

Green Party reaction to Autumn Budget: Papering over the cracks

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Reacting to the Autumn Budget statement delivered by the chancellor Rachel Reeves today, Green Party Treasury spokesperson, Adrian Ramsay MP, said:

“Instead of delivering a transformational Budget to tax extreme wealth fairly and tackle the cost-of-living crisis, this Labour Government has once again chosen to paper over the cracks – with half-measures that won’t do enough to fix the deep-rooted problems in our economy that are keeping ordinary people in poverty while the super-rich get richer.

“The Chancellor spoke about asking everyone to make a contribution, but it is frankly inexcusable that she has made the political choice to squeeze households already struggling with the cost of essentials, whilst letting multimillionaires and billionaires off the hook.

“It is indefensible that the Chancellor is cutting vital home insulation funding, one of the best ways to lower bills.

“And whilst scrapping the cruel two-child benefit cap will be a huge relief to families across the country, it is unforgivable that it has taken 18 months for the Chancellor to acknowledge the terrible harm and distress this cap has caused to so many families. Far more action is needed to end the scandal of child poverty.”

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Green Party budget demands [here](#).

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Greens react to proposals to scrap jury trials

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Reacting to proposals from the Justice Secretary, David Lammy, to [massively restrict the right to a jury trial](#), Green MP Siân Berry said:

“This is yet another assault on our rights from an increasingly authoritarian government. This proposal would scrap a fundamental cornerstone of our justice system which has been in place for 800 years.

“For David Lammy to describe the right to trial by jury as ‘not a right’ is a disgrace. The Government must fund our justice system properly – not make people pay for Labour and Conservative austerity with their fundamental rights. The Green Party will fight these proposals all the way.”

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[Greens slam ‘ridiculous and costly plan’ for Heathrow](#)

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Responding to news that [the government is backing Heathrow’s £49 billion proposal that will require the M25 to be moved](#), Green MP Siân Berry said:

“This Government is so pathetically in the pocket of Heathrow bosses and the most wealthy frequent flyers, that it will support this ridiculous and costly plan for expansion, despite the miserable disruption it will cause to everyone else’s daily lives.

“These plans will trash our vital climate targets, and meanwhile cause misery on the roads, all for the benefit of the very richest people.

“This Labour Government must fix its twisted priorities, ditch the aviation obsession, and invest its effort instead in a real green future with high-paid green jobs, warmer homes, and cheaper bills.”

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[COP30 deal falls way short – morally, economically, environmentally and](#)

scientifically, say Greens

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Reacting to the final COP30 deal in Belém, Brazil, which [made do direct reference to the fossil fuels responsible for creating the climate crisis](#), Green MP Ellie Chowns, said:

“Today’s deal falls way short of what this moment demands – morally, economically, environmentally and scientifically.

“Burning the fossil fuels to which we already have access will result in breaching the 1.5 degrees of warming limit in the Paris Agreement so it’s deeply shocking that world leaders have squandered this critical opportunity to end the fossil fuel era.

“Banning vested interests from the COP process is long overdue and there cannot be another round of climate talks where they’re allowed to exert so much power and influence. And when tasked with delivering on a climate finance deal that’s fit for purpose for those countries that have done least to cause the climate crisis, the richest governments have shown scandalous neglect for their responsibilities, with no new money on the table for adaptation for example.

“The UK’s claims to climate leadership lay in tatters – from Labour’s refusal to finance global forest protection to reports that they’ve been actively blocking ambitious progress on a just transition. The public remains strongly behind bold and hopeful climate action – they need to be heard. And young people, global majorities, indigenous peoples and others at the front line of this crisis need to be front and centre in order to get a liveable future back on track.”

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Former Labour MP Lloyd Russell-Moyle joins the Green Party of England and Wales

Lloyd Russell-Moyle, former MP for Brighton Kemptown & Peacehaven from 2017-2024, has today joined the Green Party of England and Wales. Russell-Moyle served as the Labour MP for the constituency – which neighbours

longstanding Green seat Brighton Pavillion – from 2017-2024.

He was not permitted to stand as Labour's candidate for the seat in the 2024 General Election following a 'vexatious and politically motivated' complaint which many saw as a deliberate move by Labour's leadership to remove the leftwing MP. Chris Ward, a longstanding Starmer ally, was imposed as the Labour Party's candidate against the wishes of many local members.

Russell-Moyle joins the Green Party at a time where the party's membership and popularity are surging. Since the election of Zack Polanski as leader just ten weeks ago, the party has seen its membership increase by nearly 100,000 and has skyrocketed in popularity, now consistently the second party in national voting intention polls.

Lloyd Russell-Moyle was a prominent figure on the left of the Labour party. He is a longstanding advocate for the people of Palestine, a vocal advocate for the rights of trans and non-binary people, and a committed environmental activist.

Lloyd has also resigned from the national executive of the Socialist Education Association and is a former member of the Socialist Campaign Group.

The Green Party of England and Wales will be selecting candidates for the 2029 General Election in summer 2026. All selections are decided by a ballot of local party members.

Quotes

Lloyd Russell-Moyle said 'For almost ten years I worked alongside Caroline [Lucas] as the MP next door. My old party has left behind millions of people who want hope and want to see change in their lives, their communities and the world around them. In the Greens I see a party that is offering that. In the Greens I see a party I have worked with for years and I am making the jump to join them today, I urge others to do so too.'

Zack Polanski, leader of the Green Party of England and Wales said 'I am delighted to welcome Lloyd to the party today. Lloyd will bring a huge amount to the Green Party. His story is one that is all too familiar; abandoned in the interest of power and profit over people and principles. Lloyd and tens of thousands like him have not left the Labour party; the Labour party has left them. Today the Green Party has over 150,000 members and is polling second to Reform. The Greens are the home of progressive politics, and we're making hope normal again'

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