

Redbridge Matters Statement

Date: Friday, 24 May 2024

Earlier this week, we learned that Parliament will be dissolved on 30th May to allow the General Election (GE) to be held on 4th July 2024.

Considering the above, Redbridge Matters is pleased to confirm that we now have endorsed Noor Jahan Begum as the Prospective Independent Parliamentary Candidate for Ilford South, and we fully support her independent campaign.

Noor Jahan was selected back in April by an Independent Selection Panel, considering her track record as a vocal advocate for human rights and social justice. She serves as a Senior Commissioner of Health and Social Care Services; Noor has worked in the community as a Magistrate. Her activism comprises raising awareness of hate crime, islamophobia, tackling knife crime, anti-poverty, civic participation and community cohesion.

We, therefore, believe that Noor Jahan Begum would be an excellent Independent candidate and a Member of Parliament for Ilford South, if elected on 4th July.

Redbridge Matters is a community action group formed by local Redbridge residents. We are not a political party but we aspire to provide residents an alternative collective political voice and a platform to come together. Redbridge Matters exists because our local and national representatives have failed to represent the local people of Redbridge and not addressed our concerns. We aim to challenge the political status quo and empower our communities to bring about positive change.

In this context, we sincerely hope that an Independent Parliamentary Candidate for Ilford South will provide an alternative choice to voters against the established political parties to bring a real political change.

We therefore ask friends, colleagues and neighbours to extend their support to Noor Jahan Begum for the best interests of our diverse community here in Ilford South.

We wish Noor Jahan Begum and her campaign team all the best and success leading up the Election on 4th July 2024!

Thank you.

Executive Committee, **Redbridge Matters**