

Quotes from business signatories in support of the UK NDC letter

1. **Alessia Gotti, Textile Agent, AG Textile Studios, said:** “As the UK leading sustainable fashion textile agency, we support the UK 2030 NDC as we believe the economy will benefit thanks to cross collaboration between the government, businesses and finance bodies in order to deliver positive outcomes for the people and the environment as well as the industry we represent.”
2. **James Amos, Company Director, Boodles, said:** “As a multi-generational family business Boodles has a long term commitment to future generations - we know that climate change ambition and business sustainability are inextricably linked. We are committed, along with many other UK family businesses, to meaningful climate change targets. We urge the UK government to demonstrate long-term global leadership in this area.”
3. **Andy Wales, Chief Digital Impact and Sustainability Officer, BT said:** “BT has long recognised the importance of setting ambitious carbon reduction targets. We were one of the first companies in the world to set a 1.5°C aligned science based target - to reduce the carbon emissions intensity of our business by 87% by 2030. Beyond that we’ve pledged to become a net zero carbon emissions business by 2045. We’re urging Governments from around the world to set ambitious NDCs for 2030, supported by solid plans to help build back better.”
4. **Martin Garratt, CEO, Cambridge Cleantech, said:** “Cambridge Cleantech urges the UK Government to set an ambitious 2030 net zero target for the country and will support a plan to achieve the target by developing and implementing highly innovative environmental goods and services which will help alleviate the climate crisis and provide a springboard for a clean growth economy.”
5. **Chathura Sudharshan, CEO, Chanodil, said:** “At Chanodil we are disrupting and driving the SME fashion industry towards UK 2030 NDC in line with the net zero target. So We want to see a better fashion industry with better initiatives.”
6. **Stephen Moorhouse, Vice President and General Manager, Great Britain, Coca-Cola European Partners, said:** “At Coca-Cola European Partners in GB we have reduced our carbon impact by more than a third over the last decade but we know much more is needed. We are one of many organisations who have signed the Business Ambition for 1.5 pledge as we understand the importance of businesses collaborating with clear and ambitious targets. We support a bold NDC from the UK government as a crucial step to accelerate the wider transition to net zero.”
7. **Tim Attwood, Managing Director, Conisbee, said:** “An ambitious NDC backed up with a comprehensive strategy to deliver it and the right incentives and investment to support it will provide a massive boost to the economy. This will give this great country of ours new direction and purpose towards a better future.”
8. **Dougie Sutherland, CEO, Cory Riverside Energy, said:** “After leading the way in setting the 2050 net zero target, the UK now has a prime opportunity to set an ambitious NDC and lead by example at COP26.”
9. **Steve Foots, Group Chief Executive, Croda International Plc, said:** “The UK Government has demonstrated strong climate leadership by setting a legally binding net zero commitment to be achieved by 2050 at the latest. This must now be accompanied by an ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) for this decade in line with the science and consistent with limiting the global average temperature increase to 1.5°C.”

10. **Michael Lewis, CEO, E.ON UK, said:** “E.ON supports the call on the UK Government to set out an ambitious NDC, building on the Prime Minister's 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution, and for it to be consistent with the Climate Change Committee's advice for the 6th carbon budget. The quickest and most effective way to deliver this remains solving the challenges of decarbonising heat and transport in homes, businesses and across entire communities.”
11. **Emmanuelle Spriet, CEO, E-Voyages Ltd, said:** “At E-Voyages, we are committed to support the ambition of a net zero target and are pivoting our business to embrace carbon neutral on all fronts. As a destination management company, our tours are being re-designed so that we can offer a sustainable travel experience for our clients with a clear ambition to offer only packages that leave as small a carbon footprint as possible.”
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13. **Colin Matthews, Non-Executive Chairman, EDF Energy, said:** “The energy sector can support decarbonisation while delivering the jobs the country needs, but we need a national plan. Hinkley Point C will provide low carbon electricity to millions of homes for decades and has already created thousands of jobs. An ambitious UK NDC, part of a long-term strategy for reducing emissions, would deliver new investment into renewable and nuclear energy projects, including Sizewell C, enabling the UK to achieve Net Zero by 2050.”
14. **Nicola Lovett, CEO, ENGIE, said:** “Climate change remains the biggest challenge of our time. Setting an ambitious 2030 NDC in line with the UK's net zero target would not only reinforce the Government's determination to deliver on climate change, but also serve as a further catalyst for green economic growth. More importantly, ahead of COP26 it would also set a tone that inspires other nations on their journey to net zero.”
15. **James Brueton, CEO, EnviroBuild, said:** “It is crucial that the government set an ambitious UK 2030 NDC in line with a net zero target. It is going to take a global effort to keep global temperature from rising above 1.5°C and the UK should be leading the way.”
16. **Richard Speak, Co-Founder, Environmental Finance said:** “We are running out of time to restore our planet and protect our climate for future generations and this is becoming increasingly important for the citizens of the world. Domestically must be ambitious and see this as an opportunity for the UK to lead a global movement to invest in the technologies and nature based solutions that will prevent the collapse of our natural systems. An ambitious net zero target will be a catalyst for seismic shift of investment from destructive activities into regenerative ones, and enable the green economy, accelerate green finance, and deliver the sustainable economic growth the people of the UK are now demanding.”
17. **Chris Ireland, UK CEO, JLL, said:** “This is a unique opportunity for the UK Government and businesses to demonstrate climate leadership and ensure we are decarbonising our economy, no later than 2050. As a business, JLL has committed to net zero carbon buildings and science-based targets, in line with 1.5 deg

