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TOGETHER WE CAN

HAMMERSMITH & CHISWICK

My Story

Born in Kabul, Afghanistan and raised amidst the vibrant culture of the United Kingdom, I am Eraj, a proud Londoner and with my wife and young daughter we have called Chiswick home for the past decade.

As a young boy immigrating to a new country, I absorbed invaluable lessons in resilience, the power of hard work, and the importance of community. The blend of experiences that have shaped my life since childhood has made me a passionate and vocal proponent of personal and civil liberties, fairness, tolerance, and the democratic process.

I embarked on my educational journey at Warwick University, where I pursued a degree in economics. Later, I was honoured to be awarded a scholarship to further my studies at Warwick Business School, where I earned my MBA. These academic pursuits equipped me with a solid foundation in economics and business, setting the stage for my professional endeavours.

The combination of my educational background and my professional experiences in finance has given me an in-depth understanding of how important small and local businesses are to the health of our economy and I am determined to use my knowledge and skills to become a voice for the small, local, ethical and sustainable businesses.

I am guided by a strong sense of purpose and a commitment to creating a more equitable and inclusive future for all. My life experiences, education, and professional background have positioned me to serve as a dedicated and effective advocate for the values that define our society.



I am acutely aware of the pressing issues facing our constituency and our nation at large

Pressing local and national issues

- Pervasive challenges across the NHS, from strain on our local hospital, Charing Cross and Hammersmith Hospitals, to long waiting times at the GP surgeries.
- Four-years long closure of Hammersmith Bridge which has disrupted communities, caused severe delays for emergency services and has created congestion and pollution.
- The distant dream of affordable housing for many young people, contrasting with the proliferation of mega-luxury apartments in Chiswick, Hammersmith and across London.
- Using immigrants and refugees as scapegoats for governments failures and exploitation of people's concern regarding immigration.

We can overcome the above challenges by ensuring government delivers on their failed promise to modernise our hospitals and fill over 100K vacancies across the NHS by training and hiring more healthcare professionals.

By being a forceful voice for the local community in the parliament, we can ensure the end of the dithering over who is responsible for the repair of Hammersmith Bridge and actually get the works underway.

Immigration is a huge challenge. But we must shift from fear-mongering and demonization toward a positive and constructive discussion on addressing this complex issue while recognizing immigrants' invaluable contributions to all aspects of our society.

Global imperatives

Globally, we must immediately build closer ties with the EU, the largest global market at our doorstep. Secure the economic position of the UK by inspiring and helping our young people to realise their ambitions and potential. Business sector has struggled since Brexit and has lost many 1000s of jobs to other global capitals, a trend that will only get worse if we don't act now. Furthermore, we need to invest in the latest technological innovations and offer high quality technological training to our workforce to make the UK an economic leader once again, ready to face the challenges of the modern global economy.

These issues demand our immediate attention and dedicated action, and as your MP, they will be the main focus of my tireless efforts.

My Commitment to the Liberal Democrats runs deep

Over the past six years

- Played significant roles in both European election and last general election.
- I was a member of the executive committee and treasurer of the local party.
- My unwavering commitment led to my selection as the Election Agent for the 2019 Lib Dem Prospective Parliamentary Candidate
- Collaborating with an exceptional group of local Lib Dems, we tirelessly knocked on thousands of doors, distributed tens of thousands of leaflets, and connected with voters on the streets of Hounslow including Chiswick.

My involvements have allowed me to understand the concerns and aspirations of constituents and, in turn, to passionately advocate for the values and policies of the Liberal Democrats. Working closely with a dedicated team, we achieved incredible results, increasing our share of local votes to 12.5%—a remarkable 150% increase. My journey with the Liberal Democrats has been marked by dedication, hard work, and a profound belief in the positive change we can bring to our community and our nation.

This journey has been immensely enriching, affording me invaluable insights into what is important to constituents and reaffirming my unwavering dedication to delivering on what is important to them. My experiences with Liberal Democrats have further solidified my commitment to championing the ideals of liberalism, social justice, and progress that the Liberal Democrats stand for.

The incredible group of Chiswick-based activists will be the cornerstone of my campaign efforts; they are ready to roll up their sleeves and once again deliver exceptional results and win. I deeply believe that **TOGETHER WE CAN.**

