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AGENDA ITEM 7 – OPEN FORUM – THE COMMITMENT

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**A powerful
reason to act on
the climate and
natural world**

Your mandate from the people of
Leeds

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Showing how much your voters care

What we do

The Commitment works to speed up action on the climate and natural world at all levels of government.

How we are doing it

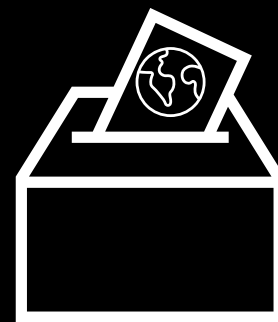
By showing how much voters care, we give you a powerful reason to act on the climate and the natural world.

Who we are

The Commitment operates within Caplor Horizons, a registered charity.

What is a Commitment?

- Voters promise to vote only for the politicians who will take urgent action for the climate and natural world. We do not tell them how to vote.
- They explain why they are doing this (in words, images, video etc).



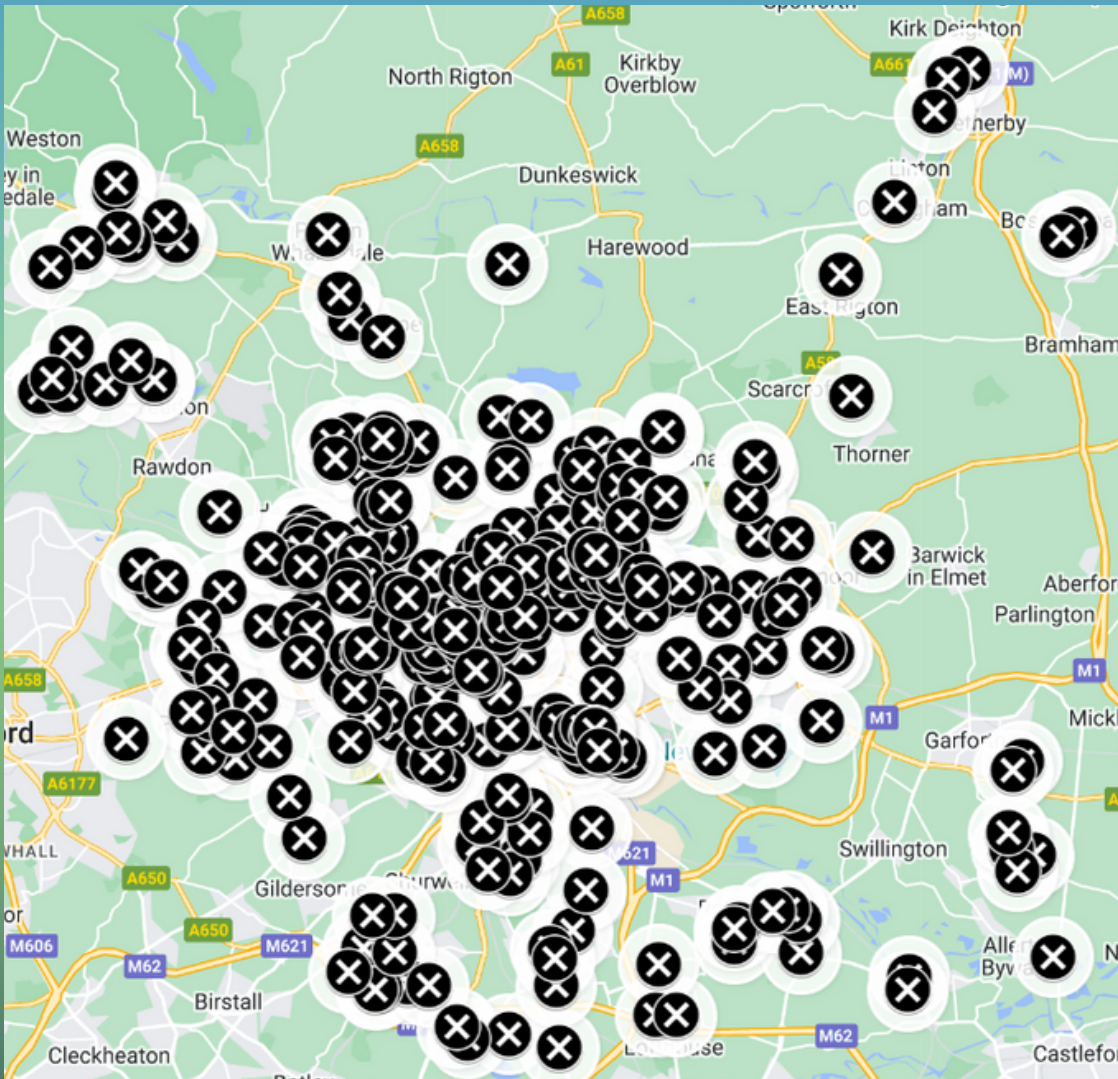
FAQs

- We are a peaceful, positive and collaborative organisation
- We are not aligned with any political party
- We will not tell Committers how to vote, but we will monitor the words and actions of politicians and communicate these to Committers
- We collect demographic data and can share it on request

Leeds

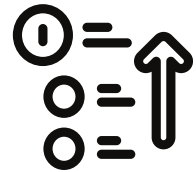
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At all future elections, 338 people in Leeds have promised to vote only for the politicians who work for urgent action on the climate and natural world.



Why does this matter?

Climate change and the environment consistently rank in the top three policy concerns in surveys of the UK public. (IPPR, 2022)



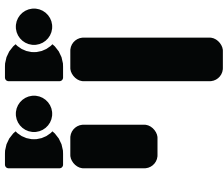
"Each Commitment speaks for maybe 100 people who don't have the time or aren't good with words"

Councillor



Our research indicates that over 95% of Committers honoured their commitment at the last election.

