<u>Road Safety campaigns to reduce</u> <u>careless driving and speeding</u>

The Department for Infrastructure has announced two road safety campaigns in collaboration with the Northern Ireland Road Safety Partnership (NIRSP).

Keeping 1.5 alive, phasing out fossil fuels and tackling climate inequality must be priorities for COP28 climate talks



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As the COP28 climate talks begin today in Dubai, the Green Party has set out three key demands. They are to 'keep 1.5 alive'; an agreement on the fair and managed phase-out of all fossil fuels; and measures to address 'climate inequality.' Greens are challenging the UK government to lead by example and put into practice policies that will help meet these demands.

Co-leader of the Green Party, Carla Denyer, said:

"We need to hear a clear unambiguous commitment from the UK government to the 1.5C Paris Agreement target which was signed up to by 196 countries eight years ago at COP21. The government must agree to whatever climate action is needed to get this target back on track. It's going to require a hugely ambitious strategy, but the massive scaling up of climate action that is now necessary is because of dither and delay by countries like the UK in taking the bold action needed.

"Another vital outcome of COP28 must be the fair and managed phase-out of all fossil fuels. As one of the rich countries most responsible for the climate crisis, the UK must stand on the side of future generations and those on the

front line of climate breakdown and agree to urgently move away from fossil fuels. The UK government must resist pressure from the petrostates and others at COP who wish to continue with business as usual and keep the world hooked on fossil fuels. At home this means leading by example with an immediate end to all new oil and gas licences and a rapid acceleration towards renewable energy.

"Thirdly, these climate talks must recognise that it is a super-rich elite who are super-heating the planet. The UK government must be willing to challenge the grotesque inequality driving climate breakdown and reform our tax system to make the polluter pay. This means taxing the wealth of the super-rich and introducing a carbon tax on the most polluting corporations and individuals. Such taxes, introduced globally, could generate the funds needed for a generous new Loss and Damage Fund to finance climate action in the poorest countries – those suffering the most from the impacts of climate breakdown but contributing the least to the crisis."

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<u>Greens respond to Labour Warm Homes</u> <u>Plan</u>



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Responding to Labour's Warm Homes Plan, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

"I fear this is more warm words than warm homes.

"Labour has made it clear that it plans to follow the Conservative party's tight fiscal policies, and without real investment from government, delivered through councils to support local communities, this plan will fall short of what we need.

"Every home should be properly insulated and free from damp and mould. We are calling for £145 billion over ten years to be invested to make that happen.

"That is the scale of the challenge and opportunity that Labour needs to grasp."

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<u>Government 25% below cancer treatment</u> <u>target as charity says 20,000 deaths a</u> <u>year avoidable</u>

The latest NHS data has revealed that just 61.3% of cancer patients are starting treatment within 62-days. The government's target is 85%, which has not been met since 2015.

Cancer patients need to be seen as quickly as possible to give them the best chance of survival but the government's failure to meet this target is putting people's lives at risk.

The number of patients not beginning their treatment within 62-days has risen by nearly 1,000 to 17,166, up from 16,168 in the first quarter of the year. That represents a spike of over 6% of patients not starting their treatment within that time frame in just three months.



It comes as Cancer Research UK has said that at least 20,000 cancer deaths a year could be avoided in the UK with further action and the charity also said that the UK lags behind comparable countries for survival.

At every turn the Conservatives have pushed the NHS further into crisis: they've failed to recruit enough GPs, failed to recruit the cancer workforce we need and failed to ensure that everyone has access to the treatment they need.

The Liberal Democrats have set out proposals to invest an extra £4 billion in NHS cancer treatment over the next five years to deliver this plan and improve survival rates by the end of the next Parliament.

This plan includes a legal right to be given to all cancer patients to ensure they begin treatment within the 62-days, passing a Cancer Survival Act to ensure funding for research into the cancers with the lowest survival rates, and halting the closure of the National Cancer Research Institute.

Back Our Cancer Care Plan

Ed Davey has announced a new five-year plan to boost cancer survival rates.

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<u>Green Party calls for ban on private</u> <u>jets, "the ultimate symbol of</u> <u>'climate inequality'"</u>

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The Green Party has called for a ban on all private jets taking off or landing at UK airports. They say this form of transportation, favoured by a super-rich elite, is the ultimate symbol of 'climate inequality' where the richest 1% of the population produce as much planet warming pollution each year as 5 billion people making up the poorest two-thirds of the global population [1].

Co-leader of the Green Party, Carla Denyer, said:

"As the COP28 climate conference gets under way this week, governments can no longer ignore the very large elephant in the room — that it is a super-rich elite who are super-heating the planet.

"Private jets are the favoured form of transport by this super-rich elite and are the ultimate symbol of the 'climate inequality' that is not only leading to the breakdown of our climate but is also deeply unfair. A short trip on a private jet will produce more carbon than the average person emits all year.

"The Green Party wants the UK government to challenge the grotesque inequality driving climate breakdown. By pledging to impose a ban on all private jets taking off or landing at UK airports, the government would send a clear message to global leaders at COP28 that the super-rich cannot be allowed to continue with their lavish and destructive lifestyles at the expense of the rest of the global population.

"The Green Party also wants to see the introduction of a carbon tax [2] which would target the biggest polluters, and a wealth tax on the super-rich [3]. Oxfam has calculated that taxing the world's richest 1% fairly would cut carbon emissions equivalent to more than the total emissions of the UK.

"While the richest can use their vast wealth to cocoon themselves, the poorest have nowhere to hide from the impacts of climate chaos. COP28 needs to ensure those with the greatest responsibility for the climate crisis end their destructive ways. And we must redistribute the price paid by the heaviest polluters towards helping those on the front line of climate breakdown and to hasten the transition to a fairer, greener world."

1. Climate equality report Oxfam executive summary pdf

2. <u>Greens call on government to bring in carbon tax at COP26 | The Green</u> <u>Party</u> 3. Tax the richest 1% to pay for better, warmer homes, say Greens | The Green Party

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