

Green Party responds to High Court ruling on government's 'inadequate' climate change strategy



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Responding to news the High Court has effectively ruled the government's climate strategy "illegal and inadequate [1]" Green Party co-leader, Adrian Ramsay said:

"In the middle of the UK's record breaking heatwave, the High Court has ruled the government's climate strategy is illegal and inadequate. Meanwhile, Conservative leadership candidates drag their feet on net zero pledges.

"Boris Johnson's legacy is one of rhetoric not matched by action when it comes to climate. Climate scientists are clear: the exceptional temperatures we are experiencing are related to climate change. We need Johnson's successor to not only commit to net zero but also identify a clear pathway on how we get there.

"This must mean joined up government. We cannot have climate promises being delivered by one minister while another minister is giving permission for new coal, oil and gas developments or massive new road-building.

"And this week has shown that real and urgent action must be taken to plan how we adapt to the extreme weather that's already built in – including how we protect vulnerable people and adapt services and infrastructure.

"We have all grown tired of the empty promises made by politicians that are not translated into real and urgent climate action. The ruling by the High Court reinforces that the government must set out in detail how it will achieve net zero."

Notes

1. <https://www.independent.co.uk/climate-change/news/net-zero-heatwave-climate-change-b2125951.html>

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