



# Environment Manifesto



**General Election 2017**



# Introduction



Everything we do depends on the environment.



The natural world is needed for:

- Everything we make



- Our food



- The air that we breathe



People can have enough money and enough food without damaging the environment.



But right now we are destroying the environment quicker than it can repair itself.



Britain has a beautiful natural environment. But it is being damaged by:

- The wrong sort of farming



- Climate change

Building in the wrong places and too much pollution.



Many types of insect, animals, birds and plants are likely to disappear from Britain altogether.



We know that our pollution is causing the world to get warmer. This is already leading to a change in our weather. This is likely to get worse if we don't change how we do things.



This mini manifesto explains what the Green Party would do to help the environment.

# Help our natural environment



## Brexit

The green party would make sure that we will carry on with the European laws that protect the environment when we leave the European Union (EU).

## Environmental Protection Act

We would bring in a new law which:

- Protects the natural environment and oceans
- Makes certain people responsible for:
  - Checking that people keep to the new law
  - Telling parliament how well the environment is being protected
- Give special protection to wild countryside and green areas in the cities
- Says that everyone has the right to be able to use healthy and safe green spaces



## Clean our air



40,000 people die early each year partly because of air pollution.

We would create a new law to:

- Set up areas which must have clean air
- Remove diesel cars from our roads
- Spend more money making cycling and walking safer for people



## Climate Change

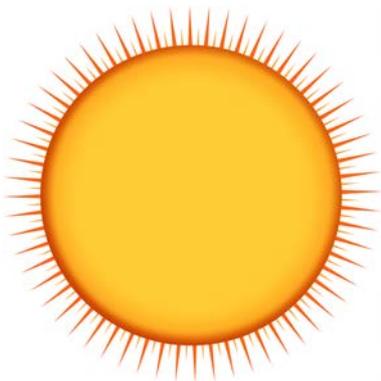
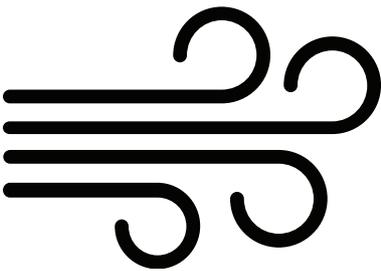
We can't stop the climate changing altogether so we would spend money to protect communities from flooding.

We would:

- Build flood defences
- Plant trees in higher areas to soak up heavy rainfall.



# Energy



Most of our electricity has been made by burning coal and gas. The pollution from this is one of the big causes of climate change.

The Green Party would:

- Keep as much coal and gas as possible in the ground where it can't harm the environment
- Create more power in ways that does not harm the environment like:
  - Creating energy from wind
  - Creating energy from the sun
  - Creating energy from the tides
- Create a new centre that will help people look for new ways to do things without damaging the environment
- Save £37billion by ending the risky plans to build nuclear power stations

## A fair energy system

Gas and electricity is controlled by six big companies who have been charging us too much for our energy.

The Green Party would:

- End the way the big companies run our energy supply
- Encourage local communities and local councils to set up their own local energy and heating projects
- Help local communities to be involved in how energy is made and run.
- Change the way that people pay for energy so that:
  - People who only use a small amount pay less than people who use a lot
  - People are not cut off if they can't afford to pay
  - No-one needs to have a pre-payment meter
- Make 9 million homes warm by insulating them which will:
  - Mean 2 million people can afford to keep their homes warm
  - Create hundreds of thousands of jobs for local people



# Farming and fishing



The wrong sort of farming and fishing have been bad for the natural world.



This is partly because big companies have taken over many farms using too many big machines and chemicals.



We think that our soil is now so bad that we will only be able to grow food for another 100 years.



Some fishing boats have taken so many fish out of our seas that certain types of fish are not there any more.

The Green Party would:



- Help farmers to grow food in a way that helps the soil to recover



- Help family farmers to grow good quality food and support local village communities

## Protecting our oceans

We would:



- Set up areas of the sea around Britain that are protected from fishing and pollution



- Make sure that only a reasonable amount of fish are caught.

## Stop throwing away plastic

16 million plastic bottles a day are sent to the tip or thrown in rivers or seas.



Plastic just stays there causing a problem for the future.



The Green Party would get people to reuse and refill bottles.

# For more information



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