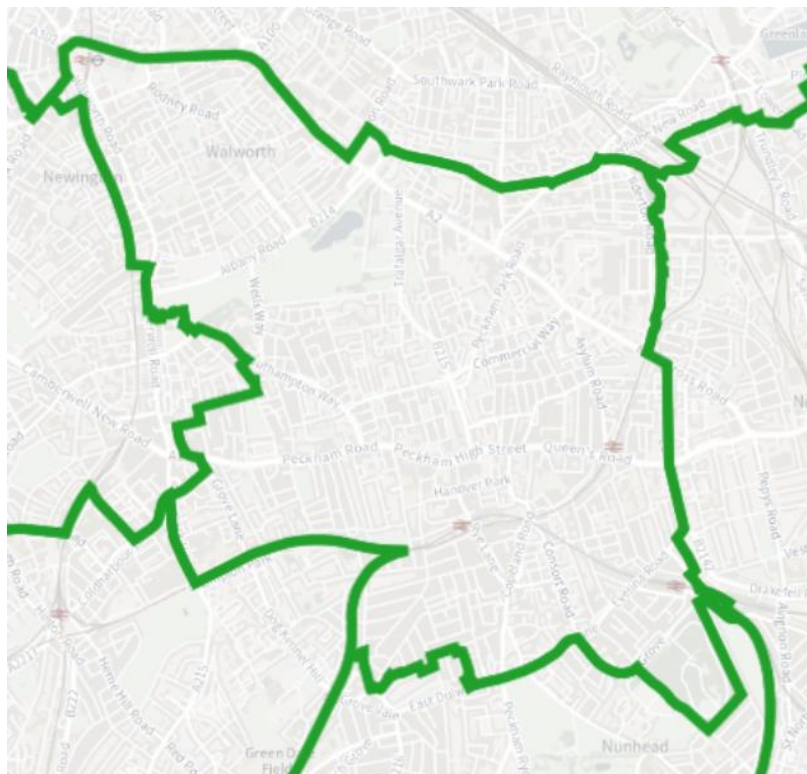


**Peckham:
Constituency Profile**



GEOGRAPHY

The constituency of Peckham is wholly within the London Borough of Southwark. It contains four main population centres: Walworth in the North, with parts of Camberwell in the South West, Peckham in the centre and Nunhead in the South East. The constituency's boundaries were redrawn in 2023, replacing the previous Camberwell and Peckham constituency.

Its location within South East London means that around 1 in 7 residents are employed in human health and social work, with King's College Hospital, one of London's largest teaching hospitals, and the Maudsley Hospital being major employers in the constituency. The constituency also has the highest population of social housing (over 50%) of any parliamentary constituency in the UK.

POLITICAL PROFILE

The existing constituency, Camberwell and Peckham is represented by Harriet Harman, elected as a Labour MP in 1982. Harman is a former cabinet minister who served in the New Labour government and is the incumbent Mother of the House of Commons, having the longest service of any female MP.

In December 2021, Harman announced she would be standing down at the next general election, and Labour selected Miatta Fahnbulleh as their Parliamentary Candidate in November 2022.

The constituency has a strong Labour history, with incumbent MP Harriet Harman continually re-elected since 1982. All of the councillors elected in the constituency are Labour.

The seat was in closer contention between Labour and the Liberal Democrats between 2001 and 2010, with the Liberal Democrats achieving their highest vote share in the constituency (22.4%) in 2010. In elections since 2017, the Liberal Democrats have come 3rd in the constituency; but in achieving a 9% vote share in 2019 the party came close to recovering second place. In the 2016 referendum the constituency was estimated to have recorded an 85% vote for Remain. Green issues are attracting increased focus in the south of the constituency, where the Green Party campaigns strongly in Nunhead.

The new boundary of the constituency has seen the constituency shrink geographically, gaining more of Walworth in the North from Bermondsey & Old Southwark with areas to the South West (Camberwell Green and Champion Hill) moving to other constituencies.

Southwark Council is currently run by Labour, who hold 52 of 63 seats. The Liberal Democrats form the official opposition with the other 11 seats, all of which are within Bermondsey and Old Southwark. Historically, there have been liberals in the area since the 1800s. More recently, the SDP and then Liberal Democrats have won council seats since 1983 and were in control of Southwark Council from 2002 to 2010. Labour won control in 2010 and have retained it since.

The constituency sits within the Greater London region, and there are interactions with the Mayor of London, including transport, police, fire, and ambulance, as well as legal impacts through business and housing policy.

