

Green Party response to Labour's manifesto

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Responding to the launch of Labour's manifesto, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

"Keir Starmer has today promised a change in direction. But he's bound a future Labour government in a fiscal straitjacket which means very little will change. And there's a glaring hole in Labour's budget. Their refusal to increase taxes on the super-rich means they will be forced to resort to more public spending cuts. With our public services already on their knees after 14 years of Conservative government, we can't afford to let this happen.

"Labour is gambling on economic growth but failing to say how wealth will be shared out more fairly. Trickle-down economics will not fix Broken Britain.

"What a contrast to our own manifesto launched yesterday where we pledged a fairer, greener tax system, to raise the funds needed to invest in nursing our NHS back to health, tackle the housing and climate crises and transition to a green economy.

"We would abolish the cruel two-child benefit cap; Labour won't. We'd end tuition fees and bring back grants for higher education; Labour won't. And while Labour say they will hold the door open for the private sector in the NHS, Greens have made a cast-iron guarantee that we will fight privatisation and invest an extra £50bn per year by 2030 into health and social care.

"The launch of Labour's business-as-usual manifesto confirms the urgent need to elect a group of Green MPs to parliament so we can push a Labour government to be bolder and more ambitious."

Notes

Green Party manifesto: <https://greenparty.org.uk/about/our-manifesto/>

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Greens pledge 'Investment to mend broken Britain'

- Green Party to unveil Real Hope Real Change manifesto to invest to mend broken Britain
- Greens to propose fairer tax system to fund investment.
- Investment will focus on tackling housing and climate crises and healing the NHS

The Green Party will today promise real change in a manifesto designed to "invest to mend broken Britain."

A fairer, greener tax system will raise tens of billions of pounds by asking super-rich multimillionaires and billionaires to pay more, equalising the treatment of income from work and wealth, and ensuring top earners pay National Insurance on their higher incomes.

The money raised from the fairer tax system and borrowing to invest will be used for "game-changing" transformation in health, housing, transport and the green economy

The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) has warned the next government will need to either cut public spending or increase taxes. The Green Party will show they are the only party being honest with voters by setting out how public services can be protected through a fairer, greener tax system.

Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay will say: "There is a conspiracy of silence between the main Westminster parties at this election.

"Labour and the Conservatives would rather hide their plans for cuts to public services than confront the need for a fairer tax system that asks those with the broadest shoulders to pay more – including the very wealthiest in society, who have grown even wealthier over the last 14 years.

"If people are to have access to an NHS dentist or a GP appointment, if we are to create warm secure homes for all and fund the green transition to tackle the climate crisis and create the jobs of tomorrow, we must be honest today."

Green Party Co-Leader Carla Denyer will add: "Things can only get worse under Labour unless we dramatically change our tax system to raise money from those with the broadest shoulders.

"Young people, in particular, know just how broken Britain's frontline services are. The economy is not working for them. They have been priced out of the housing market and are struggling to fund their education.

"Now is the moment to be ambitious – not unrealistic – but ambitious. To be clear about the kind of country we want to live in. About how broken our

public services are and the action that's needed to fix them."

The Green manifesto pledges to invest in the next generation through a focus on quality housing, education and transport.

The Green Party will also invest to protect the climate for future generations and to bring nature back to life.

The Green Economic Transition will deliver an unprecedented retrofit programme for homes to make them warmer and cheaper to run.

Green Party Parliamentary Candidate for Brighton Pavilion, Sian Berry, will launch the manifesto in Brighton later today.

Sian will say: "The time for half measures and empty promises is over. Only the Green Party is offering real hope and real change at this election."

The manifesto also details plans to invest to nurse the NHS back to health with extra spending on health and social care rising to over £50bn per year by 2030, and £20bn capital investment to bring crumbling hospitals, primary care buildings and outdated equipment up to modern standards.

Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay, will say today: "Britain's health care is broken. After 14 years of underinvestment, it now needs bold plans to nurse it back to health.

"Greens are proud to be offering more than any other party to invest to nurse our NSH back to health. Greens will be honest about what is needed. By asking those with the broadest shoulders to pay more – including the very wealthiest – we can invest in the frontline service and infrastructure that we all rely on.

"With more Green MPs in Parliament, we will stop Labour backtracking on any more of their promises. We will push them to be braver, to be more ambitious, and to actually do what's necessary to fix our broken country and get us back on track."

