

Caroline Lucas: Gove unfit to be environment secretary



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The Green Party has responded to Theresa May's appointment of Michael Gove as Environment Secretary.

Caroline Lucas MP, co-leader of the Green Party, said:

"It is hard to think of many politicians as ill equipped for the role of environment secretary as Michael Gove. His record of voting against measures to halt climate change and his attempt to wipe the subject from our children's curriculum show him entirely unfit to lead our country in tackling one of the greatest threats we face. And as we enter Brexit negotiations, Gove's past suggestion we scrap vital EU environmental protections becomes ever more concerning.

"This appointment is further evidence of both Theresa May's complete disregard for the environment and her desperation to hold together a Government in chaos."

Notes:

1. https://www.theyworkforyou.com/mp/11858/michael_gove/surrey_heath/votes#environment
2. <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2013/jul/05/michael-gove-climate-change-geography-curriculum>
3. <http://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/politics/brexit-eu-regulations-michael-gove-environment-drugs-a7649041.html>

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