government's clampdown on protest, and its appalling support for Israel's genocide in Gaza. That's why we're supporting Waltham Forest Independent Socialists candidates."

Starmer's broken promises

When Keir Starmer ran for Labour leader he made 10 pledges. Almost every one was a lie. He promised:

- ▶ To increase income tax on the top 5% of earners – he hasn't
- ▶ To keep Britain out of illegal wars – throughout the genocide in Gaza the UK supplied reconnaissance data and supplied spare parts for US F-35 fighters. He says the war against Iran is "not our war", but provides bases for US aircraft to carry out "defensive" bombing
- ▶ To return rail, mail, energy and water to public ownership – but bills are set to rocket. Thames Water has racked up £20 billion debt at customers' expense while pumping sewage into our rivers
- ▶ To defend migrants' rights – now he talks about an "island of strangers" and posts deportation videos
- ▶ To stand "shoulder to shoulder with trade unions" – and then tried to ban MPs from attending picket lines
- ▶ To abolish student tuition fees – but he's left them drowning in tens of thousands of pounds of debt