

# Co-leader calls for climate resilience to be put on a statutory footing

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Reacting to the [Met Office's State of the Climate Report](#), published today, co-leader of the Green Party, Adrian Ramsay MP, has called on the Prime Minister to put climate resilience on a statutory footing. He said:

"England is facing its driest start to a year in my lifetime. Extreme weather is becoming the norm, and we are nowhere near prepared to protect our citizens. Our climate is fuelling extreme weather, and that is having direct and urgent consequences in the here and now.

He continued: "We had the warmest spring on record, and we are in the middle of this summer's third heatwave. The last three years have been among the top five warmest on record. The Government has not adequately prepared our infrastructure to protect our citizens."

"The Government must outline the steps they are taking to prepare for the increasing threat of extreme temperatures. This is not just about this summer, it's about how we adapt as the climate crisis continues to escalate."

"We need to safeguard the public from this rising climate threat. That is why the Prime Minister must put climate resilience on a statutory footing, requiring local councils and major infrastructure providers to carry out climate risk assessments for all projects."

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## Government urged to extend democratic voting system

10 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Green MP and co-leader Adrian Ramsay responded to the government bringing back supplementary voting for combined authority 'metro' mayors, the Greater London Authority mayor, elected council mayors, across England; and Police and Crime Commissioners across England and Wales.

"I look forward to the government now extending more democratic voting to

General Elections and council elections as well.

“This change in systems is welcome for Mayoral contests because it ensures voters can express their preferences and the outcome will better reflect people’s views.

“We now need the government to wake up to the need to reform the General Election voting system, and the system for electing councillors.

“We have a deeply undemocratic first-past-the-post system for General Elections, particularly now the tired, old two-party system has fractured.

“That voting system also needs to change or we could once again find ourselves with a party with a majority of seats in Parliament won on a shrinking minority of votes.

“We need every vote to count and for the public to feel that they have a real say in how the country is governed.”

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## [Greens call for safe and managed routes for asylum seekers](#)

10 July 2025 / 10 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the new Anglo-French deal on small-boat crossings, Carla Denyer, Green Party Co-Leader, said:

“The only way to stop people making dangerous journeys across the channel is to introduce safe and managed routes for people to seek asylum in the UK. Anything else – including the impractical and unrealistic deal announced today – is a distraction.

“While our governments use migration as a political football, more people will lose their lives in the Channel fleeing violence, war or oppression because the only way for them to reach the UK is by putting their lives in the hands of people smugglers.

“Earlier this year a committee of MPs published a detailed analysis of how to improve the UK’s refugee and asylum policy, and recommended sensible measures including improving family reunion, restoring the resettlement scheme, and introducing a pilot refugee visa.

“Instead of scrambling to appear tough on migration with flawed scheme after

flawed scheme, it's time for the UK government to get practical about tackling small boat crossings, and urgently set up safe and managed routes for people to seek asylum in the UK."

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## [Greens react to Rachel Reeves support for taxes on wealth](#)

9 July 2025 / 9 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Reacting to revelations in the Telegraph that [Rachel Reeves supported at least five taxes on wealth while a back bencher](#), co-leader of the Green Party, Adrian Ramsay MP, said:

"A former leader of her party backs it, so too do several unions. But it now turns out that Rachel Reeves herself backed wealth taxes – including equalising capital gains and income tax and reforming inheritance tax – while a back bencher.

"The chancellor needs to listen to the resounding cries for the introduction of taxes on wealth, including from the public – [a new YouGov poll shows 75% are in favour of a 2% tax on wealth above £10 million](#). Rachel Reeves also needs to listen to Rachel Reeves, as it is clear that she, like the Green Party, has long championed the idea of taxing wealth fairly."

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## [One year on: Labour 'haemorrhaging' support to the Greens over Gaza and welfare cuts](#)

Labour is 'haemorrhaging' support to the Greens over its failure to oppose the Israeli government's genocide in Gaza and its plans to slash support for disabled people.

The Green Party is now polling consistently around 10%, a 43% increase from their 2024 vote share that saw them gain a record vote count of close to two million, while [polling this week](#) shows that 2024 Labour voters are more likely to say they would now vote for the Greens than for Reform. Among young people, 30% of under-30s now say they will vote Green compared to just 25% saying they will vote Labour.

Greens point to their consistently principled approach to issues such as Gaza, disability benefits, and the climate crisis as key reasons why they are winning support from Labour in droves.

“A year into this Labour government, all voters have seen from them is disappointment, failure and capitulation,” said Adrian Ramsay MP, Co-Leader of The Green Party. “From failing to take decisive action to prevent the Israeli government’s genocide in Gaza to cruel cuts to support for disabled people – all across the country, people are feeling that the Labour party they voted for has abandoned them.

“That’s playing out in the support we’re seeing coming from Labour to the Greens, and the u-turns we’ve seen from Starmer over winter fuel payments and welfare cuts show that he knows he risks losing not just votes but seats to the Greens at the next election.”

Carla Denyer, MP for Bristol Central and Co-Leader of the Green Party, said:

“After a litany of broken promises, it’s no surprise that Labour are haemorrhaging support to the Greens. Labour promised to make life better for people, but instead they kept the two-child benefit cap and stripped winter fuel payments from pensioners. They promised to tackle the climate crisis, but they’ve given the go-ahead to climate-wrecking airport expansion. They promised to end the housing crisis, but they’ve given developers a blank cheque to bulldoze nature to build luxury homes while failing to build the social housing we need.”

Denyer continued, “Meanwhile, voters have seen the Greens consistently standing up for the values that they hold dear: protecting the planet for future generations, opposing genocide, and supporting the most vulnerable in society.”

The Green MPs point to a series of successes over the past 12 months, including:

- Leading the opposition to the government’s welfare cuts which led to an 11<sup>th</sup> hour climbdown
- Helped to win the reversal of winter fuel cuts and expansion of free school meals
- Raising the alarm about the Israeli government’s genocide in Gaza
- Successfully pushing for solar panels to be put on all new homes
- Putting pressure on government to make it easier for councils to crack

down on rogue landlords, leading to a change in the rules.

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