

# Green Party: Government should stop blaming migrants for public service crisis and focus on taxing wealthy



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The Green Party has called on the Government to stop blaming migrants for the crises facing public services and focus on making the wealthiest people in society pay their fair share instead.

The party made the call in response to news the public accounts committee has said HMRC is failing to stop rich tax dodgers.

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader, said:

“While the Government blames migrants and benefit claimants for the problems our country faces from housing to the NHS, it gives special treatment to tax avoiders.

“If we made sure rich tax dodgers paid their fair share there would be more money to support vital services and build the homes we need. Wealth inequality in Britain has soared on the Tories’ watch. We need action to tackle the tax avoidance industry as well as a wealth tax on the top earners if we are to redress the balance.”

Notes:

1. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/business-38764923>

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## It is deeply depressing that the Tories have chosen to take money away from schools like this – Angela Rayner

**Angela Rayner MP, Labour’s Shadow Education Secretary**, commenting on reports that the Treasury has taken back £384 million originally promised for

schools in England, said:

"It is astonishing that the Treasury is now clawing money back from the Education budget at the same time as schools spending is being drastically cut.

"There is no better investment a government can make than in education and it is deeply depressing that the Tories have chosen to take money away from schools like this.

"Theresa May needs to answer some serious questions on what this money is now going to be used for if not to help ease the pressure on struggling schools."

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## **This latest report from the PAC shows how the Tories have run a rigged economy – John McDonnell**

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**McDonnell MP, Labour's Shadow Chancellor**, commenting on the Public Affairs Committee (PAC)

report on HMRC's tax collection efforts from high net worth individuals, which

shows that the very wealthy are receiving preferential treatment, said:

"This latest report from the PAC shows how the Tories have run a rigged economy

where the super-rich pay less and less in tax while earnings for average working households are still below their level of a decade ago. It's a national

disgrace that the amount lost in tax from a super-rich elite under the Tories would be enough to help end the crisis in social care.

"Labour will call time on the super-rich tax-dodgers and give HMRC the legal and staff resources it needs to close the tax avoidance loopholes and scams. We'll stop the Tories using the excuse of Brexit to turn Britain into a tax haven off the coast of Europe, and build an economy that leaves no-one and no community behind."

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# Temporary Traffic Order – Nethergate



From the City Council :

## **THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14(1)**

**THE DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL AS TRAFFIC AUTHORITY** being satisfied that traffic on the road should be prohibited by reason of water service works being carried out **HEREBY PROHIBIT** the driving of any vehicle in Nethergate (from its junction with West Marketgait to its junction with South Tay Street), Dundee.

**This notice comes into effect on Sunday 29th January 2017 for one day.**

**Pedestrian thoroughfare will be maintained.**

**Access to premises will be maintained where possible**

**Alternative routes for vehicles are available via West Marketgait/Hawkhill/Hunter Street/Old Hawkhill/South Tay Street and reverse**

**For further information contact 433168.**

**Director of City Development  
Dundee City Council**

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# China on alert against firework crime

Chinese police are on alert for firework crimes and violations.

A statement by the Ministry of Public Security on Thursday said that the ministry has ordered police nationwide to intensify checks of illegal production, sales, transport and storage of fireworks and firecrackers.

Chinese people traditionally set off fireworks and firecrackers during the Spring Festival, China's lunar New Year.

The ministry statement said that police nationwide have dealt with 203

pyrotechnic cases since December and a total of 419 suspects have been taken into custody.

The statement also advised the public to reduce the use of fireworks for safety and environmental reasons.