"I looked in detail at the past actions and the current policies of those standing for election rather than focusing on party politics."



77% of the UK public say we must do 'everything necessary, urgently as a response' to the climate emergency (UNDP, 2021)

The Commitment will monitor your progress on climate and biodiversity, communicating your actions back to your voters.

Commitments in

Leeds

Voters have made The Commitment because...

"Climate and nature determines our children's futures. I fear if not enough is done to protect it that my children will never get the opportunity to have their own children. Many people around the world are already dying from extreme climate events. No one is safe from this happening where they live but still it does not seem to be the main priority for governments around the world." Claire

"I want to see climate change top of the political agenda regardless of which party is in government so we need leaders to follow voters demands!" Debbie

"To make sure Leeds is here for many generations to come" Jane

"I am a doctor and I can see the devastation that will occur if we do NOT commit to a healthy planet. We must act now, make hard decisions that make our lives less convenient, and we must educate people as to why this is necessary." Katie



Commitments in

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"Climate, pollution, energy, protecting nature are all the main considerations for me when voting." Rik

"Action on climate change and biodiversity loss is crucial for the safe, future development of our city." Simon

"I want Government and local authorities to implement policies to minimise fossil fuels and move urgently to a green economy"
Sandra



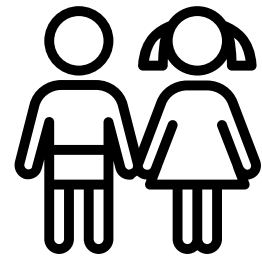
"I want my daughter to have a future" Graham

"We have 2 sons, both with whom I've sat with them - cuddled up, milk, snack - to watch a David Attenborough episode. This is also one of my first childhood memories with my own dad. But it's now becoming pretty obvious that the campaigns and series etc he has done haven't worked. So now I will vote only for politicians who work for urgent action on the climate and nature" Rob

What they care about

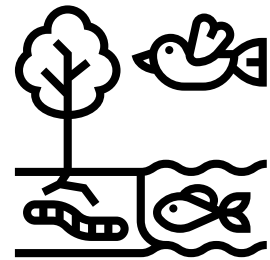
Future generations

Committers overwhelmingly stressed the need to make the planet healthier and fairer for their children and / or grandchildren. There is a clear desire for greater leadership now, to invest in the future.



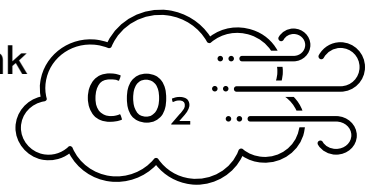
Protecting and restoring nature

Many Commitments focused on the destruction of habitats and the need for better measures to protect nature and prevent biodiversity loss.



Air quality and public health

In Leeds, many Committers wrote about the link between climate and public health, especially with regards to issues of air quality in urban environments.



What can you do?

Future Generations: Resilience to the risks and challenges of the climate emergency is crucial for the wellbeing of future generations. Will you recommend a timely target be set for the publication of the recently approved Climate Resilience and Adaptation Plan?

Nature: Will you support the development or refresh of an appropriate, cross departmental strategy for nature recovery and climate resilience as recommended by the UK Green Building Council in their 'Nature Recovery and Climate Resilience Playbook' for Local Authorities?

Health: Will you recommend that the need to reduce car use be integrated into the local plan? Friends of the Earth suggest that this include measures such as ensuring dense housing development with quality walking & cycling; restricted car parking provision; the provision of transport & delivery hubs to enable the use of cargo bikes and similar for deliveries; and support for climate adaptation measures such as green space and green architecture.

For non-partisan policy advice we can put you in touch with Green Alliance, the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change, the Nature Friendly Farming Network, Climate Emergency UK, and other experts.

Share the news

Suggested tweets:



"Glad to see that 338 people in Leeds are using their vote for a healthy planet. Thanks to everyone who made #TheCommitment_x, your personal messages are inspiring @thecommitment_x."



"338 people in Leeds have made #TheCommitment_x! Great to see their messages; some powerful reminders of why the climate and natural world should be at the top of all our agendas. @thecommitment_x."

With thanks to all those
taking action to move
climate and nature
higher up the policy
agenda

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All Commitments in Leeds

Anthony	My honest opinion is we are a species that have a interconnected and interrelationship with our world and all its creatures, without these we as a species will be unbalanced and will be one of many causes to our own extinction. We need Biodiversity, we need a green and fully functional world, healthy and balanced towards the creatures we depend on.
Rachel	I want to live in a world where people actually recognise we are a part of the ecosystem rather than the current state of affairs where we don't seem to think the same rules apply to us as they do the rest of nature. Where is our consideration for the other beings we share the planet with?
Rob	We have 2 sons, both with whom I've sat with them cuddled up, milk, snack, to watch a David Attenborough episode. This is also one of my first childhood memories with my own dad. But its now becoming pretty obvious that the campaigns and series etc he has done haven't worked.
Claire	Climate and nature determines our children's future. I fear if not enough is done to protect it that my children will never get the opportunity to have their own children. Many people around the world are already dying from extreme weather. No one is safe from this happening where they live but still it does not seem to be the main priority for governments around the world.
Catherine	I want to live in a city which is actively fighting against climate change. I want to see green energy in our homes, a public transport system which is affordable and efficient and carbon neutral neutral and doesn't trash the landscape in it's creation, I want to live in clean air and for the streets to be litter free and I want our politicians to lead on this honestly.
Subi	Because although it feels like we're doing too little far too late, I can't let my legacy be that I didn't even try: my son & all children, & future generations, deserve at least that.
Stephanie	I'm making The Commitment to put the health of our planet at the heart of my vote because we need to protect the environment and prevent further global warming in order to survive as a species. I'm 29 and have always planned to have children, but for the first time recently I questioned whether that was an ethical choice. I'm deeply worried that politicians will continue to make half-hearted attempts to quieten those who care about the planet rather than taking serious action against climate change and that we will run out of time. I never thought I would have to ask myself the questions - will my children have clean air to breathe?? Will they find somewhere to live that's safe from floods and fires??, ?how many more pandemics will global warming lead to?? But here I am. I find it unbelievable that we have such a short amount of time left to bring climate change back under control and yet the most basic things like being able to recycle glass kerbside in Leeds still isn't possible, we still don't have a bottle return scheme which other countries have had for decades, our public transport system is still dire and we're continuing to take funding and instruction from fossil fuel giants. Something drastically needs to change and it needs to change quickly.