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- Overall, we estimate that by the end of the next parliament our personal tax changes could raise between £50 and £70bn per year in 2024 prices. How we will make the tax system fairer:
- **Wealth tax** will be levied on individual taxpayers with assets above £10 million at 1% and assets above £1bn at 2% annually. We estimate less than 1% of households will pay this tax.
- Aligning **capital gains tax** with income tax. In 2021/22 CGT was paid by 395,000 taxpayers which was only 1.23% of all income taxpayers.
- **National Insurance contributions:** The basic 8% rate should be charged on income above the Upper Earnings Limit. The number of taxpayers affected

would be less than 5m.

- Somebody earning £55,000 a year will pay £5.46 a week more in tax or £283.74 a year. 86% of taxpayers earn less than this.
- Somebody earning £65,000 a year will pay just under £17 a week more in tax or £883 a year. 90% of people don't earn this.
- We would equate the rate of **pension tax relief** with the basic rate of income tax, so everybody would only get a tax relief of 20%.
Inheritance tax reform: closing the loopholes used by the super-rich.
- Levying a **carbon tax** at an initial rate of £120 per tonne, rising to a maximum of £500 per tonne of carbon emitted within ten years. It will initially align the different taxes on fossil fuels including: Fuel Duty, Climate Change Levy; payments under the emissions Trading Scheme. It will encourage businesses to decarbonise and be levied at a level that makes decarbonisation the cheaper option.
- We will not impose further increase on the main rates of **corporation tax**. We will advocate for windfall taxes where there is evidence that market distortions are creating risk free additional profits. Initially retaining the levy on energy companies' windfall profits and applying another on Banks following interest rates rises. This could raise £9bn a year by the end of the Parliament.

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Green party response to Sunak speech

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Responding to PM Rishi Sunak's pride in Tory achievements, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

"This Conservative Prime Minister is heading for the exit because he is totally out of touch.

"He claimed: 'I am proud of what's been achieved over the last 14 years', but it is 14 years in which we broke away from our closest neighbors through Brexit, real wages fell, the NHS crumbled, and rivers filled with sewage.

"No Prime Minister so out of touch with the hurt his government has caused so many people can expect to be re-elected.

"So, we will have change on 4 July. The question is will it be the timid, tiny steps offered by Labour or can we achieve the real change the country

needs to heal the NHS, tackle the climate crisis and give people hope that life can be so much better?

“On Wednesday, the Green Party manifesto will offer just such a vision of real change and real hope.”

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More action is needed say Greens as scientists raise the alarm on climate crisis

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Responding to the news that [408 leading climate scientists have demanded more action on the climate emergency](#) in an open letter, Green Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay, said,

“It is time for politicians to sit up and take note. Here we have 408 scholars who have dedicated their careers to understanding the climate crisis demanding not more words, but real action. Their call for an ambitious climate programme aligns closely with how The Green Party sees the role of political and government leadership in transitioning us to a more sustainable and secure future.

For Greens, it’s in our DNA that we will commit to cutting greenhouse gas emissions with urgency, bolster our resilience to unavoidable climate impacts, and lead the global effort in transitioning away from fossil fuels. Equally, we stand ready to implement a credible, legally binding strategy to meet our carbon budgets and achieve net zero. We will accelerate adaptation measures and adhere to the expert advice of the Climate Change Committee.

More than that though we stand in solidarity with those demanding a just and fair transition and see the need for finance to come from the industrial north to those in need to most urgently mitigate and adapt from the impacts of climate change. The time for half measures is over. We need real change and real hope from our politicians that now, more than ever, the climate crisis will be given the focus and funding it deserves.

This, fundamentally, shows why we desperately need more Green MPs elected. To

ensure that these demands are being made inside Westminster as well as by colleagues outside.”

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[Greens to stand in 574 seats in England and Wales](#)



7 June 2024

Carla Denyer, co-leader of the Green Party, said:

“The Green Party is proud to announce that in this election we will have candidates standing in 574 seats in England and Wales.

“All over the country voters will have the opportunity to vote Green and vote for real hope and real change instead of the half measures and broken pledges on offer from The Conservative and Labour.

“We will be putting our manifesto to voters next week with practical solutions to the cost-of-living crisis, building new affordable homes, protecting our NHS from creeping privatisation and cleaning up our toxic rivers and seas.

“If elected, Green MPs will push the next government for bold action to achieve the real changes that are needed to confront the big challenges our country faces.

“This is a historic moment and the first time we’ve had this many candidates. It reflects the incredible journey we’ve been on over the past five local elections in which we’ve increased our number of councillors nearly five-fold.”

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