

Green Party MEPs working for



Sustainable Transport

The Green Party's MEPs have promoted a transport system that serves the needs of local communities without destroying our health or the environment. They have worked to defend publicly owned railways, to fight congestion and to support alternatives to the car. They have worked hard to make the aviation industry pay the true environmental and social costs of flying, to ban night-flights and to halt the expansion of airports in London and the South East.

Caroline Lucas joins RSPB campaigners saying no to an airport on the marshes at Cliffe, North Kent.



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Green Party MEPs – speaking out

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Right: 'Get on your bike!' Caroline Lucas supports a cycling campaign in Brighton.

Below: Jean Lambert joins Green Deputy Mayor Jenny Jones and local Green Party campaigners in supporting Car Free Day in London.



Airports and Aviation

- Caroline Lucas persuaded the European Parliament to back the introduction of new environmental charges and noise restrictions on airlines.
- Caroline Lucas co-hosted two conferences to bring together local anti-airport
 expansion groups, helping them to co-ordinate their campaigns and present a strong
 and unified position: that we need demand management and reduction, rather than
 more airport capacity.
- Caroline Lucas worked with residents' groups opposing the Government's plans for airport expansion in the South East, as well as opposing a new airport on the marshes at Cliffe, North Kent. In response to a question from Caroline, the European's Environment Commissioner wrote to the Government highlighting the need to take full account of the site's special protection under EU law. The plans were abandoned, saving a unique habitat for birds and wildlife.
- The Green Party MEPs alongside Greens on the London Assembly responded to the Government's consultation on its Aviation White Paper. They highlighted the multibillion pound subsidy enjoyed by the aviation industry and demanded that the strategy should ensure that the industry meets the true social, economic and environmental costs of flying.

 Caroline Lucas is leading a campaign for a Europewide ban on night flights.

Transport and Health

 As a member of the European Parliament's Transport Committee Caroline Lucas drafted a report on the impacts of transport on health, calling for health impact assessments of major EU funded transport projects.

Defending Public Railways

- Jean Lambert joined with Greens in the Greater London Authority to fight the privatisation of the London Underground.
- Green Party MEPs voted to oppose Europe-wide passenger rail liberalisation, after the disastrous experiences with the UK's privatised railways.

Traffic Congestion

- Jean Lambert has promoted Europe's Car-Free Day, supporting walking, cycling and public transport in London.
- Jean Lambert has worked with the Green Party's London Assembly members seeking to expand the successful congestion charge and promote it across Europe.
- Jean Lambert has joined London Greens in challenging the proposed Thames Road
 Crossing Bridge, which will mean more noise, pollution and traffic for East Londoners
 and not the transport solutions local residents need.

