

Conservative MPs
Houses of Parliament
Westminster
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12 July 2022

Subject: UK business community calls for the continued support and implementation of the Government's net zero and nature commitments, ahead of the upcoming Conservative leadership contest

Dear Conservative MPs,

The UK's business community is committed to addressing climate change and nature degradation.

As organisations representing thousands of those businesses we urge prospective candidates (and their supporters) for the Conservative Party Leadership to implement your party's manifesto commitments to reach net zero emissions by 2050 and restore nature within a generation.

We have seen first-hand investment in low carbon infrastructure and technologies delivers huge economic benefits. Supportive policy measures bring down the costs of clean technology, enabling businesses to capitalise on growing global markets. The gains are significant. From job creation, increased exports, and geographically dispersed growth to inward investment and improved air quality from clean energy, these are all important contributors to levelling up opportunity across the UK.

Since the 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution was published, over 56,000 jobs have been created in clean industries. Policies in the [Net Zero Strategy](#) could create another 440,000 well paid jobs by unlocking £90bn in private investment. An ambitious focus on delivery is essential to give business the confidence to invest.

In today's challenging context, an accelerated rollout of low cost, clean energy, energy efficiency, and industrial decarbonisation is vital to protect the UK from the volatile global fuel prices underpinning the ongoing energy crisis. This is an urgent priority as skyrocketing energy bills inflict considerable costs on businesses and push ever more households into fuel poverty.

We therefore urge you to seize this opportunity to accelerate a just transition towards a clean energy future and maintain the UK's leadership role in tackling the climate crisis.

We look forward to discussing the issues raised in this letter and to working with you in the future.

Yours sincerely,

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