

# Local people need to have their say – Greens react to prospect of postponed elections

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Reacting to prospect of [local elections in May 2026 being postponed](#), Green Party peer Jenny Jones said:

“This is Labour playing the get out of jail free card. As their support around the country tanks, this invitation from the minister to avoid the ballot box next May offers Labour-run councils an opportunity to avoid meltdown at the polls. It would also prop up tired and stale Conservative administrations.

“Local people need to have their say in who they believe is best placed to tackle local issues in their communities.

“The Electoral Commission has [said](#) that extending existing mandates risks affecting the legitimacy of local decision making and damaging public confidence. We agree – democracy is too important to be considered a distraction.

“Greens are raring to go – indeed our candidates and local campaign teams are already out knocking on doors, speaking to residents and delivering newsletters. We’re gearing up to win many more seats across England in May.”

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