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Responding to the Leader of the Conservative Party, Kemi Badenoch’s keynote conference speech, Green Party Leader Zack Polanski said,

“Kemi, whilst struggling for any last semblance of relevance, feels like she’s talking in a completely different time and place. She was speaking to the room, not listening to the nation. While she got rounds of applause from men in suits sitting in front of her, she still sounds painfully out of touch with those dressed and ready to work for this country.

“You can’t preach about a ‘strong economy’ while protecting the wealth of billionaires and underfunding the nurses, teachers and carers who keep this country going. When she says “work is the best way out of poverty”, she shows her ignorance of the millions of Brits who are earning poverty wages, not enough to live on, let alone thrive. She has shown herself to be completely ignorant of the crumbling frontline services that millions rely on. It’s as if she hasn’t spoken to the millions of people who are working full-time but are unable to pay their bills.

The Conservatives would instead have you believe it’s the borders that are causing people to be unable to pay their bills. This is a lie. And the truth is simple. Our borders are being used as a distraction. If the government taxed the super-rich and the extreme wealth properly, we could rebuild our NHS, invest in green jobs and give everyone the security they deserve. Britain doesn’t need another lecture from the out-of-touch rich. It needs leadership with courage and compassion. That’s how we can give Britain hope again.”

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