<u>Inauguration response: Trump will put</u> <u>us all in danger unless we unite</u>

Responding to President Trump's inauguration speech, Green Party Co-Leader, Adrian Ramsay said:

"Trump's inauguration speech showed us that the peace many take for granted, and indeed the very foundations of our democracy, are under threat.

"His obsessive isolationism risks leaving fatal cracks in the international co-operation that we need to build a fairer and greener future.

"While he focuses on short-term national populism, surrounded by his megarich backers, he offers nothing to ease the hardships and discontent felt by many who have been beaten down by decades of low wages or insecure work.

"His polarising rhetoric risks fuelling the discontent and resentment exploited in Britain by the reactionary right-wing.

"His energy policies that promise to "roll back" the incremental steps Biden took and instead to "drill baby drill" will leave us all open to the growing impacts of the climate crisis from floods, wildfires and of course a devastating loss of nature.

"Our shared environment cannot afford four years of his denial of the climate crisis.

"From rolling back Biden's regulations on power plants, to ending his pause on liquefied natural gas exports, Trump has made clear today his contempt for the severity of the climate crisis and the fate of those whose lives are already been upended by it.

"This represents a severe threat to us all.

"As Trump seeks to drive fear and division through his political opponents, now is the time to respond with unity and hope.

"For Britain this means doubling down on our response to the climate crisis; it means rapidly re-building closer ties to the EU; it means being unequivocal in our support for the most vulnerable and for a fairer future where no one is left behind.

"United we can help soften the blows coming over the next four years and lay a foundation to build a future.

"But divided, be under no illusion, we will fall."

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