Kathleen	I mourn for the accelerating loss of biodiversity worldwide. I grieve for all those lost or made homeless and helpless by more frequent and severe natural disasters. I fear for the future security and wellbeing of my grandchildren and greatgrandchildren and all life on earth. We must act now to save what we have left from further destruction.
Daphne	Our children have the right to breath fresh air, eat when they are hungry, enjoy a green and healthy world and to see animals of every kind roaming and swimming on land and sea.
Debbie	I want to see climate change top of the political agenda regardless of which party is in government and how we can make that happen is via a group like this that puts pressure on leaders to follow voters demands!
Alex	The climate crisis is the most pressing issue for young people.
Rose	I am fed up with the the lack of action by council leaders as well as politicians. Car users seem to come first every time in this city. There are so many wasted opportunities to improve urban green spaces. If you want to keep the city cool in heatwaves like the one we just had. Plant more trees in and around areas that are densely built up. They don't just absorb co2 they create shade and reduce heat absorption of hard surfaces.
Anya	I want to see a new kind of politics that works for the future rather than just for the 5 year political term. Climate change should underpin all political decisions now and into the future. The IPCC is known to be fairly conservative with their predictions of the impacts of climate change (which is necessary to ensure global participation). This makes findings from the special report on the impact of global warming of 1.5°C even more concerning; that we only have 12 (now 10) years to make radical cuts to keep warming at this level and avoid the worst impacts of climate change. As a country we don't just need need to start actually committing to our net-zero target, but we need to ensure resilience to impacts and equity are at the heart of political decisions both nationally and globally. Global challenges such as human displacement, or the pandemic we are in now, will otherwise only get worse.
Simon	I'm terrified about the climate and ecological emergency. I want a liveable future. And I want to tackle the rife inequality across our country and the world
Graham	I want my daughter to have a future

Joanna	This is way beyond urgent. All the other urgent issues we face as a species- war, food, disasters, energy, etc intersect with and are exacerbated by the climate emergency and climate injustice. The way we organise resource use on the planet needs to be transformed. Myopic greed and selfishness, and increasing levels of fear, must not be allowed to ruin all our lives. So I won't vote for anyone who does not actively support the changes we need.
Jane	To make sure Leeds is here for many generations to come
Howard	I can live without a car, foreign holidays, plastics etc. I cant live without a planet that supports life in all its diminishing diversity.
Barrie	I live on planet earth
Patricia	Everyone needs to work together on this
Janet	I want to leave our planet in a safe state for our grandchildren and further generations.
Daniel	Because we all know it's the right thing to do.
Nathan	We need action on the climate now, not later, and that action needs to be driven by our elected representatives.
Jade	We ought to vote for politicians who care for their children's children instead of ones wh'd rather fly our waste out to dump it on poorer countries & continue fracking. We can begin tackling the greed in this state by beginning with consumerism and sustainability initiatives. The alternative isn't the end of the world, it's the end of our species.
Vince	To help create a cleaner and safer environment
Cheryl	I am committed to nature and all that it gives us. We cannot and must not keep destroying what we have, as when it's gone. No one should have to answer to future generations.
Julie	We have only one planet and the greed of man is destroying her.
Nigel	To reduce the damage to our environment.
Zak	It is imperative that we solve these problems ahead of us before it's too late.
Chris	Because the last ice age made sea levels rise by 120 metres and that was from the temperature going up by 5 degrees..as Greta has recently pointed out in the guardian, most western governments aren't even acknowledging or recording anything like the true amount of carbon were releasing...the adults are missing in action...the solutions are there ..just need to have to the courage to have difficult conversations and change the way we do everything..it matters just as much to take on this challenge in personal capacities..no more neo liberals capitalists or neo liberals capitalists in disguise please..
Magdalena	Because I care
Ron	Because I love the world

