## <u>Green Party Autumn Conference:</u> <u>Speaking truth to power</u>

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This weekend Greens will gather for the party's autumn conference [1] to ask big questions about the issues facing Britain and the world.

At the conference, which runs from Saturday 7 to Tuesday 10 October, members will explore how climate action can be at the heart of all policy, how Greens can fight the worst effects of Brexit, and how the party can pioneer a new vision for the economy.

Jonathan Bartley, Green Party co-leader, said:

"At Autumn Conference this year Greens will say the things others won't. So when we have a failing economy with stagnating wages and people working all hours to make ends meet, we'll say it's not enough to tinker with things. When there is an establishment consensus on leaving the single market, we'll say that's incompatible with ending austerity. We're at a turning point — and we need to be asking big questions about our future."

Caroline Lucas, Green Party co-leader, said:

"Only the Green Party recognises the scale of the challenge we face and the need for bold and fundamental reform so we can build a better future for all. We get to the heart of the issues – and ask who our economy is meant to serve. We stand up to the Government's callous policies towards migrants and refugees. And we are unafraid to politicise climate breakdown and set out the urgent policies we need to address it. We will always speak truth to power."

## Notes:

1. Green Party Autumn Conference runs from Saturday 7 October to Tuesday 10 October, 2017 at the Harrogate International Centre, Entrance 3, King's Rd, Harrogate HG1 5LA.

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