



Liberal Democrats for Seekers of Sanctuary

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President Lord Roger Roberts of Llandudno

WHEN THE FINAL DECISION IS MADE

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN LEAVE TO REMAIN.

Currently, an asylum seeker who has been given leave to remain, and so is a refugee, has to leave the property they are living in, and their support is ended, in 28 days. By the time they are notified, it is often less than 28 days.

In that very short timescale they have to find housing, and either apply for benefits or find a job – of if they can only find a very low paid job, both.

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WOULD :

Increase the timescale for them to find their own accommodation after receiving a decision from 28 days to 60 days, and remove the time limit entirely for vulnerable people.

REFUSAL

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WOULD :

- Allow asylum seekers who are appealing a refusal of their initial claim, in the first instance, to continue to live and participate in their communities whilst the appeal process is either successful or exhausted. If they reach the end of the appeal process and have been unsuccessful they will be given a departure date. .
- Ensure children are able to access education and all seekers of sanctuary can access health care during the application process and, if necessary, after they have been refused.

This means that people will be able to stay in the community until they have either achieved lawful status or there is an agreed departure date and the ability to remove them.

Only at that point would they be detained. (see our new policies on detention

<http://libdemfocus.co.uk/ld4sos/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2018/10/Immigration-Detention-Sep-2018.pdf>)

- Have a UK equivalent of the US DREAM Act, by which individuals can apply for conditional resident status if they can show that they entered the country before the age of 16, have lived in the UK for 5 years, have attended a UK school and have no serious criminal record.

REMOVAL

At the end of all the processes, when people have been dealt with justly, fairly, and with compassion, they have to be removed from the country

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS WOULD :

- I only do so with humanity, and follow the National Independent Commission on Enforced Removals recommendations on how removals should take place.
- Seek to keep families together.
- Allow people to exhaust appeals in-country.
- Secure safe destinations for people to go to.