Jennifer	I want to save part of middleton park. Leeds council are trying to destroy it by signing over to cockburn school to be turned into a plastic football pitch.
Linda	I'm sick of hair brained ideas and council giving away and building on our green space. LYING about planting trees when most of the time its saplings is silly places that nearly all die. Allowing the highways to destroy trees and hedgerows.
Jack	Having studied the earth in depth, it is impossible to ignore the crisis that we find ourselves in the middle of.
Yenifers	We should all prioritise the environment.
Elaine	Because I am concerned about the negative impact we are having on the environment
Lucy	The poor areas really need attention now, rubbish and vandalism ruin any good spots we have in the suburbs. And animals get caught in. And train station tracks and in certain spots in the centre are so dirty and rough now.
Rosanna	Please give a shit, truss v sunak do not care. The north is being blown away, but the climate crisis isn't going anywhere
Mark	We need radical change , stop producing plastic s and stuff that cannot be recycled
Jan	The time is now to make changes to help the planet
Joe	We need to take action before it's too late
Kirk	To ensure we have healthy planet for our grandchildren
Gaynor	I am a member of Yorkshire Magneteers Ltd, we are passionate about removing dumped metal from our waterways improving the ecosystem of the water and removing pollution.
Steve	Because its an innate part of my spirit and I belong to it at the hip
Michelle	We are doomed and will become extinct if we do not protect the ecosystems we rely on to feed us and hold our earth together
Miley	We all need to stand together now, for the greater good of all generations.
Solymosi	I am making this commitment because politicians cannot keep pushing the responsibility of solving the climate emergency on future generations. We cannot go on 'business as usual' thinking that the younger politicians and stakeholders will pick up the slack. We need to act NOW!
Sue	Want a better world for my grandchildren , or even a world .

Emma	Because the future of our planet depends on us making big changes to protect it
George	I don't think I should have to. Clearly the most important issue we face.
Mick	For a brighter future for my children
Peter	Because politics is all about money and power. The planet will die if we don't stop destroying it. Mother nature will lose her patience and cut back at the human irritators very very hard.
Bhavisha	We are part of this earth, we only have one and we need to protect and respect it
Mel	It's getting harder for individuals who are interested in climate change to do much more than they already are. We now need the government, councils and businesses to lead the way.
Anne	I'm sick of the shortsighted attitudes of deceitful politicians and greedy corporations. Without a decent climate there is no world. There is no human race. We need to work not just for today but for tomorrow and all our tomorrows.
Joanna	I'm a horticulturist
Olivia	Because there is no planet B
Hope Sara	I want a future for my daughter and all those who come after us.
Angi	Our future depends on it. No anything on a dead planet.
Karl	I'm fed up of politics as it is now. I will vote only for politicians who work for urgent action on the climate and nature.
Frank	It's our responsibility to leave a legacy for our children that's worth receiving. Stop talking, start doing.
Shirley	i am a committed to Christian and am appalled at the effect people have had on our wildlife, the Third World countries and the indifference of politicians.
Lynn	Not so much for me , im 61 yrs young, but for the future generations to be able to live and breathe, and not have to worry about the decline of our beautiful mother earth. Live long and prosper as a wise man once said.
Hannah	The planet is what sustains us. I must fight to sustain it.
Gillian	Cities may be the last refuge for some plants and animals. We need to make sure our city has clean air and water, trees and pockets of wildness.

Luke	It's clear that the climate emergency should be the number one core priority for every governing body. Without it we will destroy the planet for human habitation.
Monica	I want to see the structural changes and political action needed to address the climate emergency before it's too late
Anya	We all need to do our bit for the planet and we need the help of people in power to make the big changes needed to save the planet from huge rises in temperatures. It's worrying how little the government are doing when they have the means to do so much more
Paula	I exist because of our planet. It deserves respect. It's simple
Chris	Climate change solutions need urgent implementation.
Gary	We need a healthy Earth for our children and grandchildren
Peter	I look at my Grandchildren and I fear for them and their children, as to the world we are leaving them.
Rachel	I believe climate change is the most important issue. We only have one chance to get it right and the existing government is not doing enough
Emma	Because we only have 1 home
Lainie	Born and bred in Leeds and want I to see Leeds become eco friendly.
Anthony	I am a local environmentalist.
Emily	It is our childrens future! BIG changes need to be made no matter how many people will not like them. We either change or our future generations will not have a world to live in.
David	We all have to fight for a planet for all and redistribute our wealth to benefit the many not the few.
Antony	Education and ethnicity shouldn't matter we all want the same thing
Sara	I want to make sure that there is a planet for future generations and see if politicians are invested in climate change or just as corrupted by companies as they seem
Lisa	So wrong with regards to the river and environment
Anna	I want to make a difference and help stop global warming and destructive climate change which will and already has affected the whole planet.

Joan	For the future generations
David	Our votes are our power. We must use them wisely.
Sandy	We have a climate emergency and rapid decline of wildlife. I will only vote for a party who will address this crisis.
Jonathan	Politicians have ignored the evidence for more than twenty years. It's time they woke up and take every action necessary to reverse climate change.
Helen	The climate emergency is the biggest threat to life on earth.
Elsbeth	We can't continue to ignore the reality of climate change, and wildlife habitat crisis
Ange	Because we only have one planet.
Julie	Because we need to act. This is too important
Eve	Because I am sick to death of greedy, corrupt right wingers who only care about their wealth, and care nothing about the working classes who create it. They do not care about the environment, wildlife, the oceans or any other inhabitants of the planet.
Coral	Because its imperative and this is where we live, we ought to look after it.
Julie	I am making the commitment because it starts with each of us! one earth all life interconnected.
Wendy	Not enough is being done to tackle the devastating climate crisis
Deborah	We must sort or homeland out fairly and properly
Glenn	Not enough people taking climate change seriously.
Suzy	The natural world is in decline due to human activity, and urgent action needs to be taken to preserve both our planet and temper the climate. We are all inter-dependent, a healthy planet means a flourishing natural world which will support all life for generations to come. The alternative is unthinkable, selfish, and feeds global greed rather than securing a future for all life.
Rutta	I am concerned about Air Pollution in Leeds
Carol	We should not be destroying that which sustains us, the way that humans behave is parasitic. we need to live with, not against nature and the earth

