



"CUT THE MPS
PRIVILEGES
NOT
PUBLIC SERVICES"

A People's Manifesto for Public Services in Ealing and Acton

Unlike my party opponents' manifestos, this document has not been prepared with the help of Public Relations (PR) companies, paid millions of pounds received in donations from corporate donors and non-domicile millionaires that fund the main parties. Rather, it is the work of ordinary people – young mothers, students, low-paid workers, pensioners and the unemployed who support my vision for better public services.

1. My two priority campaign priority issues are:

Asylum and public services: A visit to Ealing Town Hall housing benefit section any day will reveal that a significant proportion of the people looking for help with housing are likely to have been born abroad. Like me, they did not come to the UK by choice. They were forced out by political and social turmoil in their countries of origin.

Some factors that are forcing millions of people to flee their countries include our arms trade policies that fuel civil wars, our trade policies that impose strict tariffs on imports from the developing countries and flood their markets with cheap products from the EU; our support for undemocratic regimes that torture their political opponents; our support for corrupt regimes that embezzle development funds and perpetuate poverty; our support for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that have driven out millions of people from their countries.

If elected, I will champion the campaign to tackle these issues to address the root causes of asylum and immigration as a long-term solution to the problem.

Trident nuclear weapons system or public services. My party opponents are promising more and better public services without explaining where the money will come from. If elected, I will campaign for the postponing the replacement of Trident nuclear weapons system, which would save at least £20 billion. Some of that money would then be used to save Ealing hospital's Accident and Emergency, Maternity Ward and Children's services department.

2. Implementing my manifesto commitments

Unlike my party opponents who will not be able to implement their Manifesto commitments against the wishes of their Party Whips, I will have the freedom to pursue my Manifesto commitments to promote your best interest.

With the prospect of a hung Parliament, my vote as an independent MP will be critical in carrying forward or defeating any government policies, depending on their impacts on issues that affect public services in Ealing and Acton.

3. Accounting to the voters

To ensure accountability, I will issue a Voters' Charter spelling out what you can demand and expect from me as your MP.

They Are all the same – and they think it is funny



Their Expense scandals in which they claim to have done nothing wrong;
Their leadership of parties in which MPs are available for hire like taxis;

- Their Confrontational Approach to Politics – Putting Their Party Interests Before Ours;
- Their Contradictory Promises on Deep Spending Cuts and Better Public Services at the Same Time;
- Their Three-Line Whip that forces MPs to Vote the Way Their Parties Want;
- And their spin on “efficiency savings” Meaning Massive Public Services and Job Cuts.
- Their Party funding by Powerful Organisations and Non-domicile Millionaires;
- Their support for increasing university tuition fees and cutting university funding;
- The Employment by their MPs of their Wives when 2.5 Million Britons are Unemployed;
- Their support for the endless war in Afghanistan to protect President Karzai’s regime which has passed a law legitimising rape in marriage;
- The support for building a new Trident nuclear weapons at a cost of least £20billion when the country is facing the worst economic crisis in 60 years;
- Their spin on the Middle East Peace process;
- The marginalisation of the Commonwealth in favour of the European Union;
- And their Support for the Oppressive Governments that Drive Millions of Asylum Seekers to the United Kingdom.

The residents of Ealing Central and Acton see nothing funny in these policies and practices

No price is too high to pay for a British life abroad



Rachel Chandler - abandoned in Somalia since November 2009. AP photo

God forbid that anyone from Ealing and Acton will be taken hostage by terrorists abroad. In recent years, several British citizens have needlessly lost their lives to kidnappers because "it is the policy of the British government not to pay any ransom money".

The most recent British victims were the International aid worker Mrs Margaret Hassan, retired engineer Ken Bingley and security guards Alan McMenemy, Alec MacLachlan, Jason Swindlehurst and Jason Creswell who were executed in Iraq between 2004 and 2009.

In that time, the United States of America negotiated with some of the most disagreeable regimes in the world, and secured the safe release of its citizens. On 5th August 2009, former US President Bill Clinton flew home with two US journalists Laura Ling and Euna Lee who had been sentenced to hard labour in North Korea. Similarly on 15th August 2009 US Senator Jim Webb also flew home with an American citizen, John Yettaw, who had been detained by the Burmese authorities for visiting the jailed pro-democracy leader Aung San Suu Kyi without invitation.

Yet British citizens Paul and Rachel Chandler, originally from Tunbridge Wells in Kent, have been held by Somali pirates since November 2009 without any apparent effort by the British authorities to secure their release.

Like our chief ally, the USA, the United Kingdom should make it a policy that no price is too high to pay for a British life abroad. After all, the first responsibility of any government is to protect the lives of its citizens.

