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We are the independent forum for conservatives in the UK and around the world who support net zero, nature restoration, and resource security.



“ CEN has been at the forefront of the progress the UK has made on net zero and nature in the past decade. You have brought together a network of... more than 500 councillors to push for more ambition on the environment. And most of our groundbreaking environmental policies all the results of CEN campaigns. ”

Former Conservative leader William Hague



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Our work

We bring conservatives together to debate environmental issues, find consensus, and champion conservative solutions.

As conservative environmentalists, we believe that man-made climate change and the decline of nature are a threat to our national prosperity and security.

We believe only a conservative approach can unite people, grow our economy, and protect our environment.

We support science-based environmental action, which empowers individuals and harnesses the power of the free market.

Our network

We work with like-minded conservative parliamentarians, councillors, and supporters from the UK and overseas.

- Over 500 councillors are members of CEN's Councillor Network.
- Over 1000 conservatives have joined CEN's Supporter Network.
- More than 300 legislators from over 45 countries have signed our Centre-Right Climate Action Declaration.
- Our Caucus and Scottish Parliamentary Group comprise dozens of parliamentarians across the UK and will be relaunched shortly following the election.

Join our growing network today.

Director's note

How the environment can help the conservatives get back to winning ways

With a new leader in place, the Conservatives can get to work on their strategy for winning elections, including the upcoming county council elections. Honing strong messages and policies on climate change will be key to rebuilding the party's electoral credibility. There is a clear political opportunity to attack Labour's statist net zero policies. But the party must not just oppose, or embrace anti-climate rhetoric. Voters want to hear a positive, credible alternative plan to decarbonise.

Kemi Badenoch's leadership pitch to members argued for a return to core conservative values. She was right. Conservative principles - such as stewardship, intergenerational responsibility, and love of community - are inherently entwined with environmental protection. And conservative economic principles, rooted in free markets and free enterprise, show the most cost-efficient route to solving environmental challenges.

The party should use the next couple of years to develop a distinctly conservative message and policy approach that protects future generations from environmental threats, harnesses the free market to reduce costs, and addresses the concerns of those sceptical about net zero.

To inform a new conservative narrative, CEN has worked with CT Group to understand what potential Conservative voters think about net zero. The research points to what a constructive opposition to the government's climate policy should look like.

The electoral maths says that, in order to win a majority, the Conservative Party must build a bigger 2029 coalition than simply the combination of Conservative and Reform voters from 2024. Some Liberal Democrat and Labour 2024 voters are needed too, as well as 2019 Conservatives who stayed at home.

The party's message on climate therefore has to resonate with a broad coalition and pass voters' hygiene test.

While the party will struggle to win again without to a significant extent reuniting the right, it also has to be realistic about some Reform voters' willingness to switch.

Fifty-five percent of Reform 2024 voters say they see no prospect of changing their vote. The party would be foolish to rest their electoral hopes on going after these hardcore Farage fans who will likely never be swayed.

More encouragingly, however, the vast majority (86%) of 2019 Tory voters who switched to the Liberal Democrats and Labour are open to changing their vote. And they are strongly supportive of climate action, with 65% in favour of net zero and only 12% opposed.

Among the 45% of Reform voters who leave the door open to switching, a plurality back climate action. Thirty-seven percent of them support net zero compared to 33% who oppose.

In total, 53% of the public would consider voting Conservatives at the next election. A pro-environment stance can help to unite these voters. Among these 'potential Conservatives', there is strong net support for reaching net zero by 2050 (+ 25%).

This doesn't mean they want to go green at any cost: climate and sustainability considerations come behind affordability and independence in their priorities for energy policy. That's why climate action has to be cost-effective and make us more secure.

Heading into the county council elections, the research also suggested fruitful dividing lines, on the importance of local consent for new infrastructure and scepticism about government's ability to invest taxpayers' money wisely. I hope you find lots helpful campaign ideas and resources throughout this magazine.

Sam Hall is Director of the Conservative Environment Network.



Lord's letter

There are a lot of lessons our party can learn from Trump's victory – but the environment is not one of them

Donald Trump's win in the US election is a wake up call to the world. His campaign clearly resonated with the American people and is a warning to political parties that they must take voters' concerns about immigration and the cost of living seriously.