Simon	Action on climate change and biodiversity loss is crucial for the safe, future development of our city.
Sue	It is our moral duty and I WANTto
Elisa	Because I want the world to be a nice place to live in for my daughter.
Adam	To change the system
Teria	It's crucial we do something now!
Jo	To protect the planet for future generations.
Emma	Because the world deserves better treatment from us.
Judith	Life is precious we need to take care of our planet
Dom	Leeds needs to be at the forefront of change. Leeds was the first city to introduce trams, then electric trolley buses. It needs to reintroduce the congestion zone and pedestrianize more of the city streets
Jacqui	I want my children and grandchildren to have a healthy planet to live on.
J	Our future
Marian	We only have one planet and we are killing it
Colin	I will vote for the Party that commits to widespread deployment of Rolls-Royce SMR Ltd's small modular reactors (SMRs) because they are the most affordable technology for generating 24/7/365, low-carbon, energy-secure electricity which will benefit the poorest the most.
Lynne	Everyone needs to without question
Kate	I love our planet and i have a child who does too.
Benjamin	There needs to be drastic action and a change of habits from everyone if we are to secure our future.
Jill	The world is changing so fast & our actions have a very real & visible consequence. We need coordinated action to do this & its got to be led by government

Dominic	My commitment is to my children and grandchildren. I should be leaving them a fully stocked pantry of natural riches, not a three-quarters empty one; and a fresh field to sow their seeds of life, not some steaming cesspit.
Jack	I care that the government take the necessary action surrounding single use plastic and seeking plastic alternatives, finding and funding more sustainable renewable fuels and energy sources as opposed to fossil fuels, and reforestation on both land and in our oceans because if we don't act now our planet will be in crisis and we will lose animals to extinction as well as loss of human lives through increased natural disasters.
Celeste	I am sick of a government that isnt focused on the devisttion prooven to come.
Jacqui	Because it's imporatant
Nicholas	No healthy biosphere no Jaffa cakes
Diane	Because action needs to be taken now. There are going to be greater weather changes, more refugees, less food and water...in times to come. Industry needs to be responsible for emissions and we need to be responsible in our vhoices for future generations to live oncearth
Ruth	For future generations...my grandchildren
Moonham	If not now then we might be too late.
John	There is nothing more important now than saving our planet. Climate change has been an issue for over 40 years with minimal action from politicians. Today we are witnessing its impact. we cannot delay anymore. System change is the only route forward.
Myfanwy	For my children and all children
Mivvy	I owe it to my children and all children.
Katie	I am a doctor and I can see the devastation that will occur if we do NOT commit to a healthy planet. We must act now, make hard decisions that make our lives less convenient, and we must educate people as to why this is necessary.
Polly	our lives are bound up with and fundamentally connected to the health of our planet.
Michael	A greener planet would be awesome

Chris	If nature dies, we ALL die. Beyond party politics, beyond money!
Sian	Why is the Labour Party still prioritising economic growth over mitigating climate change?
Charlotte	So my children and their children can enjoy all the wonders of the world, that should be and need to be here
Helen	It's the only thing to do
Andy	I am disillusioned with Government attitude to global warming and big business pushing it into the tall grass. So many job opportunities in green energy but lobbying is preventing change.
Jane	Without a healthy planet, we have nothing. Worse still, we shall cease to exist.
Nadia	Because government need to start treating this as an emergency! Otherwise it will be too little too late.
Briony	Life on earth can only continue to succeed safely and sustainably if I and everyone else living on it, protect the planet. Decision and policy makers, governors and governments, businesses and scientists all must do the same. We have no choice.
Jan	Every day that we fail to take action on climate change is a wasted day, ensuring an even more challenging future. There are steps we can take as individuals but alongside that we need a strong lead and financial commitments from political leaders.
Jane	I'm a socialist - I care
Julie	I finally want to see politicians taking real action on climate change!
Liz	Above every other emergency, climate change is the most vital to address.
Eliza	Because neoliberalism can't economically grow another habitable planet.
Bridget	Because I have grandchildren
Liz	For our future
Edwin	For my Grandkids
Jack	How does it take for us to see some real action in regard to tackling the climate crisis we are faced with?

Alex	There is nothing more important than ensuring our children have a future. The climate is collapsing, extinction is happening. We need to wake up.
Fig	Because I believe that some politicians simply do not care about the planet despite the urgent need to act
Carol	Because I don't want the world, as we know it, to end!
Poppy	Because the climate crisis is an existential justice issue.
Ivola	We are now in climate breakdown. This will increase inequality further and endanger the lives of my children in years to come. We cannot carry on as before, yet this is what the majority of politicians and institutions are doing.
Verity	My grandchildren 's healthy future depends on it!
Sarah	Because we only have 8-10 years left to get our carbon emissions to zero!
Andy	We are trashing the planet what supports our and all life. Doing our little bit won't solve the crisis, government and councils have got to act responsibly and move away from a growth flawed economy to a 'doughnut economy' by legislation that all have to make all big business and government to work towards rapid reduction in CO2 and rewilding for starters. t
Danny	Fed up with government lack if direction and up holding policy by degradation of checks and balances by dire under funding
Christine	So our children have a good life and we all can live healthy safe lives around the world
Rik	Climate, pollution, energy, protecting nature are all the main considerations for me when voting.
Phil	I have a young daughter and i dont want to see the world go to shit when I'm not here anymore and she has to do it on her own.
Neil	It's time to act. No more pushing it down the road
Penny	We only have one planet, we all need to do everything in our power to save it from destruction.
Jackie	For my grandchildren and future generations to enjoy the earth as it should be.

