

SIMON HUGHES LAUNCHES HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN AT UPTOWN OIL

MP for North Southwark and Bermondsey, Simon Hughes launched his campaign vehicles for his 2010 re-election campaign at Southwark firm Uptown Oil on 7th April. Simon is using locally sourced vehicles powered by locally sourced fuels to move around the constituency during his campaign. A long time Fairway owner, Simon has upgraded to a newer LTI TXII for his campaign. The taxi was resprayed and delivered on 6th April by Ascott Cabs.

The cab, which has been painted in Liberal Democrat orange for the campaign, will be powered by locally sourced biofuels provided by Uptown Oil of Southwark. Uptown Oil produces biodiesel from waste vegetable oil collected from businesses around London. Biodiesel produced from waste is one of the most environmentally sustainable transport fuels available and uses oil that might otherwise be disposed of. Uptown Oil is based in the constituency and supplies fuels to hundreds of cabbies from across London.

When not in his cab, Simon will be travelling around on another London icon, a Brompton

folding bike, supplied by local company ‘on your bike’ – of course also painted yellow. Simon is a long time cyclist, after he gave up his last cab two years ago, Simon has cycled, walked or used public transport around the constituency. Commenting on the launch of his new taxi Simon Hughes MP said: “For nearly two years I have



been doing all I can to help the planet by not driving my old taxi cab and walking, cycling or using public transport to travel around Southwark. But by popular demand I have now obtained a new Simon taxi. And with the help of the local firm Uptown Oil I have the most environmentally sustainable fuel as well.

“I will be proud to show off my new cab and my new bike around the community. I couldn’t have wished for a better start on two wheels and on four to the general election campaign which starts officially next week.”

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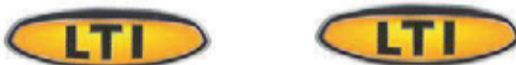
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