Together for a Greener Britain
The case for change

The UK is at a crucial juncture. For years, our economy has been shaped by short term interests at the expense of long-term prosperity. Investment has been delayed, our natural environment has been depleted, and communities have been left behind. While immediate pressures have demanded attention, the things that help people feel secure about the future, a stable climate and resilient local economies have for too long been forgotten.

The consequences of this choice are increasingly visible. Wildlife is in decline, rivers and seas face mounting pollution and many of our most precious habitats continue to disappear. Climate change is already impacting every part of the country through more frequent flooding, wildfires, heatwaves and droughts, placing growing pressure on infrastructure and household finances. At the same time, those at most risk from these impacts are the ones facing a multiplier of crises from poor-quality housing to high bills.

These challenges are not separate; they are deeply connected. Environmental degradation increases inequality, and inequality reduces our capacity to respond to change. When our homes are leaky, families pay more for energy, when nature is destroyed, communities are at risk of flooding and when investment prioritises immediate reward over long-term reward, future generations inherit the risks.

The next ten years offer an opportunity to choose a different path, building on the progress we have made over the last few decades. The UK led the world in passing the Climate Change Act and legislating for net zero emissions by 2050, but we need a 10-Year Plan that builds on this progress. By delivering at home and honouring our commitments to the countries hit hardest by a crisis they did least to cause, we will also strengthen our influence and our security.

By restoring nature, accelerating the transition to clean energy and investing in resilient places, we can reduce the cost of living, strengthen energy security, create skilled jobs and improve public health, creating a UK we can all be proud to call home. This plan sets out a long-term approach: one that places climate, nature and fairness at the heart of national renewal, replacing short-termism with sustained investment in our shared future.

Vision 2036

Our vision is a UK where everyone lives in a comfortable home, breathes clean air, enjoys access to thriving nature and benefits from secure, well-paid work in a growing green economy. Success will be seen in lower household bills, healthier communities, stronger local economies and a country that leaves future generations with more opportunities.

If we get this right, homes will be warm in winter and cool in summer, with lower energy bills and cleaner heating. Safe green spaces will be near every doorstep, and wildlife will return in swathes. Reliable public transport will be the norm, safe walking routes and cycling lanes will be abundant, and we will all spend less time in traffic and more time with family and friends. Business and industry will also benefit from access to home grown clean energy, creating skilled jobs and attracting investment across every region of the country. Farmers will have profitable and productive businesses that are well adapted to grow food every year despite extreme weather.

Children will grow up surrounded by nature, with opportunities to play and connect with the environment. Land managers, farmers and coastal communities will have restored the landscapes that sustain us, protecting homes from flooding and further improving water quality. No community will be left behind in the transition. The benefits of cleaner energy, warmer homes, better jobs and healthier neighbourhoods will be shared fairly, reducing inequality and improving quality of life regardless of where people live.

By taking a long-term approach, the UK will be more resilient to climate change, less dependent on volatile fossil fuel markets, and better prepared for the challenges of the future. Success will not only be measured by lower emissions, but by whether people feel more secure, healthier, better connected and more optimistic about the future.

Our 4 pillars:

- Nature is treated as national infrastructure
- Affordable energy is the foundation of prosperity
- Communities are prepared for a changing climate
- More of what we use is made domestically

Pillar 1: Nature is treated as national infrastructure

Nature is essential infrastructure. Healthy rivers, thriving peatlands, woodlands, wetlands and seas protect communities from flooding, support food production, improve public health and underpin economic prosperity. Nature recovery will be embedded in how we plan, invest and manage our land and seas, leaving the environment in a measurably better state for the next generation.

Success means:

- Swimmable rivers and seas
- Fewer floods reaching homes and farmlands
- Farming works in harmony with nature
- People have access to thriving and abundant wildlife
- Nature integrated into every economic decision

Pillar 2: Affordable energy is the foundation of prosperity

Affordable, reliable clean energy should be a competitive advantage for Britain, not a future aspiration. By investing in renewable generation, modern infrastructure and energy efficiency, we will reduce household bills, strengthen energy security and attract investment into every region.

Success means:

- Lower energy bills
- Greater energy independence
- Clean electricity powering homes and businesses
- Reduced air pollution from fossil energy generation, gas boilers and petrol cars
- Genuine good quality jobs created in our now green industrial heartlands

Pillar 3: Communities are prepared for the changing climate

Every community should be prepared for a changing climate whilst becoming healthier and more enjoyable places to live. Homes, streets and public spaces should protect people from heat, flooding and pollution while supporting active lifestyles and stronger local economies. Street trees and other forms of green infrastructure should be abundant to help communities adapt.

Success means:

- Homes are warm in winter, cool in summer
- Homes and businesses are protected from climate impacts including flooding
- The air in our homes and streets is clean and breathable
- Our neighbourhoods are attractive places that we can be proud to call home
- People will see improved health as areas are designed around active travel
- Every community within easy reach of a nature rich green space

Pillar 4: More of what we use is made domestically

The transition to a green economy should be an industrial strategy as much as an environmental one. Britain should become a global leader in clean manufacturing, the circular economy, innovation and green finance, creating secure, well-paid jobs and ensuring every region benefits from the transition.

Success means:

- High-quality employment in the industries for the future
- Investment reaching every nation and region
- Our industries can compete internationally
- People are at the centre of industrial plans

Five Delivery Principles

1. **Long-term certainty:** stable policy and funding that encourages investment rather than frequent policy changes.
2. **Joined-up government:** climate and nature embedded across every department rather than treated as specialist environmental issues.
3. **Place-based delivery:** communities are actively included in decisions that affect their areas and have the flexibility to tailor solutions to their needs.
4. **Public and private investment together:** use public funding to unlock larger flows of private finance, especially for nature recovery and clean infrastructure.
5. **Strong well-resourced regulators:** trusted to protect nature and consumers alike, hold polluters to account, and ensure a green transition works for people, not vested interests.