Peter	I want to help protect our planet from those who would wantonly destroy it and its wildlife for their own gain
Janet	Because we don't own it; we are here for a relatively short time and should take care and not kill it. We should be taking care of it for animals and future generations
John	To help make a better world for all of us
Helen	The tory government are taking us back to victorian days
Sue	Because it is all our responsibility and we need to act fast
Hazel	I don't want humans and animal species to go extinct
Janine	There really is no other option, we need urgent action now, or its too late
Christa	The future of my children and their children
Charlotte	We need action NOW! I'm worried about my child and her children's future if we don't do something to limit the damage
Shirley	If we dont act now what will happen to our grandkids in a world which we are destroying.
Alison	Climate change effects everything. There is no other single issue facing us today (nor has there ever been) that is more important. To have flimsy carbon reduction policies is to condemn us all.
Chris	My daughter's future
Caroline	So important to take care of our environment and wild life.
Martin	I commit to vote only for politicians who vote for urgent action on the climate and nature
Emily	This is God's world, created to sustain itself and to worship God. Our rule is to look after the world and to enable it to reach its full potential rather than exploiting it for our own benefit
Margaret	We must save the planet for future inhabitants.
Helen	The oil companies one about climate change, the governments have failed to protect us, planning law is not for for purpose, councils are weak.
Denise	This is important to all of us and our futures and the future of the next generations. More action is needed now. It needs to be a top priority. I actively involve myself in petitions, awareness online, education online with regards to sustainability etc. it?s a topic that is very important to me and should be important to everyone else too.

Tony	Why wouldn't I want a healthy, respected planet whatever the cost?
Tina	It's the responsible thing to do
Hannah	Because we need bold and brave decision making that puts people and planet first
Rachel	We need to work with nature to help protect the planet for our future
Clare	I live here. Its a natural concern to protect your home as any species would.
Adam	The next ten years are pivotal if we are going to survive as a species. Please please please take climate change seriously.
Cat	I want animals and future generations to be able to live
Mary	Because I have children and grandchildren & eventually there will be great grandchildren - its not just about me its for them!
Chris	We need more green voters - stuff that they have no parliamentary experience. They are only going to get experience by getting votes. They are the only Party who care about the world's future.
Sally	My life is committed to healing and the beauty of this exquisite planet leaves me breathless. The lives of us all are vested here. I cannot betray this trust.
George	It has to be now...later will be too late
Kate	Change is urgent
Emma-Jane	I believe If we all do a bit more it adds up to a lot more.. I've just had solar panels fitted to start.
Connor	Many politicians talk about addressing the climate crisis but there is rarely concrete action. We need a politician who can recognise what people are saying and allow voices to be heard
Claire	I want to help stop climate change
Tyler	Theres no exaggeration in saying this is going to be the end of the world if we dont do something about this, and thats a scary thought.
Chris	The side effects are clear and present, yet action is routinely put back for day to day political reasons
Moira	I am so disillusioned at the moment with the two horse race we have at general elections and the broken promises! They only say things to catch votes! We should have proportional representation and other parties can have a chance. We desperately need to do something for our planet and our NHS!

Pauline	We are part of creation and must live and sustain our home and our destiny
Shell	We are keepers of the planet it doesn't need us although we need it to survive world wide we need to do everything in our power to protect it should be taught in schools also
Rachel	I want my children and their children and those around tge world to live safely and be able to enjoy nature
Heather	We need to accept responsibility for the mess we have created and do what ever we can to build a future for our children.
Peter	For the sake of my children and grandchildren
Ilona	I want a safe clean environment for my children and grandchildren. The corporate and market greed has to stop immediately. #JustStopOil #Save the rain forests Sanction government officials lobbying for fossil fuel industries. Stop palm oil destruction
Misha	I want our world to thrive, not just survive
Carol	Because all political parties seem to be failing to recognise the massive threat to the health of our planet and therefore the survival of all life
Fleur	I want to have a healthy planet for mine and my childrens future
Alberta	I care about the future of our planet. Urgent action and drastic change is required if we want to try and slow down climate change. We need to stop using resources at an unsustainable rate. Politicians are the ones in power who could make this change.
Simon	We are already in the time when the planet has been permanently changed by us, and not in a good way. I hope we can find a way to live here as a species before we wipe ourselves out.
Sarah	The health of our planet is integral to the health of the future of the human race. We've known for decades that we are having a negative impact on our planet and recently there has been increasing momentum for change which we must use.
Henry	Because climate change is something that needs to be actively addressed now, and every day we spend not directly and purposefully addressing it sets us back
maggi	I care about the planet and animals
Joss	Leeds has shit public transport and shite cycle ways, with shit drivers. I don't want to die trying to cycle places because folk can't drive. Sort it out. Ty

Harry	For my children
Amy	Because i want to save our beautiful planet.
Linda	I want to see *planet first politics* before there's no planet left for our children
Shakeel	The severe consequences of Climate change are unfolding around us. Perhaps we can't stop the inevitable but we can slow down the process of global warning thus enabling communities to better prepare.
Sue	So there is a future.
Alison	Because sustainability of the planet should be the most important thing in politics, I don't understand how it isn't
Josh	Ridiculousness of Fossil Fuel companies profits (Shell recently \$9bn for a quarter!) given what we are seeing around the world as a result of climate change (Pakistan floods)
Andrew	My deep concerns for the environment and the lack of it shown by big money!
Gavin	Well someone has to but I need to share the load with other concerned citizens of the world
Duncan	I want to see people and environment come before corporate profits - I'm looking at you Sir James Bevan - stop dumping chemicals and effluent in our water systems!!
Anna-Marie	Human beings need a stable and temperate climate. Any increase in temperature above 1.5c will take us into a frightening and dangerous situation;we must act now to end fossil fuel use, decommission coal and gas and put the protection of the climate as a priority.
Neil	We're entering the world's 6th mass extinction event, the path to which will be difficult for our young people, and disastrous for their children unless we each take responsibility and make changes however small right now. This is 'the elephant' in the room.
Tina	To leave a better place for my children and grandchildren
Janey	MPs need to focus more on this issue.
Claire	Code Red! It's now or never.
Jon	We are already in the climate and nature emergency, yet government's continue business as usual. We need bold, big and brain-powered policies to change from a carbon economy to a just and sustainable one.