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

Peckham – like the rest of Southwark – is a very diverse constituency. Many families have lived in the area for decades, but the demographic has evolved dramatically in the last 30 years. The average population age is mid-30s, whilst the dominant population age group is between 20-35.

Southwark has the largest African population in the country and the 2nd largest LGBTQ+ community. According to the ONS 2021 Census data, 34.4% of Peckham's population are black of African and Afro-Caribbean heritage, and West African communities are particularly deep-rooted in the area. Additionally, more than two-fifths of residents (42.5%) were born outside of the UK.

The socio-economic dynamic is, as with most of inner London, mixed, but the shortage of social housing exerts severe pressures for the younger generations in long term resident families. Southwark Council has a housing waiting list of around 16,000. There are large numbers of private renters and, as across inner London, the rising cost of housing is a major issue.

Over recent decades the constituency has also been seen as an affordable option for those seeking to buy and settle long term, particularly young families – so education, training and youth services provision are important issues and the electorate is notably less transient than in the north of Southwark. However, the area has recently experienced strikingly high rates of property price inflation that threaten to put the current social mix under pressure.

KEY LOCAL ISSUES

- Housing
- Crime and anti-social behaviour
- Environment (air pollution and climate change)
- Public transport

WHAT WE ARE LOOKING FOR

We are looking for a candidate who can appeal to a range of voters across Peckham's diverse communities, both long-term residents and younger families and renters. Our party's liberal and pro-European outlook, and concern for social and environmental issues could have significant local appeal, particularly in the current national climate.

The local Labour Party is strong, well-funded and supported by many activists from surrounding boroughs, which are safe Labour seats and councils. However, there is great potential for an active and committed candidate to develop this seat, improve our vote share and also help to build the base for progress in subsequent local elections through a longer term commitment to the constituency.

You will be supported by a strong local party with a positive, determined and radical attitude towards campaigning and winning. Southwark has one of the largest groups of Lib Dem councillors in inner London. We have an ambitious yet achievable strategy for developing the constituency and seek a committed candidate to help us get there.

PREVIOUS ELECTION RESULTS

General election 2019: Camberwell and Peckham^{[8][9][10]}

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Labour	Harriet Harman	40,258	71.3	-6.5
Conservative	Peter Quentin	6,478	11.5	-1.3
Liberal Democrats	Julia Ogiehor	5,087	9.0	+3.1
Green	Claire Sheppard	3,501	6.2	+3.4
Brexit Party	Claude Cass-Horne	1,041	1.8	<i>New</i>
Workers Revolutionary	Joshua Ogunleye	127	0.2	0.0
Majority		33,780	59.8	-5.2
Turnout		56,492	63.4	-3.7
Registered electors		89,042		
Labour hold		Swing	-2.6	

General election 2017: Camberwell and Peckham^{[11][12][13]}

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Labour	Harriet Harman	44,665	77.8	+14.5
Conservative	Ben Spencer	7,349	12.8	-0.4
Liberal Democrats	Michael Bukola	3,413	5.9	+0.9
Green	Eleanor Margolies	1,627	2.8	-7.3
CPA	Ray Towey	227	0.4	<i>New</i>
Workers Revolutionary	Sellu Aminata	131	0.2	<i>New</i>
Majority		37,316	65.0	+14.9
Turnout		57,412	67.1	+4.8
Registered electors		85,613		
Labour hold		Swing	+7.5	

General election 2015: Camberwell and Peckham^[14]

Party	Candidate	Votes	%	±%
Labour	Harriet Harman	32,614	63.3	+4.1
Conservative	Naomi Newstead	6,790	13.2	+0.2
Green	Amelia Womack	5,187	10.1	+7.2
Liberal Democrats	Yahaya Kiyingi	2,580	5.0	-17.4
UKIP	David Kurten	2,413	4.7	<i>New</i>
All People's Party	Prem Goyal	829	1.6	<i>New</i>
NHA	Rebecca Fox	466	0.9	<i>New</i>
TUSC	Nick Wrack	292	0.6	<i>New</i>
CISTA	Alex Robertson	197	0.4	<i>New</i>
Workers Revolutionary	Joshua Ogunleye	107	0.2	-0.3
Whig	Felicity Anscomb	86	0.2	<i>New</i>
Majority		25,824	50.1	+11.3
Turnout		51,561	62.3	+3.0
Registered electors		82,746		
Labour hold		Swing	+2.0	