Dear [Name of MP]

I am writing to you as your constituent and do so as a citizen who is increasingly concerned about the climate crisis and the failure of Government to respond with the required urgency.

We have all seen the news over the last few weeks of the extreme weather events over large parts of the World - such events will only get worse until we take concerted action to reduce our emissions and dependence on fossil fuels (along with the rest of the International Community).

The recent announcement by the Government to issue over 100 new licenses for oil and gas extraction in the North Sea has only increased my concern that the Government is failing to address the climate crisis. As Chris Skidmore, Conservative MP and former government’s net zero tsar has said “this is the wrong decision at precisely the wrong time… a disastrous move for the country as well as the Conservatives.”

What we see from the Government is a spectacular failure of policy and commitment to address the climate emergency including accepting the overwhelming scientific evidence that, to keep within the Paris Agreement, there should be no new fossil fuel development and global emissions should reduce by 45% by 2030 [1,2]. The Committee on Climate Change has also recently published its report indicating how far the Government is off track to meet its commitment to achieve net zero emissions by 2050 [3].

It appears that the fossil fuel companies are now in control of Government policy with disastrous consequences for all who inhabit our common home and those who will follow us!

I am well aware that 2024 will see a General Election and all parties will need to publish their manifesto outlining policy, including on climate action. I urge you as my MP to advocate for a change of direction to amend energy policy to focus on investment in renewable energy, reducing emissions and implementing a fair transition to a green economy. Hence, I am advocating for the following policies to be included in the Conservative/Labour Manifesto:

* An end to the development of new fossil fuel fields in the North Sea (we simply do not need more fossil fuels [1]);
* A firm commitment to deliver on the UK's net zero target by 2050 (or sooner), including the important interim steps of achieving a minimum 68% reduction in territorial emissions by 2030, the power grid to be 100% renewable energy by 2030 with a minimum 78% reduction in emissions by 2035;
* A commitment to deliver on the [Sustainable Development Goals](https://sdgs.un.org/goals) by 2030 as key to creating a fair, sustainable society where no-one is left behind.

We must seize the opportunities offered by cheap, abundant renewable energy to build a fairer and more sustainable future for all [3,4].  I highly recommend following up these resources [3,4] which highlight how a much brighter future is possible for all who share this planet if we make the right choices. Do we have the courage, vision, ambition and wisdom to seize this opportunity?

I do hope the [Conservative/ Labour Party] will be able to present such a vision in its forthcoming manifesto.  I look forward to receiving your reply in due course.

Kind Regards

[Your name]

[Include address]

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