

UN Secretary General's climate speech: only Greens offer real hope and real change on climate crisis



5 June 2024

Reacting to today's [speech by the UN Secretary General António Guterres](#), Green Party parliamentary candidate for North Herefordshire, Ellie Chowns, said:

"The UN Secretary-General has reiterated today that the climate crisis is here and it's hitting us hard. He made clear that if we are to have a liveable future we need to act with extreme urgency.

"Yet the Conservatives are in denial, being reckless with our future, pushing to extract more fossil fuels. And Labour are tinkering at the margins, ditching their green investment plan and will leave the UK limping towards its climate targets.

"Only the Green Party is offering real hope and real change when it comes to the climate crisis.

"Green MPs will push the next government to stop all new fossil fuel extraction projects, cancel recently issued fossil fuel licences, including Rosebank, one of the largest undeveloped oil and gas fields in the UK.

"They will also press for significant investment in the green economic transformation – something that will be good not just for our environment, but also the economy, creating thousands of new jobs. This investment makes good economic sense as the cost of inaction far outweighs the cost of climate action.

"This is an emergency. We don't have long to act. Only the Green Party are offering the policies for a fairer greener country."

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Snap response to Starmer Vs Sunak debate



4 June 2024

Responding to the head-to-head debate between Sunak and Starmer, Green Party Co-Leader Adrian Ramsay said:

"This election debate needed to be better.

"It would have been better if the other leaders of other political parties were stood alongside challenging the cosy consensus of Starmer's Labour and Sunak's Conservatives.

"Our NHS is creaking, the cost-of-living crisis is hurting us all – and the need to protect our environment has never been greater.

"But all we got from the stage tonight were promises that amounted to little more than fiddling while Rome burns.

"This election should be about our chance, as a country, to express real hope and real change to a different kind of future.

"People clearly want a change from the Conservatives, yet Labour's timid approach just won't deliver the change our country needs.

"That's why we need more Green MPs in the next Parliament – to push the new government to be bolder and take the action needed, to restore our NHS, to build more affordable housing – and to create a healthy environment for us all."

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[Greens slam "dodgy salesman" Farage](#)



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"Nigel Farage is not just a dodgy salesman. He is a crook and a conman.

"He will package his brand of hate filled politics in a way that is populist and that he thinks he can sell to an electorate who are understandably fed up with mainstream politics.

"Frankly though, we're not buying it.

"The latest organisation he latched himself onto, "Reform UK", is another smokescreen. Set up to take money off people without offering them membership like any other established political party.

"Greens can see through these smokescreens and his jovial façade and see the divisive hate that pulsates through his politics.

"His politics belong on the extreme fringes not at the heart of Clacton, let

alone on prime time TV.”

He continued, “Through sheer arrogance, what Farage fails to comprehend is that the great British public can also see him for what he is.

“7 failed election attempts later you would think he would have got the message but evidently not.

“I’m hoping that the good people of Clacton make this very clear to him on July 4th and instead look for a party that is offering real hope and real change.

“The Green candidate Dr Natasha Osben was born and bred in Clacton and I know will put the people of Clacton first, not just use them as a stage on which to stand to boost her own ego.”

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Greens call for real change to deliver energy security



3 June 2024

Responding to Labour’s announcement on energy and security, Green Party co-leader Adrian Ramsay said:

“The road to national energy security must lead to real change – a turn away from fossil fuels and a massive investment in renewable energy generation and energy saving programmes like home insulation delivered through local authorities right across the country.

“Anything less – and Labour is offering much less – will leave people with higher bills and do nothing to solve the climate crisis that is leaving communities up and down the land vulnerable.

“It is Labour’s lack of ambition and refusal to make the real change needed that is leaving us all less secure.

“Compared to Labour’s original commitment to spend £28bn a year on green investment, Labour plans to spend just £8.3bn over the course of the parliament.

“That is nowhere near enough to deliver energy security.

"Labour's targets focus on the electricity supply. However, to achieve net zero we need to see the electrification of home heating. This aim was ditched when Labour cancelled its £28 billion investment pledge."

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Green Party condemns 'tough on immigration' rhetoric



2 June 2024

"Keir Starmer is falling into the same trap that the Conservatives have.

"Stoking division and adopting the anti-migrant rhetoric of Nigel Farage and Natalie Elphicke instead of welcoming the important role people choosing to work in the UK play.

"People coming to live and work in the UK play an invaluable role in our health and care sectors.

"Those who peddle this divisive rhetoric ignore this and instead feed a false narrative that it's migration, not a chronic underinvestment in public services, that are stopping you from getting a GP appointment, a hospital bed, or the surgery you need.

"This is just not true".

He continued,

"Greens in contrast reject this false divisive rhetoric.

"We are offering real hope and real change at this election.

"Only the Greens offer the investment in jobs, infrastructure and public services fit for the future to fix our broken frontline services.

"Voters know that the Greens will never blame people from other countries for the years of underinvestment and economic mismanagement by the Conservative Government."

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