pathway. We stand ready to work with the Government and support our economy's transition to net zero carbon.”

18. **Cesar Taillardat, CEO, Jogu Ltd, said:** “Setting out an ambitious NDC is a unique opportunity for the UK to reaffirm its commitment to the Paris Agreement, and demonstrate true leadership ahead of COP26.”
19. **Roy Bedlow, Chief Executive, Low Carbon, said:** “By setting an ambitious NDC, the UK has the opportunity to demonstrate strong climate leadership and to galvanise coordinated global action to tackle climate change. Clear and ambitious policy can encourage investment in renewable energy generation at scale as a foundation for a competitive, zero emissions UK economy.”
20. **Simon King, Director of Sustainability and Social Value, Mitie, said:** “Mitie understands that ambitious sustainability targets are meaningless without an action plan to make them a reality. This is why Mitie's Plan Zero sets a target of net zero by 2025 for our own operational emissions, lays out our plan to deliver this and includes our Plan Zero Playbook to support others on delivering their stretching sustainability targets. Mitie supports the call for Government to set out an ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) by the end of the year that is at least in line with the Paris Agreement.”
21. **Julia Szajdzicka, Managing Director, ND Metering Solutions, said:** “COP 26 is not only a UK event at which our own commitments and actions will be in sharp focus, it is also a critical juncture at which all countries must make significant enough commitments to mitigate climate change before it's too late to do so. The longer we leave real action the more difficult real action will become. Business is often cited as the culprit but we are also the change leaders, the innovators and employers who need to be able to plan ahead within national and international policy frameworks that are conducive to sustainable societies and these depend 100% on sustainable earth systems.”
22. **David Fairbrother, Managing Director, NSR Management Ltd, said:** “As we come out of the pandemic, we have the perfect opportunity to create a greener and more sustainable future with the added boost to the economy this will provide. I fully support the public letter sent to the government on 3rd November.”
23. **Jack Broadley, Founder/Owner, Pelorus Consulting, said:** “Pelorus Consulting pledges its full support for this call to action both in the way we inform, influence, and work with our clients and through our company's commitment to achieve a net zero position by 2025. We fully support a UK 2030 NDC in line with the net zero target.”
24. **Jose Luiz Moura Neto, SVP & COO UK & Ireland, Salesforce, said:** “As we approach the five year anniversary of the Paris Agreement, the UK has an opportunity to catalyse global action by delivering a credible and ambitious target. We encourage the UK government to establish a target and plan that aligns with the promises of a green recovery, economic resilience and a more equal society, sending a clear message to other governments and businesses that this level of ambition is critical for addressing the climate emergency.”
25. **Keith Anderson, Chief Executive, ScottishPower, said:** “At ScottishPower we have the knowledge, tools and passion to help drive forward the race to zero. But if we want to release the full benefits of this transition and drive the uptake of new technology, support behaviour change and move at the pace climate science demands, then our ambition must be matched by an equally ambitious UK NDC target for 2030. Setting an ambitious target of 70% by 2030 would be a clear signal to investors that the UK is ready to build back greener and that it's happening now. This level of ambition would not only inject real

leadership in the build up to COP26, but also reflect the high levels of public concern on climate change, something that has only grown stronger over the course of this challenging year.”