Commonwealth citizens deserve better from the UK



Her Majesty the Queen - "For many young people, the practical assistance and networks of the Commonwealth can give skills, lend advice and encourage enterprise."

Commonwealth countries may have fought with the British army and lost millions of men during the First and Second World Wars. Similarly, Commonwealth countries may share a common language and culture with the United Kingdom. However, unlike European Union citizens, Commonwealth citizens are increasingly being locked out, with stiff visa restrictions being imposed on visitors, students and skilled workers. On 13th November, *The Guardian* reported that "More than 250,000 skilled engineering, care and catering jobs are to be closed to non-European overseas workers next year as a result of Gordon Brown's immigration speech today."

On 12th November 2008, *The Guardian* also reported that "Two hundred thousand skilled jobs in Britain will be closed to non-European migrants from November 27, when the new points-based immigration system comes into effect, the Home Office announced yesterday.

It should be noted that only two European Union countries, Cyprus and Malta, are also Commonwealth countries. This means that skilled workers from the other 52 Commonwealth countries are not allowed in the UK.

Yet, in her December 2009 Christmas message, Her Majesty the Queen said "It is 60 years since the Commonwealth was created, and today, with more than a billion of its members under the age of 25, the organization remains a strong and practical force for good. Recently I attended the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Trinidad and Tobago and heard how important the Commonwealth is to young people. It is inspiring to learn of some of the work

being done by these young people, who bring creativity and innovation to the challenges they face. For many, the practical assistance and networks of the Commonwealth can give skills, lend advice and encourage enterprise.”

As an independent candidate who was born in a non-European Commonwealth country, I will strain every sinew in my body to ensure that the next British Government recognises the tremendous contribution which the Commonwealth countries in Africa, the Caribbean and Asia have made to the economic and social well-being of this country by giving their citizens equal treatment to their EU counter-parts. The best recognition would be to follow the Queen’s advice and give young Commonwealth citizens the skills, advice and encouragement to promote enterprise.

The Voters’ Charter

According to the Manchester Evening News report on 4th July 2005, the then leader of the House of Commons Mr Geoff Hoon said voting should be made compulsory because “my fear is that as the older, more regular voters die, we will be left with a significant number of people for whom voting is neither a habit, nor a duty.” And according to a BBC report on 30th January 2003, former Labour leader Neil Kinnock said “voting should be made compulsory to reverse a grievous fall in turnouts at elections.” Sadly, Geoff Hoon and Neil Kinnock did not bother to explain why people are refusing to vote. Many people are not voting mainly because, once elected, an MP becomes the property of the Party, which uses the Whip to direct, bribe with promises of high office or intimidate him or her to vote on major issues without the voter’s consent. The votes on the Iraq war and Trident replacement are typical examples where the parties directed MPs to vote regardless of the voters’ wishes.

If I am elected, you will have the right to demand and expect to:

1. Be given priority to be employed in my Parliamentary and constituency offices;
2. Know the identity and relationship between me and the employees in my Parliamentary and constituency offices to ensure that they are not my family members;
3. Have your telephone call returned within five hours on weekdays and two hours on weekends;
4. Receive a reply to any email within 12 hours;
5. See me as your MP to discuss your problems within five working days;
6. Receive a reply to your letter within five working days unless industrial actions or other unavoidable circumstances make this impossible;
7. Have me table at least one Early Day Motion on a local issue every three months;
8. Have me table at two Parliamentary Questions on local issues every week;
9. Have me lead an Adjournment Debate on a local issue every six months;
10. Have me arrange at least one meeting between the constituents and a Minister every three months;
11. See me take a lead role in promoting community cohesion within the constituency through inter-faith and inter-racial joint activities including the Police;
12. See me promote local businesses by arranging trade fairs, exhibitions and exchange visits with the Chambers of Commerce in other countries;

13. See me to take a lead role in supporting the elderly, the homeless, victims of domestic violence, victims of alcohol and drugs, asylum seekers and other vulnerable people in the constituency;
14. See me take a lead role in promoting high education standards by forging constructive working relationships between parents, teachers and pupils;
15. See me take a lead role in supporting local youths by actively offering political, moral and practical support for youth clubs, sports and games, music and drama and cultural activities;
16. See me take a lead role in ensuring law and order, and peace and security in the constituency by promoting constructive working relationships between the police, Neighbourhood Watch, Community and faith leaders and local residents;
17. See me take a lead role in promoting high standards of local services by promoting constructive working relationships between the Local Authority, the business community, employers, educational institutions, the NHS, community organisations and the central government.
18. See me take a lead role in mobilising support for the troops fighting on the frontline irrespective of my original view about the war before it started.