Camden People's Alliance Local Elections Manifesto 2026

1. Build Council Homes for People, Not Profit

We will end reliance on private developers and bring housing development back in-house.

- Establish a council-led building programme using public investment
- Ensure all publicly funded housing is 100% for council rent
- Lobby for long-term, low-cost government funding for councils

Public money should deliver public homes — not private profit.

2. Make Housing Truly Affordable

We will redefine "affordable housing" to mean genuinely low-cost council rent.

- Oppose "intermediate" rents and homes for sale on public land
- Campaign to end rent rises above inflation
- Push for national rent controls in the private sector

No one in Camden should be priced out of their own community.

3. Invest in Existing Homes and End the Repairs Crisis

We will prioritise fixing and upgrading Camden's ageing housing stock.

- Restore planned cyclical repairs programmes
- Tackle damp, mould, and fire safety issues urgently
- Invest in reducing overcrowding and poor living conditions
- Introduce consistent, measurable and realistic targets for routine repairs, with urgent cases and enhanced tenants prioritised.

Safe, secure homes are a right — not a luxury.

4. Stop Sell-Offs and End Right to Buy

We will protect and expand social housing stock.

- Campaign to end Right to Buy
- Stop councils and housing associations from selling off empty homes
- Reverse the conversion of social rent homes into higher-cost tenancies

Camden's homes should stay in public hands for future generations.

5. Put Communities and Tenants in Control

We will give residents real power over housing decisions.

- Guarantee meaningful consultation with tenants on all developments
- Create tenant-run community spaces and halls

- Ensure inclusive housing for elderly, disabled, and supported residents

6. Address Homelessness

Camden Council faces significant homelessness challenges, ranking among the top five London boroughs for rough sleeping.

- Prioritise Support and end Enforcement approach. Stop using an enforcement first led approach, focus on meaningful engagement and access to accommodation, and stop police-led outreach to build trust.
- Provide Suitable, Diverse Accommodation. Expand housing options beyond hostels, including Housing First, and ensure support for those facing or unable to sustain existing placements. Ensure that Temporary Accommodations are safe places.
- Strengthen Outreach, Health, and Support Services. Embed multi agency work on outreach, improve service accessibility and responsiveness, ensure rapid dissemination of drug safety alerts (e.g. synthetic opioids), and work in partnership with Streets Kitchen and others on the ground.
- Deliver Severe Weather Emergency Protocol (SWEP). Guarantee accommodation for all rough sleepers during SWEP, with fully staffed services, active outreach, and clear communication.
- Increase Transparency and Accountability. Introduce a Homeless Charter and fatality review process, publish policies, ensure independent oversight, and involve people with lived experience in service design.

Housing policy should be shaped by the people who live there.

Camden People's Alliance – Key Manifesto Pledges Beyond Housing

7 . No Cuts – Fund Services Based on Need

We will reject austerity and fight for fully funded local services.

- Set a People's Budget based on real community need
- Oppose all cuts to jobs, services, and pay
- Campaign to write off council debt and restore funding

Camden should serve people — not balance books at their expense.

8. Divest from Complicity in Human Rights Abuses

We will ensure Camden takes a stand by divesting funds from companies linked to Human rights abuses and violations of international Law.

- Review and withdraw council pension investments from firms complicit in abuses
- Introduce ethical investment standards across all council spending
- Divest from companies complicit in the genocide in Gaza

Camden's money should never support oppression

9. A Right to Food and Community Wellbeing

We will establish a public, democratic food system.

- Deliver universal free school meals
- Provide free nutritious food for elderly residents
- Support community food projects with fair pay

No one in Camden should rely on charity to eat.

10. Invest in Young People and Education

We will rebuild education and youth services.

- Reverse school cuts and reduce class sizes
- Invest in mental health services for young people
- Reopen and modernise youth clubs

Every young person deserves opportunity, support, and space to thrive.

11. Equality, Safety, and Community Power

We will build a Camden that is anti-racist, and inclusive.

- Expand protections for marginalised groups and migrants.
- Invest in violence prevention and community safety especially violence against women and girls.
- Support grassroots organising and community-led decision making

A fair and safe Camden is one where everyone belongs and is protected.

Below is a simplified version for people on the doorstep

Housing for People, Not Profit

1. Build Council Homes for Social Rent

We will launch a mass council housebuilding programme, ending reliance on private developers and ensuring all new homes are for genuine social rent.

2. Make Housing Truly Affordable

We will redefine affordability, end above-inflation rent rises, and campaign for rent controls across Camden. Bring empty houses back into use to tackle the homelessness crisis.

3. Fix Existing Homes and End the Repairs Crisis

We will invest in repairs, safety, and upgrades, tackling damp, mould, overcrowding, and neglected estates.

4. Stop Sell-Offs and End Right to Buy

We will protect public housing, halt sell-offs, and campaign to abolish Right to Buy.

5. Put Tenants and Communities in Control

We will give residents real power through consultation, tenant-run spaces, and inclusive housing policies.

6. Tackle The Homelessness Crisis in Camden

We will end homelessness in Camden through support not enforcement providing safe diverse accommodation and strengthening outreach and health services.

A Fairer Camden for All

7. No Cuts – Fund Services Based on Need

We will set a People's Budget, reject austerity, and fight for government funding and debt relief instead of cuts.

8. Divestment

We will divest and oppose all British complicity in global injustice and abuses of human rights..

9. A Right to Food for Everyone

We will create a public food system, with free school meals, support for vulnerable residents, and community-led food provision.

10. Invest in Education and Young People

We will reverse cuts to schools, reduce class sizes, and rebuild youth services and clubs under democratic local control.

11. Equality, Safety, and Community Power

We will stand for a Camden that is anti-racist, and inclusive, protecting women's rights, supporting marginalised groups and migrants, and empowering communities.