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Zack Polanski responds to Andy Burnham being blocked from standing in upcoming by-election

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Responding to the news that [the Labour Party have blocked Andy Burnham from standing in the upcoming by-election in Gorton and Denton](#), Zack Polanski said,

"I've said for many months now that we're not here to be disappointed with Labour, but to replace them. As days pass and Labour seemingly finds new ways

to disappoint people, I remain focused on growing the Green Party. At the upcoming by-election in Gorton and Denton, it's become clear that the Greens are the only progressive party capable of taking on and beating Reform. We already have activists on the ground, and we welcome any friends in Labour to support our campaign to keep Reform out of Manchester's politics. Let's go!"

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