



26th April 2026

For Attention of Zak Polanski,
Leader of the Green Party

Ref: Suspension of Mark Adderley

Dear Zak Polanski,

I am writing on behalf of Resistance Kitchen, a community organisation supporting people in need across Croydon and Streatham.

We are outraged by the decision to suspend **Mark Adderley**, a candidate chosen by and rooted in the community he was set to represent in Crystal Palace and Upper Norwood. This action sends a clear and deeply troubling message: that the democratic will of local people can be overridden under external pressure. If the Green Party continues down this path, it risks losing the trust and support of the very communities it claims to represent.

At a time when the world is witnessing ongoing atrocities, communities are looking for representatives with courage and moral clarity - individuals who will stand up for justice and speak out against oppression, both here and internationally. Silencing such voices is not only unjust, it is politically short-sighted.

We demand the immediate reinstatement of Mark Adderley as the community's chosen candidate, along with a clear commitment that the democratic decisions of local members will not be undermined.

We are equally concerned by the treatment of **Saiqa Ali**, a candidate in Streatham St Leonard's ward. She is a respected humanitarian who has dedicated herself to supporting vulnerable communities through food banks in Croydon and medical work in Gaza. The attacks against her are part of a wider attempt to intimidate and discredit those who speak out for Palestinian rights. We expect the Green Party to defend her unequivocally.

We expect a prompt response addressing these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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