### Greens respond to GB Energy announcement

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Carla Denyer, co-leader of the Green Party said: "This is an important day for our country. After 14 wasted years it is a relief that we now have an Energy Secretary who understands the climate crisis and is prepared to take the action we need.

"But action on renewables will be pointless unless it goes hand in hand with the rapid transition away from North Sea oil and gas. New figures today show more oil and gas being produced, threatening to unleash nearly 12bn tonnes of planet-heating emissions, with the world's wealthiest countries — such as the US and the UK — leading the way, according to the International Institute for Sustainable Development

"Energy Secretary Ed Miliband is claiming that his plans will reduce bills but that will only be achieved if the Government invests in improving the energy efficiency of homes too. The significant cut in proposed public investment from £28bn every year to £8.3bn over the course of the parliament means energy will continue to be wasted while bills soar and the poorest households live in cold homes.

"Labour's commitment to clean electricity by 2030 is welcome, but without urgent action on transport and home heating we won't meet our climate targets. That is why the Green Party called for major investment in public transport and a nationwide programme of home insulation and conversion of home heating away from gas and towards electricity."

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#### <u>Green Party response to Netanyahu's</u> <u>appearance at US Congress</u>

#### 2. Press Releases

Ellie Chowns, MP for North Herefordshire said: "Israel's Prime Minister

Benjamin Netanyahu is a war criminal who should be in front of a judge at the Hague, not being applauded by the US Congress.

"Tragically, Prime Minister Netanyahu has strong, political incentives for the war to continue. If we are to bring about the ceasefire that is so desperately needed, we must put in place real, meaningful consequences such as targeted individual sanctions on Prime Minister Netanyahu and other leaders, including of Hamas, for failing to do so, not invite him for speeches and photo opportunities."

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# "The conditions there are as cruel as they are ineffective" - Greens respond to closing of Bibby Stockholm announcement

#### 2. Press Releases

Responding to the news that Labour plan to close the Bibby Stockholm, Green Party Refugee and Migration Spokesperson, Benali Hamdache, said,

"Today's announcement to close the Bibby Stokholm is very welcome.

"The conditions there are as cruel as they are ineffective.

"It's entirely inappropriate for people to be held in such vile conditions.

"Seeking asylum is a right that the UK should ensure is undertaken with dignity and appropriate levels of support.

"I congratulate Labour for making this move in their first weeks of administration.

"If Labour now accept the need to close the Bibby Stokholm, we hope they now also take a long hard look at other detention centres like Yarl's Wood that inspectors have deemed "no longer safe" let alone desirable."

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### <u>Biden stepping down "a true sign of Leadership" say Greens</u>

#### 2. Press Releases

Responding to the news that <u>President Biden is stepping down and will not run in November's Presidential elections</u>, Green Party Co-Leader, Carla Denyer, said,

"We wish President Biden well and thank him for his many years of public service.

"This cannot have been an easy decision for him.

"But to take a decision that is personally difficult, but that is in the public interest, is a true sign of leadership."

She continued, "The foundations of our democracy are under threat and this Presidential election is a pivotal moment.

"All elected representatives must be able to undertake their democratic duties without facing the threats of violence.

"Equally, showing respect for democratic results is perhaps the most fundamental cornerstone of our democratic foundations.

"All leaders must now not just abide by our democratic principles but cherish and protect them at every turn.

"It is abundantly clear that President Trump has no interest in this grave responsibility.

"My hope is that the Democratic Party can find a suitable candidate that can take on this responsibility.

"It's not hyperbole to say that the future of democracy relies on it."

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## Greens pay tribute to Councillor Mothin Ali for his response to the Harehills disorder

#### 2. Press Releases

A Green Party spokesperson said: "We'd like to pay tribute to the brilliant work done by our councillor for Gipton and Harehills ward, Mothin Ali, in bringing calm and unity after the unrest on Thursday night. Mothin risked putting himself in harm's way to keep the peace and worked tirelessly throughout the night to reduce tension and support the police officers that were at the scene. His courage and conviction are a shining example of the work councillors across the country do for their local communities despite having little investment in support. It's a stark contrast to the online smears that were directed at him by those who seek only to divide communities and exploit tension and division for their own gain."

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