

Janet Grauberg

Liberal Democrat Candidate in the West Hampstead by-election



I'm writing to introduce myself as your Liberal Democrat candidate in the upcoming by-election.

You've probably heard that a West Hampstead ward councillor has resigned, which means there'll be a council by-election on the 28th August. **As the Liberal Democrat candidate, I'm offering energy, enthusiasm and genuine care for our community.**

NW6 is my home - I've lived here for 35 years. I've volunteered in the community for years, serving as a school governor, co-founding the West Hampstead Community Food Hub during Covid, and taking over as Chair of local organisation West Hampstead Amenity & Transport last year. Every part of that work has been to make our community stronger, fairer, and more connected.

I stood in West Hampstead at the last local elections and was only 38 votes behind the winning Labour candidates.

Since then, I've kept working for the community:

- I've led Lib Dem opposition to overdevelopment on the O2 Centre/car park site. We do need housing, but we don't need 17 storey buildings without enough open space or affordable homes.
- I've campaigned against the Council's policy of having bin bags all over our high streets.
- I've kept residents informed about local issues such as new school run traffic restrictions, planning and licensing applications, and how best to report rough sleeping, crime and anti-social behaviour.

I know I could do so much more for our community if I was your elected councillor. There's more about my skills and experience in my CV overleaf, but if you have any questions, please get in touch.

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P.S. Don't miss your chance make your voice heard. If you think you might be away for the election on 28th August, apply for a postal vote at www.camden.gov.uk/postal-voting.

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Janet Grauberg CV

- **Hard-working, approachable, local campaigner for West Hampstead.**
- **Experienced former councillor with a reputation for getting things done.**
- **Awarded an OBE this year for services to the community and to education.**



Key Skills and Attributes:

- **Cares about our community.** Lived here for 35 years and committed to the area.
- **Passionate about making West Hampstead an even better place to live.** Chair of local organisation WHAT (West Hampstead Amenity & Transport).
- **Listens and takes action.** Knows her way around the system and has taken up countless local issues on residents' behalf.
- **Approachable and accessible.** Keeps residents in touch all year round through emails and FOCUS leaflets; regularly attends local residents' meetings to keep in touch with concerns.

Experience and Achievements:

- **Leading Lib Dem opposition to the over-development of the O2 Centre/Car Park site.**

Launched a petition in March 2021 for more time to comment on Camden's planning framework. Submitted a detailed objection to developers Landsec's plans in March 2023. Regularly attends meetings of the residents' Construction Working Group.

- **Keeping residents informed about local traffic, planning & licensing issues.**

Updated residents on planning applications including Chipotle on Fawley Road/West End Lane (2022) and the former "Natuzzi" site on Lymington Road/Finchley Road (2023), and about new school-run traffic restrictions on Maygrove/Loveridge Road (2023, 2024).

- **Taking up residents' concerns about rubbish, crime, and community safety.**

Joined a "flytipping walkabout" with senior council officers (2021), surveyed residents about the new "Grit Bins" for rubbish on West End Lane (2023). Joined Lithos Road residents for a meeting with the Council community safety team (2024) and surveyed Heritage Lane residents about crime and safety (2025).

- **Strengthening our community and volunteering locally.**

School Governor (2018-2024), co-founded the West Hampstead Community Food Hub based at Sidings Community Centre (2020), volunteered as a steward for WHAT's West End Lane Car Free Days (2023, 2024).

- **Previous experience as a Councillor and Cabinet Member.**

Served as a Camden Councillor 2006-2010, including as Executive Member for Resources and Lead Member for Children, Families and Young People. Launched Camden's first Youth Council and secured a "mother & baby" pool at Kentish Town Baths.

Career History:

Worked in the Civil Service (Departments of Health and Education) and in the voluntary sector, including as Director of Strategy for Barnardo's. Currently freelance consultant working with children's charities.