

Josh Matthews

as your candidate for

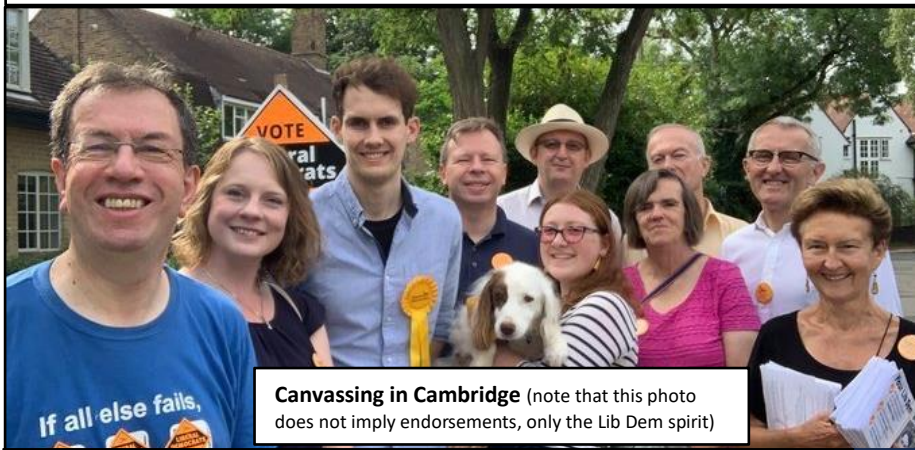
Lewisham West and East Dulwich

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Why do I want to be your PPC?

- I want to show as many people as possible that at our best, Liberal Democrats do what is best for people – rather than fixate on policy dos and don'ts or left versus right
- From that unwavering commitment to our values, we can influence far beyond our size as a party or number of seats



Canvassing in Cambridge (note that this photo does not imply endorsements, only the Lib Dem spirit)

About me

- I joined the Lib Dems because of policy and Brexit. I stayed because of the people
- Through working in sustainability and as a councillor, I've learnt I work best at both the people and system levels – connecting the two: how does the global context affect lives and local areas?
- I grew up in Swansea, before studying at Loughborough then Cambridge, having lived in Lincolnshire and California too. I have played and still enjoy many sports like cricket and tennis
- I now live in Southwark with my partner, Courtenay

My political background

- I was a City Councillor in Cambridge and the opposition spokesperson for climate, environment, and the city centre
- I championed and led campaigns on sustainability and trans rights. I worked closely with the community, brokering communication and resolving conflict
- As Chair of the Association of Lib Dem Engineers and Scientists, I linked our experts and parliamentarians

My professional background

- Research, consulting, and convening for sustainability – bringing together the right people and groups – across the climate and wider environmental, social, and economic global context
- A chemical engineer by training, I worked in the energy industry and on hydrogen production

My priorities: Three spheres of influence

1. In Lewisham West and East Dulwich
 As your PPC I will secure and build our constituency's liberal support – making us a contender for future elections. I will also support our council candidates as we look towards 2026 borough elections

2. Across London and nationally
 I will support our fantastic PPCs in London and beyond – as well as our Mayoral candidate Rob and team of London Assembly candidates

3. Aiming for systemic change
 A large part of my professional sustainability work involves helping individuals and organisations find their influence beyond their own walls. As your PPC I will push our key messages and highlight the Lib Dems in media and in new and existing partnerships

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Why do I want to be your Prospective Parliamentary Candidate (PPC)?

I want to show as many people as possible that at our best, the Liberal Democrats do what is best for people – rather than fixating on policy dos and don'ts or left versus right. And from that unwavering commitment to our values, we can create change far beyond our size as a party or number of seats in parliament or on councils. Many of you will agree that politics is an eternal effort to work out where to best use your time and energy. For me in the past, and moving forward, it involves volunteering, hopefully re-entering local government soon, and now, standing to be your parliamentary candidate.

About me

I joined the Liberal Democrats because of policy and Brexit. I stayed a Lib Dem because of the people. And that those people were more concerned with doing what was best for people, rather than politics and winning at all costs. I've learnt by working in sustainability and as a councillor that I work best at both the people and the system levels – and can effectively link between the two: connecting the global context and how it affects individuals' lives and local communities. I was especially successful as a councillor at bringing communities and conflicting groups together to find understanding. My empathy and other liberal values have grown through my experiences with people and places. I have always been a problem solver and a good time and project manager.

I grew up in south Wales, before moving to study at Loughborough then Cambridge, having lived in Lincolnshire and California too. I now live in London – in Southwark borough with my partner, Courtenay. I have played and still enjoy a variety of sports including cricket and tennis.

My political background

I was a City Councillor in Cambridge and the opposition spokesperson for climate, environment, and the city centre. I brought my professional sustainability work into my council role, as well as championing and leading our motion for trans rights while collaborating with activist groups, all in a local party committed deeply to progressive liberalism. I worked closely with the community, succeeding at brokering and communicating city-wide. As Chair of the Association of Lib Dem Engineers and Scientists for 3 years, I coordinated expert working groups and our parliamentarians.

My professional background

Since graduating I have researched, consulted, and convened for sustainability – bringing together the right people and right organisations into the right rooms – across the climate and wider environmental, social, and economic context. A chemical engineer by training, I have worked in the energy industry and explored low-carbon hydrogen production as an academic.

My priorities: Three spheres of influence

1. In Lewisham West and East Dulwich: As your PPC I will secure and build our liberal support on a constituency level – aiming to make us a strong second place and contender for future general elections. For our council candidates, I will support them, their campaigns, and the whole area as we look towards borough elections in 2026.
2. Across London and nationally: I will support our fantastic PPCs in London and beyond – as well as our Mayoral candidate Rob and team of London Assembly candidates.
3. Aiming for systemic change: A large part of my professional sustainability work involves helping individuals and organisations look at their influence beyond their own walls. As your PPC I will try to get our key messages – on Europe, climate, education, health, equality, social justice, electoral reform, and so much more – to breakthrough in the media. I want to help the Liberal Democrats at the highest level I can. I will also build and work in partnerships both inside and outside the party – locally and nationally, with individuals and groups.