

# Green Party reaction to Rwanda plan vote: cruelty and inhumanity as a tool of public policy



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As parliament prepares for important votes on government plans to enable the deportation of refugees to Rwanda [1], the Green Party has issued a clear statement that refugees should be welcomed.

Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

“The Green Party stands in stark opposition to the political leaders and MPs in parliament who are competing with each other to be inhumane to refugees.

“We need a system that welcomes refugees through clear, open, safe and legal routes, that offers quick and efficient determinations and support for resettlement into local communities with properly funded local services.”

“Instead of creating an asylum system that works, the government is deliberately making it chaotic and inaccessible to put people off using their right to seek asylum.

“The Rwanda plans are cruelty and inhumanity being used as a tool of public policy. This cannot be allowed to go unchallenged.

“Everyone deserves to be treated in a way that is fair and humane. This new legislation will remove fundamental legal protections designed to protect us all from the arbitrary power of the state.”

## **Notes**

1. [Safety of Rwanda \(Asylum and Immigration\) Bill 2023-24 – House of Commons Library \(parliament.uk\)](#)

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