



# Catherine West MP



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Labour Member of Parliament for Hornsey & Wood Green

## BUILD BACK BETTER: a fairer, greener society

The last few months have been difficult for our community. In Parliament, I've fought alongside Labour colleagues for **PPE for NHS & care workers, an effective locally led test and trace scheme** and action for the many thousands who've seen their jobs and businesses disappear during lockdown.

As we emerge from these painful few months we cannot return to business as usual. Labour will fight for a **green recovery fit to tackle the looming climate emergency** and a **fair recovery** that values the key workers who've been keeping our country going throughout this pandemic.

Clapping doesn't pay the bills – instead, all workers need decent pay and conditions, job security, paid sick leave and an end to zero-hours contracts and



Tory austerity. I'm delighted that Haringey Council's pledge to pay the London Living Wage to all local care workers from April 2020 has seen pay rises for around 1,300 homeworkers and extra care workers.

**Catherine with David Lammy and health and care workers campaigning for the London Living Wage**

## Fighting for jobs, businesses and high streets



**Catherine enjoying a delicious coffee at Leafy Bean on Bowes Park Station**

Hornsey & Wood Green has seen a staggering 180% rise in the number of people claiming unemployment benefit since March – and a fifth of the working age population have been furloughed. We're also home to many excluded workers who've unfairly missed out on any Government support – including thousands of freelance workers in the creative industries.

**In a double blow to our economy, we now face the worrying possibility of a Tory no-deal Brexit in December.**

In Parliament I've been fighting for **targeted support that leaves no-one behind**, an end to the one-size-fits-all furlough scheme that fails people in the worst-hit industries, and a £1.7 billion fightback fund to save our high streets.

Our fantastic local shops and businesses need our support through these difficult times. I'm encouraging everyone who can to shop local and make sure we don't lose the places that make Hornsey & Wood Green so special.



# Joanne in action

Your London Assembly Member, Joanne McCartney, has been:

- Campaigning for better transport and leading calls to Government and TfL for the Great Northern line to become part of London Overground – TfL have now confirmed to Joanne that they are working on a bid to take over the line.
- As Deputy Mayor of London, Joanne has led much of the Mayor's work supporting our young people, including the £45 million Young Londoners Fund that is giving local young people positive activities and helping to fulfil their potential. Joanne is also campaigning against the Government's plans to scrap U18s free travel in London.
- Pushing for more action on child poverty, and as a Living Wage commissioner is proud she has helped raise the London Living Wage, supporting thousands of low-paid workers in our city.



**Catherine joining the sit-in with protesting A-level students from Haringey schools in Parliament Square in August**

## Bring back free U-18 travel!

Families are already suffering because of the Covid-19 pandemic yet the Tories have decided to make life harder still by forcing TfL to take away free travel for under-18s. Parents shouldn't

be pushed further into poverty so their kids can get to school.

**Join Labour in calling on the Tories to bring back free travel**  
[www.catherinewest.org.uk/freetravelU18](http://www.catherinewest.org.uk/freetravelU18)

### Useful phone numbers

Haringey Council (main switchboard)	<b>020 8489 1000</b>
Homes for Haringey	<b>020 8489 5611</b>
Shelter housing advice line	<b>0808 800 4444</b>
Haringey Citizens Advice Bureau	<b>0844 330 1187</b>
National Debtline for free debt advice	<b>0808 808 4000</b>
Haringey Council's Covid-19 advice line for those needing essential support	<b>020 8489 4431</b>
Police (non-emergency)	<b>101</b>
NHS Covid advice (non-emergency)	<b>111</b>
Mind in Haringey	<b>020 8340 2474</b>
Refuge, National Domestic Abuse Helpline	<b>0808 2000 247</b>

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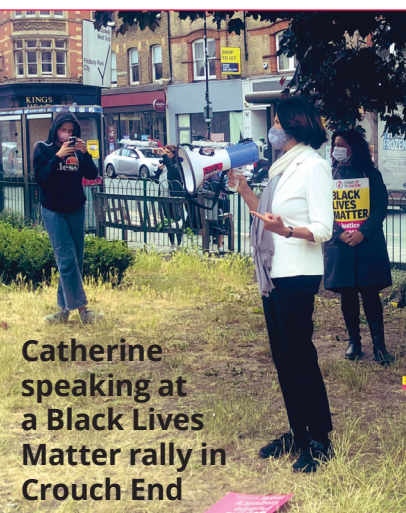
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## Black Lives Matter



**Catherine speaking at a Black Lives Matter rally in Crouch End**

I am proud to represent a diverse constituency but know that the scourge of systemic and institutional racism blights the lives of all too many people locally. I've called on the Government for a full review of the national curriculum to ensure our children are taught about Britain's history – not just the parts we are proud of but including slavery and the greed driving much of our imperialistic past.

I have challenged the Police on their use of Stop & Search and pushed the Government on what they are doing to challenge institutional racism.