

[Green Party Leader responds to Keir Starmer's speech at the Global Progress Action Summit](#)

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Responding to Keir Starmer's [speech at the Global Progress Action Summit in London](#), which argued Britain has been 'squeamish' about illegal immigration, Green Party Leader, Zack Polanski said,

"Keir Starmer today said this country has been too 'squeamish' about talking about immigration. Let's call that for what it is: bullshit. The truth is, politicians have talked about little else for decades and almost always in the most toxic, dehumanising way possible. These comments are lapped up and regurgitated on a near-daily basis as talking points without any real balance.

That phrase "stop the boats" is all we hear. Well, today I am saying "stop the bullshit".

It's time to be honest. It's what we deserve. Immigration is not the crisis. The NHS is not crumbling because of tiny numbers of desperate people clinging on to small boats. The crisis is a political class too cowardly to tackle the actual huge issues of poverty, housing, and low pay. Too eager to distract us by pointing the finger at people who come here to contribute to our communities and our economy."

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["A second runway at Gatwick is a disaster" say Greens](#)

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Responding to the [news](#) that Transport Secretary Heidi Alexander has approved plans for a second runway at London Gatwick Airport, Green Party Leader, Zack Polanski, said:

"Signing off on a second runway at Gatwick is a disaster. It ignores basic climate science and risks undermining efforts to tackle the climate crisis.

Labour keeps wheeling out the same nonsense about growth, but at what cost? What this really means is more pollution, more noise for local communities, and no real economic benefit. Expanding Gatwick is a tired, 20th-century answer to a 21st-century crisis. Labour's obsession with 'growth at all costs' is driving us deeper into a climate breakdown and social inequality crisis."

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["Palestinian lives have been treated as bargaining chips" say Greens as recognition of a Palestinian state nears](#)

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Responding to [reports](#) that Sir Keir Starmer is expected to announce the UK's recognition of a Palestinian state in a statement on Sunday afternoon, Green Party MP, Ellie Chowns, said:

"I welcome the UK's long-overdue recognition of the state of Palestine – a vital affirmation of Palestinian dignity and rights after decades of dispossession and suffering. For too long, Palestinian lives have been treated as bargaining chips; I condemn the government's delay in recognising Palestine, and I am appalled at the way Palestinian statehood has been held up behind conditions for the Israeli government to meet, rather than advanced as a matter of principle.

"While recognition is important, there is much, much more that the UK can and must do to take real, concrete action to end the Israeli government's genocide in Gaza. We must deploy every diplomatic, legal, and economic lever to secure an immediate and lasting ceasefire; guarantee unfettered and sustained humanitarian access to Gaza's starving people; ensure the release of every remaining hostage; and insist on clear, time-bound deadlines for the withdrawal of Israeli forces from Gaza. The UK should immediately stop all arms sales and military cooperation, impose tough sanctions on all those responsible for war crimes, and ban imports from illegal settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territories.

"And with the UN commission concluding just last week that Israeli forces are committing genocide in Gaza, the UK must drive impartial investigations into war crimes and support justice mechanisms for victims. Recognition is vital

– but must be accompanied by meaningful UK action to exert pressure to end the genocide, build peace, rebuild lives, and tackle the root injustices that have fuelled this conflict.”

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[State visits are honours – Trump doesn't deserve one, say Green MPs](#)

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In response to Donald Trump's upcoming second state visit to the UK, Dr. Ellie Chowns MP has filed [an Early Day Motion \(EDM\)](#):

“That this House believes that US President Donald Trump does not deserve the honour of a second UK state visit; notes the shadow of convicted paedophile Jeffrey Epstein hangs over the visit; condemns plans for US F-35 military jets to be part of a flypast with the Red Arrows during the visit, because F-35s are used by the extreme-right Israeli Government to commit genocide against civilians in Gaza; applauds those taking part in peaceful protests against this visit and the US President's authoritarian playbook, that includes using the office of President to enrich himself and his family, racism, dehumanising and using cruel and unlawful enforcement tactics against immigrant communities, misogyny, eroding the reproductive health rights of women and girls, banning books, deploying wartime and emergency powers during peacetime, and attacking the US civil service, the judiciary and universities; and calls on the UK Government to show courage and to defend the democratic values and norms under grave attack from the 47th President of the United States.”

The EDM is supported by Carla Denyer MP, Sian Berry MP, Jeremy Corbyn MP, John McDonnell MP, Shockat Adam MP, Brian Leishman MP, and Iqbal Mohammed MP.

Ellie Chowns said: “Donald Trump has used his office to enrich his family, fan the flames of racism and xenophobia, erode reproductive rights, deploy wartime and emergency powers during peacetime, and attack democratic institutions. State visits are honours; Trump doesn't deserve one.”

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[New poll suggests Greens could hold balance of power in Senedd](#)

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The latest Barn Cymru poll suggests the leader of Wales Green Party, Anthony Slaughter, could end up with the casting vote after next May's elections to the Senedd. The poll also suggests a further collapse in Labour's support, registering just 14%, and 11 out of 96 seats, with Plaid Cymru on 38 seats.

Anthony Slaughter, who is predicted to win the new Caerdydd Penarth seat, said:

"This poll shows what we're hearing on the ground, that Labour are in a total collapse and voters are looking for real change, after the lies Keir Starmer told them last year.

"Last month, we saw a taste of this where Greens won a council by-election in Labour's former heartland of Grangetown."

According to a calculator built by academic experts, a 2% swing to the Greens could see the party win 3 seats, and hold the balance of power.

Slaughter continued: "A clear majority of Welsh voters don't want Reform running Wales. The new proportional voting system means people can vote for what they believe in, not for the least worst option.

"By giving Greens the casting vote in the Senedd, voters can rely on us to make fixing the cost of living our number one priority."

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