

Press Release

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Shock in city as Lib Dem Councillor defects to the Greens

Councillor Ingrid Flaubert has today confirmed her decision to join the Green Party, citing a renewed focus on combining ambitious environmental policy with practical measures to tackle social inequality across Cambridge.

She will now sit with the Green Group on the City Council, making her the first defection to the Greens in Cambridge.

She thanked colleagues in the Liberal Democrats for their collaboration and emphasised that her move is driven by policy alignment and urgency, not personal criticism.

Cllr Flaubert was first elected as a councillor in May 2021 and is the first Caribbean-born councillor to represent Trumpington, where she has lived for six years. Her work has concentrated on improving policy for children, supporting families with social housing and local authority issues, and protecting green spaces.

Cllr Flaubert explained that the convergence of climate imperatives and widening local inequalities requires a platform that integrates strong environmental action with social justice policies. She believes the Green Party's current policies offer the best route to accelerate practical, community-led solutions in Cambridge at this moment.

Cllr Ingrid Flaubert said: "My commitment has always been to the people of Trumpington and to tackling inequality wherever I see it. I have joined the Green Party to help unite urgent climate action with practical measures for social justice, from maintained homes and well-resourced local services to protecting our parks and trees."

Ingrid expressed gratitude for her time with the Liberal Democrats, acknowledging shared work on road safety, community campaigns, and environmental stewardship. She emphasised that her decision is about pursuing a specific policy pathway rather than a critique of past colleagues.

Cllr Naomi Bennett, Green Group Leader on Cambridge City Council welcomed the decision and said:

"I am really pleased that Ingrid has decided to join the Green group. She really cares about Trumpington and understands the challenges the village has faced with all the new developments. She shares our values and I am excited about working with her."

Cllr Elliot Tong, Deputy Green Group Leader on Cambridge City Council added:

“Ingrid has consistently stood up for local residents and proven herself a real community champion, always focused on the issues that matter most to Trumpington residents. She’s worked alongside us with integrity, compassion, and a commitment to practical action.

I’m delighted to welcome her to the Green Party. She shares our determination, one that puts people and communities first.”

Cllr Flaubert joins the party as Cambridge and South Cambs Greens reach over 2,000 members and are aiming to win many more seats at local elections on 7 May.

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Contact for media

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Availability: Councillor Flaubert is available for interviews on Saturday 20 March, from 13.45pm.