



**Rt Hon Caroline Flint, MP**  
**Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government**

**(Labour, Don Valley)**

*Majority 8,598*

**Born** 20<sup>th</sup> September, 1961  
**Educated** Twickenham Girls School  
Richmond Tertiary College  
University of East Anglia  
**Married** Phil Cole (1 son, 1 daughter, 1 step-son) (dissolved)

**Political Career**

1997- Member of Parliament for Don Valley  
1997-1999 Member, Education and Employment Select Committee  
2001- Member Administration Committee  
2001-2002 PPS to Peter Hain as Minister of State Foreign and Commonwealth Office, then at the Department of Trade and Industry  
2002-2003 PPS to John Reid as Minister without Portfolio, then leader of the House of Commons  
2003 Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Home Office  
2005- 2007 Minister of State, Department of Health  
2007 – 2008 Minister of State for Employment and Welfare Reform  
2008 Minister for Housing  
2008 -2009 Minister for Europe at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office  
2010 - Shadow Secretary for State, Communities and Local Government

As Housing Minister, she oversaw: a £1billion housing package, new shared ownership and shared equity schemes to help first time buyers and a mortgage rescue scheme. She also shortlisted 15 locations for future eco-towns - the future of low carbon living in Britain.

**Other**

1983-1985 National Women's Officer, Labour Students  
1984-1985 Executive member, Labour Co-ordinating Committee  
1984-1985 Management trainee, GLC/ILEA  
1985-1987 Policy officer, ILEA  
1988-1989 Head of Women's unit, National Union of Students  
1989-1991 Equal opportunities officer, Lambeth Council  
1991-1993 Welfare and Staff development officer, Lambeth Council

1991-1995 Chair, Brentford and Isleworth Constituency Labour Party  
1994-1997 Senior researcher / political officer, GMB Trade Union

**Special Interests**

Employment, education and training, childcare, welfare to work, family friendly employments, crime, anti-social behaviour, House of Commons modernisation.

**Recreations**

Cinema, tennis, family and friends.

*8<sup>th</sup> October 2010*