## <u>Afghans Data breach 'shocking and horrifying' say Greens</u>

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Reacting to news that thousands of Afghans have moved to the UK under a secret scheme which was set up <u>after a British official inadvertently leaked their data</u>, Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire and Green Party spokesperson for foreign affairs, said:

"It is nothing short of horrifying that a British security breach exposed the personal details of thousands of Afghans who risked everything to stand alongside our forces, leaving them and their families exposed to persecution, torture, or worse at the hands of the Taliban.

"It's truly shocking that proper data protection practices were not in place to prevent such a dangerous event. And though the government has assured Parliament that action has been taken to prevent such a leak from happening again, this does not negate the great danger posed to thousands through sheer carelessness.

"This breach should never have happened. Yet, in the face of this appalling mistake, it is absolutely right that the government acted decisively to bring those exposed to safety in the UK. These courageous people stood by us at great personal peril and put their trust in the government to not expose them to more risk; the UK owes them nothing less than safe refuge and a chance to rebuild their lives in security and dignity in Britain."

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# Greens react to chancellor's plans to place financial services at the heart of government's growth agenda

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Reacting to plans by Rachel Reeves to place financial services at the heart of the government's growth agenda by softening up regulations on banks and reintroducing greater risk-taking into the financial system, co-leader of the Green Party Adrian Ramsay MP, said:

"If in their desperation to achieve growth, the government is willing to set up the conditions for another disastrous financial crash, then we need to question whether growth should be the be-all and end-all of economic policy.

"For Greens the focus will always be on improving health and wellbeing, creating greater equality and building a greener economy. And designing economic policy as a means to those ends."

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

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Reacting to the <u>Met Office's State of the Climate Report</u>, 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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#### <u>Government urged to extend democratic</u> <u>voting system</u>

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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### <u>Greens call for safe and managed</u> <u>routes for asylum seekers</u>

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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