

[O'Dowd announces £748,000 road improvement scheme for A37 Broad Road, Limavady](#)

Infrastructure Minister John O'Dowd has announced that a £748,000 carriageway resurfacing scheme on the A37 Broad Road, Limavady will commence on Monday 17 June 2024.

[Back of the net: Greens mark Euros kick off with football offer worth celebrating](#)

The Green Party today is celebrating Euro 2024 kicking off with a game-changing offer to football fans that will see billions invested and money from professional clubs transferred to local communities.

The Green offer includes a £5bn package to invest in community sports and culture that will see grassroots sports clubs properly funded.

In addition The Green Party has unveiled a new funding proposition that would see local authorities enabled to invest in shares in professional sports clubs which operate in their area as a means of maintaining a connection between the club and its community. Any dividends paid to the authority would then be reinvested into public sporting facilities or coaching programmes in the area.

Alongside these financial offers, Greens also have policies to support grassroots football. Greens have also drawn up plans for example to allow local clubs access to school sports facilities outside teaching hours to ensure maximum use of a valuable resource.

The set of announcements comes on the back of a new [GMB study](#) based on a FOI request that shows nearly one thousand football pitches have been lost since the Conservatives took power 14 years ago. The Green Party manifesto pledges to enable local authorities to maintain key sporting infrastructure including pools and playing fields stating that these need to be used across all sections of the community to ensure sport is inclusive.

Commenting, Co-Leader and lifelong fan Norwich City fan, Adrian Ramsay, said, "All over the country millions play grassroots football. It builds friendships, keeps people healthy and has an immeasurable impact on happiness

and wellbeing. But grassroots football needs support. Greens have pledged a £5billion fund to support community sports and culture that will sit alongside an innovative funding mechanism that will allow local authorities to invest in professional football clubs to reinvest dividends back into their community.”

He continued, “This weekend football fans won’t just be cheering on Scotland and England, they will also be heading out to grassroots summer tournaments all over the country. We can’t underestimate the value that this has for our communities. And we will do all we can to support it every step of the way.”

Ahead of the first game of the Euros kicking off Ramsay added, “With 3 Norwich players in the Scotland squad I will be cheering them along tonight and I will of course be watching the England opener on Sunday and I wish them all the very best at this tournament. I’m sure they will do us proud.”

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[Greens offer snap reaction to #ITVDebate](#)

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Speaking from the ITV spin room, Green Party Co-Leader, Zack Polanski, gave a snap reaction to the ITV Debate saying:

“Tonight the greens hopeful and ambitious vision for Britain clearly connected with the audience.

“We saw a battle of ideas on an equal platform.

“Voters were shown the full spread of electoral possibility.

“And while the tired rhetoric of the old parties looked isolated on stage tonight, the Greens hopeful and ambitious vision for Britain clearly resonated with the audience.

“Whether it was real investment in the NHS, an uplift in teachers’ pay or celebrating the role of immigration to our country.”

He continued, “Tonight Greens took to the national stage confident that our message of real hope and real change is resonating with more voters than ever before.

“People experienced for themselves how Greens offer a real alternative to the Conservative and Labour consensus.”

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[Labour manifesto represents a diagnosis of doom for our NHS Greens warn](#)

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Responding to the publication of the Labour Party's Manifesto that promises an "unprecedented slowdown" in NHS finances, Green Party Co-Leader Adrian Ramsay said,

"This Labour Party manifesto is a diagnosis of doom for our NHS and other frontline services.

"After 14 years of mismanagement and underfunding our health service is severely overstretched and crying out for real investment.

"Instead, the Labour Party has today promised investment of just 1.1% increase according to the [Nuffield Trust](#), an "unprecedented slowdown in NHS finances".

He continued, "Greens understand the severity of the crisis the NHS and have a plan to nurse it back to health.

"We are proposing a £50bn investment per year by 2030 alongside an additional £20bn capital investment fund.

"To quote [the IFS](#) "Labour continues in a conspiracy of silence on the difficulties they would face".

"It's time they were honest with the public.

"Our frontline services can't keep limping on without real investment from real tax reform."

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Responding to the launch of Labour's manifesto, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

"Keir Starmer has today promised a change in direction. But he's bound a future Labour government in a fiscal straitjacket which means very little will change. And there's a glaring hole in Labour's budget. Their refusal to increase taxes on the super-rich means they will be forced to resort to more public spending cuts. With our public services already on their knees after 14 years of Conservative government, we can't afford to let this happen.

"Labour is gambling on economic growth but failing to say how wealth will be shared out more fairly. Trickle-down economics will not fix Broken Britain.

"What a contrast to our own manifesto launched yesterday where we pledged a fairer, greener tax system, to raise the funds needed to invest in nursing our NHS back to health, tackle the housing and climate crises and transition to a green economy.

"We would abolish the cruel two-child benefit cap; Labour won't. We'd end tuition fees and bring back grants for higher education; Labour won't. And while Labour say they will hold the door open for the private sector in the NHS, Greens have made a cast-iron guarantee that we will fight privatisation and invest an extra £50bn per year by 2030 into health and social care.

"The launch of Labour's business-as-usual manifesto confirms the urgent need to elect a group of Green MPs to parliament so we can push a Labour government to be bolder and more ambitious."

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Green Party manifesto: <https://greenparty.org.uk/about/our-manifesto/>

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