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Robin Harper,
Green MSP
for Lothian



Alison Johnstone,
lead Green candidate
for Lothian in 2011



Melanie Main, Green
spokesperson for
City Centre

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Greens – the only alternative!

Greens in Edinburgh have launched their campaign for the Scottish Parliament, by urging voters to back an alternative to politics as usual.

Top candidate, Alison Johnstone, who is bidding to succeed Robin Harper as Green MSP for Lothian, said: "There's never been a more important time for a Green alternative. We are witnessing an astonishing assault on public services: ideology wrapped in a cloak of financial necessity. Yet all so-called main parties accept this as inevitable.

"There's an utterly naïve view that the private sector will grow to fill the space left by public sector cuts.

But will it? And what kind of economy will we see in its place? One characterised by "McJobs", feeding on high consumption, waste-today-forget-tomorrow?

"That's no kind of policy at all. Not for people and not for the planet. We need a thriving public sector working with a responsible private sector to make genuine long term choices for Scotland – on housing, transport, education, on energy provision and the sweep of policy.

"That's the alternative Greens offer. And that's why I believe that tens of thousands of voters will back us with their second vote."

Follow Alison's campaign on Twitter @AlisonJohnstone

First Green MP backs Alison Johnstone for Parliament

The UK's first Green MP, Caroline Lucas, has paid tribute to retiring MSP Robin Harper and backed Alison Johnstone as his would-be successor in the Scottish Parliament.

Caroline said that Robin had been a breath of fresh air when first elected as MSP in 1999 and added:

"I was hugely impressed by Alison when I met her recently in Edinburgh. She shares my own conviction that social justice and environmental



protection go hand in hand. I look forward to welcoming Alison to that growing band of Greens who are elected to fight for a greener and fairer world."

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Contact your local Greens

City Centre Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in the area stretching from Abbeyhill to Haymarket and covering both Old and New Towns

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Or write to us at 12 Albany Street, Edinburgh EH1 3QB

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Green Anger at Waverley Market Give-away

City Centre Greens have expressed dismay at the news that the Princes Mall shopping centre site could be handed over for next to nothing to private developers.

Green Councillor, Alison Johnstone, secured City Council backing for her motion in December which highlighted problems with the lease on the old Waverley Market site.

Although the land is worth £50 million, the lease, signed in the 1980s set a charge of only 1p a year. Now, under legislation going through the

Scottish Parliament, the land could be handed over to property company PPG for as little as £2.60.

City Centre Green spokesperson, Melanie Main said, "This is nothing short of a scandal. Waverley Market is a valuable city asset and belongs to the people of Edinburgh. The city's common good fund should be getting a massive annual rent from this prime central site. To think that we might lose it altogether beggars belief."

See: <http://www.andywrightman.com>

Local projects praised

Green spokesperson, Melanie Main has backed local projects, saying:

"From Edinburgh Old Town Development Trust to Douglas Gardens Residents Association to Tollcross Energy and Carbon Saving Project, and many others, we are very fortunate to have such amazing dedicated volunteers

and organisations working to secure a sustainable city centre.

"In 2007, Green MSPs secured the hugely successful "Climate Challenge Fund", with over £37 million for local projects since. More Green MSPs will bring more support to community projects: support where it counts."

Can you help us with the election campaign?

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