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News for Clarence ward from St Albans Green Party

Council votes to build on Green Belt



Tim: "The Green Belt is our most precious resource"

St Albans Council has voted to allow 4,000 houses to be built on Green Belt land, against the wishes of the vast majority of residents.

The Green/Independent group on the Council was the only one to vote against this move.

Councillors approved the draft Strategic Local Plan, which includes releasing four areas of greenbelt land for housing.

Clarence ward campaigner Tim Robinson said "The district's Green Belt is our most precious resource. And there are no guarantees that these proposed houses will be truly affordable or available for those who really need them."

St Albans to welcome refugees

St Albans is on track to welcome approximately ten Syrian refugees (two to three families) in the coming months, under the Government's relocation scheme.

St Albans Greens began the Council's involvement in the scheme by bringing a proposal to Full Council.

St Albans is working with other local councils in Hertfordshire to welcome approximately 100 refugees to the county during 2016.



St Albans Greens collect signatures for refugees petition

Christmas train misery

Greens have criticised the string of train cancellations by Govia over Christmas. Up to 30 trains a day were cancelled, despite a senior train manager's confident prediction of "minimal" cancellations.

Green campaigner Tim Robinson commented "It's beyond belief that Govia are managing to be worse than the previous franchise, while their parent company is making 30% profits. The government should kick Govia out and run our trains as a proper public service."

See video of the Govia manager's dodgy prediction at bit.ly/cancelgovia



Tim with Green members protesting at St Albans station at the annual fare rise. Most people support the Green Party's policy of bringing the railways back into public ownership.

Green leader's talk for Sustainable St Albans Week

Running for the last week of November, Sustainable St Albans Week brought together over 100 groups for over 100 events. Have a look at the photo gallery of the week at bit.ly/sustalbans

One of the biggest events of Sustainable St Albans Week was the talk by Green Party Leader Natalie Bennett. Over 140 people squeezed in to Trinity Church hall to hear Natalie and ask questions.

See the video of the event at bit.ly/natalbans

Right: Natalie Bennett with Tim Robinson.



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Greens challenge Council's greenwash

St Albans Council claims it is 'battling climate change', but the the true story is different.

The Council points to a fall in emissions across the Council and the district over the last eight years. But the district figures are largely a result of factors like high energy prices and low coal production, rather than anything the Council is doing.

Likewise, the Council's own 'success' is entirely due to selling off its properties. Greens are working to get a proper plan in place to positively reduce emissions in the district.