

# Greens set out alternative to welfare cuts to tackle poverty and give dignity to Disabled people

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As the Government struggles to get its welfare reforms through parliament, Green Party MPs have produced a report detailing an alternative approach. They say that the case for “delaying the proposed changes in order to get change right is compelling” and are urging MPs to vote down the reforms later today.

Amongst the proposals Green MPs recommend are:

- Withdrawing the Universal Credit and Personal Independence Payment Bill
- Increasing all disability benefits by 5 per cent and Universal Credit and legacy benefits by £40 a week
- Working with Disabled people to co-produce a social security system that is fair, humane and accessible – and which joins up the support for Disabled people to help with additional costs
- Developing interventions that are genuinely good value, lift people up and take an evidence-based approach to supporting people into work
- Learning from the OBR’s assessment and equality impact assessments so any changes deliver on the stated objectives and do not push people into deeper poverty.

Green MP Siân Berry said:

“The Government’s process of bringing forward proposals for change has been marked by chaos. Decision making has been irresponsible, leaving disabled people feeling uncertain and anxious – even terrified. Their voices have not been front and centre of the debate about how to build a better social security system and the proposed changes represent a serious threat to Disabled people’s quality of life, dignity and equality.

“Equalising capital gains tax with income tax would not only help raise funds for welfare payments but also be fairer as currently working disabled people on PIP are paying higher rates of tax on their income than wealthy people living off share dividends.

“Change can be done right if it’s done with Disabled people rather than to them. We urge all MPs to vote against the welfare cuts tonight – let’s work together to create something more compassionate that lifts everyone up and supports the wellbeing of Disabled people.”

## **Note**

The [Lifting Up report](#) from the Green MPs was their submission to the

[‘Pathways to Work Green Paper’](#) consultation which closed on 30th June 2025.

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## [Labour welfare rebels should “stand firm in the face of this inadequate offer”](#)

27 June 2025 / 27 June 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the government’s [proposed changes to disability benefits](#), Green Party MP, Sian Berry said,

“The responsibility is now with other Labour MPs to stand firm in the face of this inadequate offer. Political pressure means a reprieve for some who were set to be cruelly harmed, but this will leave Disabled people, young people and those who will become sick and injured in the future, high and dry. The Prime Minister should withdraw the Bill, take some considerable time to consult with Disabled people and come back with something humane and workable.”

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## [NATO summit has left us all more exposed](#)

25 June 2025 / 25 June 2025 by [Green Party](#)

**Reacting to the close of the NATO Summit, Green Party MP Ellie Chowns said:**

“NATO leaders have fawned over a bullying, bellicose US President and agreed to a long-term doubling of arms spending that will come at the cost of cuts in vital health and public services across member states.

“The NATO summit has left us all more exposed to the threat of nuclear war and failed to offer people across the world a strategic vision of a more

peaceful world.

“Here in the UK, the Labour government has already slashed aid for the most vulnerable around the world to make way for increased arms spending and next week will try to force through cuts to disability support to pay for more.

“We do not need new US-controlled fighter jets to carry US-controlled nuclear weapons paid for by UK taxpayers that will make the world a more dangerous place.

“The UK government should be leading efforts to reduce and eliminate nuclear arsenals, not paying for the US to base more of them here.

“There is a choice to be made between welfare and warfare.

“Genuine security means making sure the most vulnerable have the support needed for a decent life and we all have a government focussed on tackling the biggest long-term threats to human security – climate breakdown, global inequality, pandemics.

“Real security is built on social, economic, and environmental resilience, not more nuclear weapons.

“Green MPs will be opposing the government’s welfare cuts next week and offering a real alternative that puts people’s welfare and the planet’s future first.”

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## [Make polluters pay to bring down bills, Greens say](#)

25 June 2025 / 24 June 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the Climate Change Committee’s latest report, co-leader Carla Denyer MP said:

“Last year fossil fuel giants Shell and BP made a total of [£26 billion](#) in profit – while ordinary people struggle every day to pay their energy bills, and the climate crisis takes its toll on communities across the UK.

“The Climate Change Committee’s latest report shows some movement in the right direction towards trying to keep us all safe, but the truth is we’re not moving nearly fast enough. Stalling progress means we all have higher bills in cold and leaky homes, while wildfires, extreme heat and flooding put

lives and livelihoods at risk. The best time for action was years ago – the next best time is now.

“We need urgent action to bring down the cost of electricity more widely, to reduce household bills and keep us all safe from the growing threat from the climate crisis. Instead of handing fossil fuel giants a licence to keep profiting from climate destruction, or wasting money on slow and expensive nuclear projects, now is the time for a national push to roll out energy efficiency, heat pumps, solar panels and battery storage for our homes.

“Crucially, it’s time for the government to stop throwing money at the fossil fuel industry and instead make big polluters like Shell and BP pay up. Currently the government subsidises the fossil fuel industry to the tune of a staggering [£17.5 billion](#) per year – it’s time to pull the plug and put that money into lowering bills instead.”

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## [Greens denounce “Britannia Card” as Reform UK’s latest wheeze to prop up the super wealthy](#)

23 June 2025 / 23 June 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Reacting to [Reform UK’s plans for a “Britannia Card”](#) which would offer wealthy foreigners and returning British expats a bespoke tax regime in exchange for a one-off payment of £250,000 – with all funds collected redistributed to Britain’s lowest-paid workers – Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay MP said:

“Nigel Farage’s latest wheeze to prop up the super wealthy, dressed up as helping the poorest, would result in an [estimated loss of a whopping £34bn to the Treasury](#). Rather than enabling the super-rich to buy their way out of paying UK tax, the Green Party would tax investment income as equivalent to earned income and introduce a wealth tax based on assets. This is the way to fix our public services to benefit everyone.

“This is another reminder that Reform UK is a Party run by multi-millionaires out to look after their own and with net zero interest in the rest of us. There’s nothing patriotic about a “Britannia card” that would let the ultra-wealthy avoid paying taxes and contributing to society.”

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