Erica	Its important for my children and grandchildren's future
Gladriel	Selfish greed and corruption is destroying the planets lives and catastrophic implications in wildlife humans and planet
Jacob	To save nature
Louise	Because I don't want my children's children to grow up with climate fear
Alex	This has always been my commitment.
Katherine	Going green needs to be done
Donna	Humans have one home, this is it! and we are not even the planets most important inhabitants. I think that. may be the pollinators. are we really that stupid and that far gone in greed and power that we would allow ourselves to decimate... A planet? Really?! it's not as though we have a planet we prepared earlier that we can move to. this just should not need to be a conversation much like racism☹
Naiomi	Planet comes first
Alfie	We have one planet. Through all forms of separation, we are a species with a shared home, and soon that home will he destroyed. We deserve better than to be recycled by mother nature.
Gordon	Saving the next generation
Kristin	Without the planet being healthy human beings and other animals won't survive
Dave	We must do something NOW to prevent a cataclismic future!
JJ	Basically we die and kill the planet if we do not act
Chris	I'm fed up with shit in the canal when i row, traffic pollution when I walk or cycle, and noise pollution from flights as well as students. Time for a radical change.
Ben	Sustainable development is paramount to globalisation.
Emma	We are sick and tired of politicians putting their crony economics before the planet!! Vote for green politicians please!
Beth	We need drastic climate action and follow through on all levels of government now
Louise	Government have to restructure the economy- not individuals
Mags	You seriously have to ask?

Robert	Leeds, Yorkshire, England, Europe all are heritage for me.
Nichole	Because the younger generation stand no chance of living the lives we have been promised. Our chances of sustaining a worthwhile life for ourselves, and our families, is forever risked by the greed and selfishness of those above us. Those in power.
Tig	No other option - necessity
Emily	For a healthier world. Our country has disproportionately contributed towards the worsening of climate change, and therefore needs to take extra steps and responsibility to tackle it. Thus, the climate should be centralised in all UK governmental policies and decision-making, in order to protect future generations both in the UK and globally..
Allie	Nothing is more important. Some months I can't afford my rent but even then the climate disaster WHICH HAS ALREADY BEGUN is more stressful and anxiety inducing than tax rates.
Sarah	Because we need to take action on climate change now but it feels like most of the mainstream parties who I usually vote for are not doing enough.
Roger	Sustainability requires effort, the only real effort worth it.
Hunter	I believe that we are all only humble caretakers and that we should keep our planet in the best possible condition to hand over to our children and our grandchildren and then their children.
Laura	Government and global policy is dire. They say they believe in trickle down politics whilst actively pursuing policies which harm minorities. The Commitment must also pledge to pursue policy
Sylvia	It's almost too late to avoid catastrophic impacts of climate change, we need climate change action to be at the centre of every decision and everything we do to avoid destroying life - humans and all species
Lizzie	We need to see urgent policy changes
Nan Gillean	Urgent action is needed to halt the life destroying climate change which is already happening.
Amy	Because it's important
Paul	It's time for people to act, we have irresponsible politicians.
Susan	If not now, when? There is no later.
Emily	It's been made more than evident over the last few weeks that our climate has already been impacted massively. If wild fires in Doncaster aren't compelling enough evidence I don't know what is. I'm committed to doing anything I can, no matter how small, to help reduce my impact on the planet.

Aaron	More needs to be done for battling climate change but nothing that will actually make much impact is happening and something needs to change
Molly	I am making the commitment to vote with a healthy planet at the heart of my decision because I want my future children to live in a cleaner world than the one that I have lived in.
Callum	Because Carbon neutral by 2050 isnt good enough
Nick	Because the most urgent issue facing our society is averting climate catastrophe
Pat	Very important
Tim	Climate is the only issue that really matters now
Cheryl	Everything else pales into significance compared to this.
Peter	To protect the world for future generations
Christina	Because times up, how can we be only 11 years away from the point of no return.
Neoda	There is a better way
Kirsty	Our world is suffering because we as humans behave like a disease rather than learning from nature and joining symbiotic process and equilibrium
Jools	The north is being ruined by housing developments and potentially HS2. Stop recking the environment and think smarter for our future.
Oliver	To tackle the human nature of greed and spread the message of the damage we are inflicting on the earth and our futures
Ros	For future generations.
Anna	I want save planet
Rowen	I will never vote for someone who doesn't care about the planet and this city.
Clare	Save our planet
alec	Because its the most important thing
Eleanor	I want to know we're doing everything we can to make the future better not worse
Max	Climate heating is the elephant in the political room.
Jan	Imperative for the future of the world and its inhabitants

