

44. Are you happy with these Council services:

- a) Local rubbish collection? Yes  142 No  143
- b) Recycling provision? Yes  144 No  145
- c) Local street cleaning? Yes  146 No  147
- d) Local grass cutting? Yes  148 No  149
- e) Provision of youth facilities? Yes  150 No  151

45. Brent's Council Tax increased by 22% this year. Do you think the Labour Council provides good value for money?

- Yes  152 No  153 No view  154

ABOUT YOU AND YOUR VIEWS

46. Which age group do you fall into?

- Under 25  155 25 - 60  156 Over 60  157

47. Which political party, if any, do you usually support?

- Conservative  158 Labour  159  
 Liberal Democrats  160 Other/none  161

# How to return your survey

Return your Residents' Survey by FREEPOST. You don't even need to use a stamp with the address below, but using one helps us keep campaigning:

**Sarah Teather**  
**Brent Liberal Democrats**  
**FREEPOST**  
**LON 12889**  
**London NW9 5YG**

The Liberal Democrats would like to contact you from time to time to keep you informed about issues covered by this survey. Please let us know if you do not wish the information in this survey to be used for this purpose.

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WHAT'S KEN UP TO?

48. Lynne Featherstone writes a monthly column about Ken Livingstone and the GLA. If you would like to receive these, and a limited amount of other news, by email please give your address:

*Please write clearly*

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN BRENT

49. If you would like to receive occasional local news about Brent by email, please give your email address.

*Please write clearly*

CAN WE HELP YOU?

50. Do you have any other comments, or are there any local issues or problems you would like us to help sort out?

*Please continue on a separate sheet if required.*

## How you can help

### 1. Sign our petitions today...

**Petition** Don't K.O. the P.O

To: The Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

We, the undersigned, call upon the Government to stop the wave of closures of Post Offices.



Name(s) .....

Address .....

**Petition** Free Care for the Elderly

To: The Prime Minister, Tony Blair.

I/we call on Parliament to follow the lead given by the Scottish Lib Dems, and give free care for the Elderly in England too.

Name(s) .....

Address .....

### 2. Help us to help Brent...

You can help Brent's local Liberal Democrat team :-

- I will display a poster for the Lib Dems at elections.
- I can help deliver a few leaflets from time to time.
- I enclose a donation to the "Liberal Democrats" for:
  - £50  £25  £10  Other: £ \_\_\_\_\_

A donation of £5 or more entitles you to membership of the Lib Dems. Please tick here if you are already a member or do not wish to join:

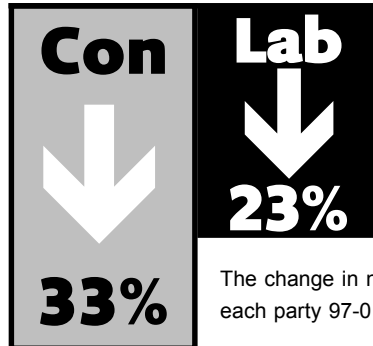
# The 2003 Brent residents' survey

**Have your say today!**

**Crime, Schools, Hospitals, Transport, Elderly Care, Local Services.**

**How you vote in Brent - the Lib Dems are the growing party round here**

**Lib Dem 11%**



The change in number of votes for each party 97-01 in Brent East

Sarah Teather  
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*Dear friend*

Over recent years, many things have changed in the local area, many for the better, but not all of them.

But today it seems that the Labour council keeps putting up the Council Tax we pay, whilst our local services just get worse.

To stand up effectively for Brent, it is important to listen to local people. That's why the Liberal Democrats are carrying out this special Brent survey.

Whatever your political views, we would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete this survey and let us know what you think.

*Sarah Teather*

Sarah Teather

1. NAME AND ADDRESS OF PERSON / PEOPLE COMPLETING THIS SURVEY

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

We ask for this information so we can let you know about the results of the survey and also respond to any particular questions or issues you raise.

HEALTH CARE IN BRENT

2. Overall, how satisfied are you with the state of the National Health Service?

- Very happy  1 Unhappy  3  
 Happy  2 Very unhappy  4

3. How often have you consulted an NHS GP at his/her surgery in the past two years?

- Never  5 2-5 times  7  
 Once  6 More  8

4. Typically, how long do you wait for a GP appointment?

- Same day  9 More than 2 weeks  13  
 One day  10 More than 3 weeks  14  
 2-5 days  11 More than 1 month  15  
 More than 1 week  12

5. Conservative MPs like Ann Widdecombe want people to pay for a partially privatised NHS, including being charged to see your doctor. Do you agree you should pay to see your GP?

