Reaction to Sizewell C deal: too expensive, too slow

22 July 2025 by Green Party

Commenting on news that the Government has <u>struck a deal with private</u> <u>investors to progress the Sizewell C nuclear power plant</u> 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 <u>estimated to cost around £170</u> <u>per megawatt hour</u> 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 bringing 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 <u>Jon Cunliffe review into the water sector in England and Wales</u> which calls for Ofwat to be replaced by a single regulatory body, coleader 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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<u>Giving 16 and 17-year-olds the vote is</u> <u>a long-overdue step towards a</u>

stronger, more inclusive democracy say Greens

17 July 2025 by Green Party

Responding to the government's announced <u>plans to give votes to 16 and 17 year olds</u>, 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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<u>Afghans Data breach 'shocking and horrifying' say Greens</u>

15 July 2025 / 15 July 2025 by Green Party

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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