Christine	We must try to salvage what we can..too many tipping points have already been reached.. our politicians must cease to be selfish and greedy..as must we..we must learn to live without those things we dont really need..which so many other people have never had nor ever will..we must return to simpler ways of living for all or see all perish..Find new values ..find old pathways..want less ..expect less..let nature revive..trust pure science.. fund climate research and alternative technology with a view to sustainable ends..
Sue	My childrens future
Flourish.	We need to be accountable for the disgusting mess we've made of our world and societies and we need people we can trust and relate to to help us out of this mess!
Mark	This is the most important issue facing humanity and it cannot be solved at the 11th hour!
Tony	I commit to vote only for politicians who work for urgent action on the climate and nature or world temperature will carry on escalating
James	Nothing else matters when we're facing the end of civilisation, or ecosystem collapse. Everything else is just peanuts.
Katy	We are out of sync with nature. We are taking too much and nature is already starting to push back. We have no more right than all of the other plants and animals to be on this earth! We have all the solutions to our problems, but profit over a future for the next generation is still made more of a priority. Its time oil and fossil fuel companies answered for what they have done. Its time to stop acting so primitive and short sighted and for us to align with nature to make a future for all life! After all, this planet has all the life we officially know the universe has (so far!) I'M BORED OF FOSSIL FUELS I WANT CLEAN AIR
Jamie	Our environment, the air we breathe, our planet are all too precious to be taken for granted any longer. Our cities can still be vibrant and full of thriving communities without fear of choking pollution and endangering our beautiful, cherished natural world. In times of economic uncertainty and political and societal change it is even more important than ever that we look after ourselves, each other and our living spaces, our waterways, our beautiful open spaces.
Anna	I don't choose extinction
Helen	We only have one planet!! We need to look after her

Helen	We only have one planet and we are not treat her well
Derek	Climate change is rapidly reaching the point of no return. Commitments to the future are not enough, we need urgent action now.
Stuart	Individuals cannot fix the climate emergency alone. We need leaders who are prepared to make the difficult decisions that are needed to mitigate the damage caused by humanity
Anna	It's almost criminal not to - the planet is dying. We as society need to act and take responsibility for future generations.
Amitti	Only urgent government action can address the climate crisis
ALLY	The evidence is clear and the solution can be simple.
Ian	I have been voting Green for decades and finally, at the 11th hour, a larger proportion of the population have woken up. Without a stable safe environment in which to live, everything else is unimportant by comparison.
Anna	It's crucial to do all we can
Anna	Because I have children and want them to grow up in a world that's better than this
Lorna	We need radical changes to our systems. Our economic growth model, for a start, needs abandoning. Many financial experts say there are viable alternatives that wouldn't kill the planet like our present system is doing. We need BOLD decisions, not tinkering around the edges.
Wendy	We need to change our behaviour to stop catastrophic global heating.
Sonja	Nothing is more important than looking after our planet.
Gee	People and nature are suffering on this planet because of OUR actions and if we want to secure a future for everyone, we need to change our behaviour
Ceri	I have been green my entire life.
Caroline	Our governments, both national and local, must do much more to protect the environment on a local and global level, and they must do it now.
Kerrie	We need to protect our soils and our pollinators. Ban the use of harmful pesticides and herbicides. Increase biodiversity. Use sustainable farming methods.
Georgina	I believe in Gaia, and the universe, people and humanity. So I commit to vote only for politicians who work for urgent action on the climate and nature.

Jim	This has to be top priority now.
Nick	Beautiful planet
Pete	This is a very good idea
Nick	It's a bit of a cliché but there really is no planet B
Samantha	I believe that if we don't take action and help restore the rainforests and all the diversity that comes with that that we will all fail to live fullstop... The future generations need us to pull our fingers out and get stuck in to climate change and its solutions
John	It's clearly the greatest challenge facing us right now and needs to be treated as such.
Robin	Protection of nature and the environment is essential for our future survival on the planet and for the benefit of this and future generations to foster a more sustainable way of life
Tim	I commit to vote only for politicians who work for urgent action on the climate and nature to prevent global warming
Lianne	Because I care about planet and people over profit, and I want my child to see that kind of leadership - unlike the people who are actually leading this country.
Karlis	Like green a planet Earth
T	I like breathing. I would like clean air and water please.
Alison	Unless we tackle climate change there is no point doing anything else.
Tamara	The earth needs care
Sarah	We all have to live here and look after what we have been given
Celena	We owe it to ourselves and all the creatures on this remarkable planet to do what we can to alleviate unnecessary suffering caused by corporate greed
shelly	We need to change with immediate effect. Enough of this nonsense already!
Kelly	We need to make climate change our number one priority and I want my child to live in a world filled with nature and beauty
Phil	It's time we took responsibility for our impact.
Lola	Because without it, we have a very bleak future, we need to stop this war on nature and become more sustainable, green energy- stop using fossil fuels, stop aggressive farming of crops using pesticides, limit the amount of animal products being both reared here and imported/ i want change for a better world for everyone alive now and generations to come

Linda	I want a better world
Hazel	If not now then when?
Hol	This country needs a change, and with recent events it is clear a commitment to a greener future is vital
Shaun	People have taken so much from our environment, we need to show some respect and humility before it's too late. Pollution is rife everywhere and it's affecting every living thing on the planet
Sandra	I want Government and LAs to implement policies to minimise fossil fuels and move urgently to a green economy
Gary	In order that this Earth will Still be here for the next Generations--
Elizabeth	The world is being killed by US!! I grew up in the jungles of Malaysia. It broke my heart many years later when these beautiful and lush jungles were being decimated. Our planets animals(including humans) are now dying off in droves. Without the animals, there will be no plantlife. Without plantlife, we and the planet will be dead. We need to look after our world. Without it, us and our history are nothing. What we are doing is killing everything.
Alistair	For a better Britain
Alessandra	For future generations and the animals on this planet

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