- Yes  16 No  17 No view  18

6. How often have you been admitted to hospital as an NHS patient during the last two years?

- Never  19 2-5 times  21  
 Once  20 More  22

7. Typically, how long have you had to wait between referral and admission to hospital?

- Up to 4 weeks  23 4-10 months  25  
 1-3 months  24 Longer  26

**Have your say on services in Brent - see back page for how to return your survey today!**

**Thank you for supporting our Brent 2003 Survey**

**8. Under Labour many NHS patients have had to face longer and longer waiting times. Have you ever felt forced to have private treatment in the last two years because of the length of waiting times in the NHS here in Brent?**

Yes  27 No  28 No view  29

**9. Iain Duncan Smith's Conservatives want people to pay for some 'routine' operations in a partially privatised NHS, like hernias and hip replacements. Do you agree that the NHS should be privatised in this way?**

Yes  30 No  31 No view  32

**10. Would you be able to afford to pay for these routine operations in a partially privatised NHS?**

*(Costs based on private health care industry information)*

a) Hernia: £1,250 Yes  33 No  34

b) Hip replacement: £6,500 Yes  35 No  36

**11. The Labour Government want private firms to build and own new NHS hospitals (called PFI). But so far, every new private hospital built has fewer beds than the old NHS hospital it was replacing. Do you agree with the Liberal Democrats that PFI is not justified if it does not produce a better service?**

Yes  37 No  38 No view  39

**12. Are you registered as an NHS patient with a local dentist in Brent?**

Yes  40 No  41

**13. Have you experienced any difficulties trying to register as an NHS patient with a local dentist?**

Yes  42 No  43 No view  44

**14. Has the introduction of dental charges discouraged you from having regular check ups?**

Yes  45 No  46 No view  47

**15. Has the introduction of eye test charges discouraged you from having regular eye tests?**

Yes  48 No  49 No view  50

**16. The Conservatives increased prescription charges by over 2800%. They have continued to go up under Labour. Today prescription medicine costs £6.30 for each item. Have these charges ever stopped you from obtaining your medicine?**

Yes  51 No  52 No view  53

**CRIME AND VANDALISM IN BRENT**

**17. Do you think Brent has enough police officers?**

Yes  54 No  55 No view  56

**18. The Liberal Democrats believe in bringing back the 'community bobby' with more police officers working a regular beat. Do you agree with this policy?**

Yes  57 No  58 No view  59

**19. Is there a problem with vandalism/graffiti in your area?**

Yes  60 No  61 No view  62

*If you know of a local blackspot which needs cleaning up, use the last question in this survey to give us the details.*

**20. Would you like a free copy of Brent Liberal Democrats' graffiti fighting pack?**

Yes  63 No  64

**CARING FOR OUR YOUNG AND ELDERLY**

**21. Do you have one or more children aged 18 or under?**

Yes  65 No  66

**22. Liberal Democrats in the Scottish Parliament have successfully abolished student tuition fees. Do you agree that student fees should now also be abolished in England?**

Yes  67 No  68 No view  69

**23. Liberal Democrats in the Scottish Parliament have successfully introduced free nursing and personal care for the elderly, ensuring people aren't forced to sell their homes to pay for care. Do you agree that free care for the elderly should now also be introduced in England?**

Yes  70 No  71 No view  72

**24. Are you a pensioner yourself?**

Yes  73 No  74

**TRANSPORT IN BRENT**

**25. Which form of transport do you use most?**

Car  75 Tube  78

Bus  76 Walking  79

Train  77 Cycle/motorbike  80

**26. How do you rate tube services?**

Very good  81 Poor  84

Good  82 Very poor  85

OK  83 Don't use  86

**27. Do you think the privatisation of the tube by the Labour Government will be a success?**

Yes  87

No  88

No view  89

**28. How do you rate local bus services?**

Very good  90 Poor  93

Good  91 Very poor  94

OK  92 Don't use  95

**29. Do you have any praise or complaints about local bus services?**

96

**30. How do you rate local train services?**

Very good  97 Poor  100

Good  98 Very poor  101

OK  99 Don't use  102

**31. Do you think the privatisation of the railways by the Conservatives has been a success?**

Yes  103

No  104

No view  105

**32. Overall, what do you think of the Council's traffic calming schemes in Brent?**

Too many schemes  106

About right  107

Not enough schemes  108

No view  109

**33. Do you think there are enough cycle lanes in Brent?**

Yes  110

No  111

No view  112

**34. Do you support a Controlled Parking Zone for your area?**

Yes  113

No  114

No view  115

**THE POST OFFICE IN BRENT**

**35. Around 4000 sub post offices closed under the Conservatives. A further 1000 have been closed under Labour. Do you agree with the Liberal Democrats that local community post offices should be kept open?**

Yes  116 No  117 No view  118

**36. One third of post offices in Brent are set to close under Government plans. This includes the post office in Gladstone Parade on the Edgware Road.**

**Are you happy with the current level of post office delivery service here in Brent?**

Yes  119

No  120

**QUALITY OF LIFE IN BRENT**

**37. Local residents have contacted the Lib Dems about the lack of public toilets in shopping areas and open spaces. Liberal Democrats on the Council have called for more. Do you agree that we should have more public toilets in Brent?**

Yes  121 No  122 No view  123

**38. The Liberal Democrats are campaigning to get our streets cleaned up. Do you think that the Council has let the streets get untidy?**

Yes  124 No  125 No view  126

**39. Do you think the Labour Council does enough to stop dumping of rubbish in Brent?**

Yes  127 No  128 No view  129

**40. Local Liberal Democrats want to see more recycling in Brent, particularly with street based recycling units. Do you support this idea?**

Yes  130 No  131 No view  132

**41. Do you support the Lib Dem campaign to stop building on our greenfield sites?**

Yes  133 No  134 No view  135

**42. Are you concerned about the claims of health risks associated with mobile phone masts?**

Yes  136 No  137 No view  138

**43. Do you think local residents are consulted enough about plans for new mobile phone masts in your area?**

Yes  139 No  140 No view  141