

Labour party responses on key environmental questions

1. How and when would you achieve net zero carbon emissions and avert an irreversible climate change tipping point?

In line with scientific advice and consultation with trade unions, we are investing all we can to reach net zero by 2030.

The policies laid out in our manifesto – on home insulation, renewable energy investment, afforestation and other areas – represent the fastest possible way of reaching net zero according to current expert advice.

We are certain that with these policies we can cut the substantial majority of our emissions by 2030. We will continue to revise our plans as we make progress and new technologies emerge, with the aim of reaching net zero by 2030.

2. By 2050 our oceans could contain more plastic than fish, with plastic production set to quadruple, accounting for 13% of our global carbon budget. How will you solve our plastic pollution problem?

By investing in local waste collection and larger scale plastic recycling and recycled material processing, accompanied by adoption of the polluter pays principle in order to stimulate better designs and manufacturing processes in our future industries and economies.

We will be announcing the detail of these plans throughout the election campaign.

3. What steps would you take to ensure agriculture, infrastructure developments and industry contribute to nature's recovery?

In a variety of ways, which we will be announcing in a multi-stranded Plan for Nature. Some of the tools at our disposal will be farm payment systems, environmental impact assessments and planning controls.

4. How would you ensure that any change in regulation is beneficial to the environment and animal welfare?

We will use our strengthened regulatory assessment tools to ensure that changes are not environmentally *detrimental*. The beneficial effects will come from specific regulatory changes, not all or any.

5. How would you improve animal welfare protections in law and in new trade deals?

We have published a 50-point animal welfare manifesto, available [online](#).

6. What would you do to enhance opportunities for all people to access wild, green and blue places?

We will continue the coastal pathway, develop the rights to roam, uphold traditional rights of way, invest £5bn so local authorities can carry out all their duties again, including those concerning local environment and urban parks and, with reopened bus routes and branch rail lines, aim to ensure by 2030 that 75% of the population lives within 30 minutes of a National Park or Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.