26. **Stephen Rouatt, CEO, Signify UK&I, said:** “I want express my support for the public letter being sent by business groups to the Prime Minister on 3rd November, on setting an ambitious UK 2030 NDC in line with the net zero target. I believe that setting an ambitious goal is key to delivering a positive impact on the environment, society and the economy. I encourage the Prime Minister to embrace this challenge and look to supporting the government in achieving its target.”
27. **Nicola Stopps, CEO, Simply Sustainable, said:** “Simply Sustainable is committed to the transition to a low carbon economy. We fully support the need to set an ambitious UK 2030 NDC in line with the net zero target. Businesses need clear policy and robust targets.”
28. **Jeremy Darroch, Group Chief Executive, Sky:** “How we respond to the climate emergency will define our generation. We only have one chance to get this right and so now is the time to set bold and ambitious targets.”
29. **Mark Smith, Chief Executive, Southern Co-op, said:** “It’s really important that all businesses step up to the challenge of limiting the growth in global temperatures. We must, and we will, do our bit to help prevent that happening. As part of developing a more prosperous economy, we would urge the Prime Minister to take these proposals seriously and to set an ambitious UK 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution by the end of the year.”
30. **Alistair Phillips-Davies, Chief Executive, SSE plc, said:** “SSE has set out to achieve ‘net zero’ carbon emissions from all its business operations by 2050 at the latest. We strongly believe that the UK Government must match its own net zero emissions target in its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) and align with the Paris Agreement. With less than 12 months until the pivotal international climate negotiations at COP26 in Glasgow, this will show strong leadership and set the precedent for others to follow.”
31. **Jason Tarry, CEO, UK & Republic of Ireland, Tesco, said:** “Our supply chain and long-term business sustainability depend on the health of the natural environment. Our customers and colleagues expect Tesco to play its part in caring for the planet, including meeting our net zero climate ambitions. We support efforts to set an ambitious NDC, because having a clear pathway of action is key to Britain leading the fight against climate change.”
32. **Sarah Bentley, CEO, Thames Water, said:** “At Thames Water we are committed to reducing our operational carbon to Net Zero by 2030 and to going beyond this by 2040. We have been making good progress and realise to reach Net Zero we will need to extend and deepen our collaboration with partners, especially in our supply chain. Setting an ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution will help to stimulate low carbon innovation, solutions and actions across the economy that are needed to deliver Net Zero as quickly as possible.”
33. **Tom Druitt, Chief Executive, The Big Lemon CIC, said:** “The climate emergency is the most pressing issue of our age; the time for talking about it is over, now is the time for action.”
34. **Harry Grocott, CEO & Founder, Treeconomy, said:** “It is abundantly clear that there is public desire to take climate action, and as a democracy it is essential that this is reflected by our politicians through this

pledge. A strong and robust NDC will give the country purpose as we emerge from the Covid-19 pandemic, and a north-star for green growth.”

35. **Dave Worthington, Managing Director, Verco, said:** “We strongly support the call for an ambitious UK 2030 NDC both for the economic benefits this will bring to the UK, and the positive impact this leadership position can have on the outcomes from COP26. We, and many of the clients we support have already committed to achieve net zero emissions by 2030 in recognition of the material associated risks and opportunities so encourage Government to accelerate the pace of both national and international decarbonisation.”
36. **Louise Kjellerup Roper, CEO, Volans, said:** “It is essential that we take the lead with an ambitious target that will drive the change needed at speed. Now is not a time to be cautious but do the right thing to secure the future.”
37. **Mario Mazzocchi, Group Chief Executive, Wesleyan said:** “ The UK Government needs to seize the chance to commit to this ambitious Nationally Determined Contribution that will address the issues of climate change and set us on the right path towards carbon neutrality. The UK can demonstrate true leadership on climate action, the future is determined by what we do now and the window of opportunity is closing fast.”
38. **Charles Malissard, Head of Media & Public Affairs, WSP said:** “An ambitious UK NDC will act as a catalyst to the international community and the private sector up and down the country that the road to net zero is well and truly underway and that the UK Government is committed to this agenda - no ifs, no buts.”
39. **Liz Barber, Chief Executive, Yorkshire Water, said:** “The stable climate is critical to affordable water supplies and flood resilience. We would welcome a strong national policy framework to enable, support and rapidly escalate bold carbon reduction across all sectors of the economy. Yorkshire Water is striving to lead by example, reducing our operational emissions by 80% over the last ten years and now working with the whole English water sector towards net zero operational emissions by 2030.”
40. **Tulsi Naidu, UK CEO, Zurich Insurance Company, said:** “After a turbulent year and the postponement of COP26 to next year, we have additional ground to cover when it comes to driving sustainability goals in 2021. Setting out an ambitious NDC is a great way to make the UK’s aims more tangible. Our business is making great strides and the help of the Government will encourage everyone to do more.”