

Green Party react to 'extreme, inhumane' immigration proposals

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Green Party MP, Carla Denyer, has responded to changes to the UK's asylum policy, that would see asylum seekers having to wait 20 years to apply to settle permanently, and be subjected to regular reviews every two-and-a-half years, meaning people could be returned to their home nation if it is deemed safe.

Denyer said:

"This is a new low from this government – plumbing the depths of performative cruelty, in hopes that the public won't notice they have no answers to the real issues facing communities across this country.

"Confiscating the belongings of people fleeing war and violence, and trapping refugees in perpetual limbo, where even those who have been granted asylum would have the constant threat of deportation hanging over their heads, undermining integration and making it impossible to put down roots. These are extreme, inhumane proposals from a desperate and failing government.

"The only way to prevent people making dangerous crossings by small boats is to open safe and managed routes for people to claim asylum in the UK. There are hints Mahmood could introduce such schemes – a sensible government would focus on this workable policy rather than divisive gimmicks."

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Lyons welcomes positive impact of Open Championship

Communities Minister Gordon Lyons has welcomed the positive impact that staging the Open Championship has had on Northern Ireland.

Lyons – achievements at Paris 2024 Games delivering tangible legacy for local sport

The Minister was speaking after he visited Lisburn Cricket Club and Bangor Swimming Club. Lisburn Cricket Club has had its application approved for the next stage in the Olympic Legacy Fund, while Bangor Swimming Club is benefitting from £20,000 awarded to local swimmer Jack McMillan through the Olympic Medallist Fund after his gold medal in Paris.

Minister urges care on the roads as new films capture emergency response to road traffic collisions

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins is urging everyone to take care on the roads ahead of the release of a series of social media videos, which portrays what happens at the scene of a serious crash.

Kimmins announces essential maintenance works on B8 Newry Road, Mayobridge

Infrastructure Minister Liz Kimmins has announced essential safety related maintenance works on the B8 Newry Road in Mayobridge. The works will necessitate a full road closure from 8am Monday 17 November to Friday 28 November 2025 at 5pm from the B8 junction with Aughnagon Road to the junction with Crossan Road.