

ICJ ruling leaves UK with duty to speed up green transition

23 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Reacting to the International Criminal Court's [first-ever ruling on climate change](#), co-leader of the Green Party, Carla Denyer MP, said:

"In a landmark ruling today the ICJ has made clear that failure to take decisive action to protect the climate, through continued fossil fuel production and consumption and granting fossil fuel exploration licences, can be considered as acting 'wrongfully'. This means the UK has a legal duty to speed up the transition towards a cleaner, greener economy and block any new licences for the extraction of fossil fuels.

"The ruling also made clear that human rights must be at the heart of climate action because climate breakdown affects our rights to health, homes, and livelihoods.

"The court has recognised that rich countries like the UK, responsible for ongoing and historic pollution, have a special responsibility to act, and to offer compensation to countries and communities already suffering from floods, droughts, and rising sea levels.

"Today's ruling should be the moment we draw a line. Governments that fail to act and polluters that refuse to clean up their act must no longer be allowed to harm communities either at home or across the globe with impunity."

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Reaction to Sizewell C deal: too expensive, too slow

22 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Commenting on news that the Government has [struck a deal with private investors to progress the Sizewell C nuclear power plant](#) in Suffolk – a deal in which the government will have a 45% stake – co-leader of the Green Party and Waveney Valley MP, Adrian Ramsay, said:

"The tax-payer will pick up nearly half of the estimated £38bn bill for

Sizewell C but see not a single watt of electricity from it for at least a decade. Bill-payers will also have to stump up the cash for this plant through an increase in their energy bills by around £12 a year.

“New nuclear is a vastly more expensive way to produce electricity than renewables, with electricity from Sizewell C [estimated to cost around £170 per megawatt hour](#) compared to offshore wind at around £89/MWh. Hinkley C has also shown how the costs of developing nuclear power plants mushroom and are beset by endless delays.

“The billions of our money being squandered on this nuclear gamble would be far better spent on insulating and retrofitting millions of homes, which would bring down energy bills and keep people warm in winter and cool in summer. We should also be investing in genuinely green power such as fitting millions of solar panels to roofs, and in innovative technologies like tidal power. All this would create [many more jobs than nuclear ever will](#) and deliver clean electricity much more quickly.”

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[Green Party reaction to water review](#)

21 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the [Jon Cunliffe review into the water sector in England and Wales](#) which calls for Ofwat to be replaced by a single regulatory body, co-leader of the Green Party, Adrian Ramsay MP, said:

“Expecting a different form of regulation to fix the water industry is, frankly, rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic. Not only that but the majority of the public are going to be expected to pay more in bills, as we watch the industry continue to sink under the failed model of privatisation.

“The government deliberately left out the option of public ownership from the review, but that’s the only real way to get the water industry to clean up its act, end millions being siphoned off for huge CEO salaries and shareholder dividends and instead see this money invested into ending sewage dumping and fixing leaks.”

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Reform is showing themselves to be the political voice of the vested interests of big oil and corporate profit.

18 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the news that Reform Mayor, Andrea Jenkyns told Times Radio that she doesn't believe in climate change ([transcript](#)), Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay MP, said,

"If Reform ever had a mask, it has now well and truly slipped. Her comments suggest she hasn't got the slightest grasp of climate science, but it's worse than that. Let's not forget [Reform is bankrolled by fossil fuel interests, climate deniers, and major polluters, taking in £2.3 million since the 2019 election](#). Reform are showing themselves to be the political voice of the vested interests of big oil and corporate profit."

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Giving 16 and 17-year-olds the vote is a long-overdue step towards a stronger, more inclusive democracy say Greens

17 July 2025 by [Green Party](#)

Responding to the government's announced [plans to give votes to 16 and 17 year olds](#), Green Party MP, Ellie Chowns said:

"On this one, Labour have got it right. Giving 16- and 17-year-olds the vote is a long-overdue step towards a stronger, more inclusive democracy. Young people have powerful voices and a vital stake in decisions about their future – it's only right that they have a say at the ballot box.

But if Labour are serious about renewing our democracy, this must be just the beginning. We need to go further – that means scrapping the undemocratic

House of Lords, and finally delivering proportional representation so that every vote counts.”

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