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Reacting to news that the government has given the go-ahead for [the expansion of London City airport](#), deputy leader of the Green Party, Zack Polanski, said:

“This decision flies in the face of action to cut emissions. A government that fails to tackle emissions from transport fails to take serious climate action.

“Expanding London City airport puts the interests of a small wealthy elite over the wellbeing of local people and the climate. This airport operates low-efficiency planes on routes where rail is a feasible alternative.

“Prioritising clean, affordable train travel over polluting air travel is a no-brainer, but Labour have demonstrated they just don’t get it.”

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[Government support for nature-friendly farming pays off says Adrian Ramsay](#)

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Reacting to a new Natural England report that found [nature-friendly farming schemes have boosted biodiversity](#), co-leader of the Green Party Adrian Ramsay MP said:

“The UK is [one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world](#) and we urgently need to address the enormous risk that habitat and biodiversity loss poses to our future.

“Most farmers want to do the right thing for nature and this report clearly shows that Government support for nature-friendly farming pays off. Now we need to see more of it.

“Farmers have told me they need reassurance, certainty, and easier access to funding for nature-friendly farming, so it is very disappointing that the Labour Government has so far [refused to commit to maintaining the current level of support payments](#).

“I urge the Government to show leadership and not only commit to maintaining the current level of funding, but to listen to the many calls, including from the RSPB, National Trust and The Wildlife Trusts, for [a massive increase in nature-friendly farming support](#).

“We do not have to have an ‘either-or’ between nature restoration and food production; with more leadership from the Government, we can achieve both.”

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[Violent disorder is fascism say Greens](#)

Commenting on the street violence affecting communities across England, Green MP Siân Berry said:

“What we are witnessing on our streets is fascist violence fueled by racism and Islamophobia. Only by naming it and understanding clearly what it is can we work to defeat it.

“The rise of the far right and fascism has been fueled by toxic and divisive rhetoric from some in the previous government [1] We must demand better from our new government, and I hope that ministers will now step up and deliver.

“It is also important to ask what the police and security services have been doing to monitor the far right over the past decade. We have to question if a focus on monitoring Muslim citizens and climate protesters has allowed the far more sinister menace of fascism to ferment.

“We need to bring those responsible for instigating the violence to justice, but this won’t be enough to defeat an ideology which uses organised political violence to undermine our society, divide communities and compromise the state and its institutions, including the judiciary and the police.

“The engine that drives fascism is racism, so ministers need to speak up now with one voice to celebrate and defend our Muslim citizens and their place in our diverse society. The Government also needs urgently to create real new investment in supporting community cohesion.

“As Greens we stand in solidarity with our Muslim citizens, with people seeking asylum in the UK, and every community that’s been targeted, attacked or threatened by this racist violence. We commend those in the areas targeted who have united peacefully against this hate, and support community leaders and individuals who are working to bring communities together in the face of attempts to inflame divisions.”

Notes

[1] Dame Sara Khan, who worked as Rishi Sunak’s independent adviser for social cohesion, has accused politicians of using inflammatory language which has given a green light to those holding racist views: [Conservatives left UK wide open to far-right violence, says former adviser | UK security and counter-terrorism | The Guardian](#)

Other examples of divisive rhetoric fueling the far right and racism:

Former Home Secretary [Suella Braverman said](#) ‘The truth is that the Islamists, the extremists and the anti-Semites are in charge now.’

During the election Reform Party leader [Nigel Farage said](#) there are “a growing number of young people in this country who do not subscribe to British values, in fact loathe much of what we stand for”, when asked about Conservative plans to bring in national service for 18-year-olds. Asked during that interview on Sky News if he was referring to Muslims, Farage said: “We are.”

Former Labour MP [Jonathan Ashworth said](#) migrants are “put up in hotels and they can stay in these hotels for the rest of their lives”

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[Green Party statement on Southport Rioting](#)

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Amanda Onwuemene, Green Party Spokesperson for Policing and Domestic Safety said: “The far right is using disinformation around the horrific murders of children in Southport to do what it always does: spread hatred and fear.

“The attacks on a mosque and police by fascist thugs yesterday are an appalling violation of a community that has already suffered a devastating blow.

“The Green Party condemns this violence and stands in solidarity with the

people of Southport against those who seek to divide it.”

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[Green Party statement on Labour housing reforms](#)

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Responding to Labour’s plans to build more homes, Adrian Ramsay, Co-Leader of the Green Party, said: “We are in a housing crisis that leaves many without the basic security of a safe and warm home”.

“This crisis though is an affordability crisis.

“There are a million empty homes, and a million homes that planners have allowed but developers haven’t built – too often in order keep prices high.

“Meanwhile, we have over a million households on council waiting lists and more than 130,000 children are growing up in temporary accommodation.

“This is why Labour’s plan to hand more power and profits to private developers is flawed.

“Where is the incentive for private developers to build the affordable and accessible homes needed?

“Instead, we will get large executive houses on greenfield sites or luxury city flats.

“Planning reform is a distraction from Labour’s failure to step up and fund the real answers to the housing crisis, including large-scale investment in truly affordable, sustainable council housing.”

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