Following the UK Conservatives' disastrous electoral result earlier this year, we must learn from our sister party's success over the pond.

But let me be clear — Trump's anti-climate action agenda is something we must not seek to copy.

Our party must avoid the same kind of climate scepticism espoused by Trump or we might as well prepare for 10 years of opposition now.

We are the party of the common ground. We are pragmatic. We are not the party of easy answers. Kemi Badenoch's leadership is testimony to this.

Every poll in the UK is clear. People care about the environment. Voters across the political spectrum care about climate change. The UK is simply not as polarised on green issues as America: there are no votes to be had on this side of the Atlantic for opposing climate action.

While the economy and immigration will likely remain top concerns, many British voters see climate change as a key hygiene test for a party's electoral credibility.

Staunch opposition to climate action will end our hopes of winning back those pro-climate action voters who backed the Conservatives at successive elections since 2010 but who we lost in 2024.

This means we must not copy and paste Trump's slogans like "drill, baby, drill". Sensible extraction of our North Sea oil and gas resources — something the Labour Party is far too squeamish about — remains important, but they are running out.



Building more homegrown renewables and nuclear is how we will become more energy independent in the longer term. This is not to say that Trump's opponents had the best solutions on the environment — far from it.

While we must accept the need to act on climate change, we must challenge the left's damaging approach to it.

We must not ape statist, high-spending policies like GB Energy and the Inflation Reduction Act. Neither Labour nor the Democrats hold the answer to doing climate action the right way. Too often, the need to take action has led us to accept policies that are not right for the wider economy and consumer choice.

That is why our party must set out our own free-market, low-cost path to tackling climate change. Getting it right is a precondition of our electoral revival, whilst climate scepticism will alienate the public.

Kemi Badenoch has promised to return the party to core conservative principles and I wholeheartedly agree. That should apply to the environment too.

We are conservatives after all - it is our duty to conserve. As Mrs Thatcher said, we don't have "a freehold on this earth. All we have is a life tenancy."

The same was true for Republican leaders of old. Republican President Theodore Roosevelt on the environment said, "I do not recognise the right to waste them [natural resources of our land], or to rob, by wasteful use, the generations that come after us."

Conservatives in the UK, the USA, and across the world should heed his words.

Lord Howard of Lympne is the former Leader of the Conservative Party.

CEN's policy briefing

What are Labour doing on the environment and how to hold them to account?

Prior to the election, we had a fairly clear idea about the direction that Labour would take on the energy transition. In the first six months of being in power, we have seen many of their statist plans put into motion.

Great British Energy (GBE) is the government's flagship energy policy, and their vehicle for increasing the role of the state in the UK energy sector. Set to be headquartered in Aberdeen, GBE will invest in and directly own new clean energy projects.

Given that the significant private finance that has driven the UK's renewable energy rollout to date shows no signs of slowing, the state entering the market risks crowding out private investment and wasting taxpayers' money. Renewables are set to provide around 37% of our electricity supply in 2024. The vast majority of this is thanks to the private sector.

Alongside this, the National Wealth Fund, which was marketed to rival similar funds by countries such as Norway, has been scaled back and is instead just a rebranded UK Infrastructure Bank, a body established by the last Conservative government. Rather than investing tax surpluses into relatively safe investments to accumulate wealth for the nation over time, as other wealth funds do, the National Wealth Fund will be investing borrowed money into industries that the private sector deems too risky to invest in at present.

At the same time as potentially crowding out private investment, the government is increasing

taxes on the energy sector - at a time when these businesses should be leading

the way in the energy transition. The Energy Profits Levy on oil and gas companies will be increased to 38%, giving a headline tax rate of 78% on oil and gas firms' profits, undermining the ability of the industry to invest in decarbonisation.

The removal of the onshore wind ban in England, which was wrongly imposed top-down on private enterprise by Whitehall, is sensible. But the government must listen to local communities when it comes to new net zero infrastructure. The approval of the Sunnica solar farm after just two weeks in office suggests they are not necessarily always willing to take the time to do so. It is vital that new infrastructure is in the right place, that communities are given a meaningful say over proposals, and that community benefits are awarded.

In the coming months and years of opposition, conservatives should not simply oppose the government's plans for the sake of opposition, but instead provide a credible, market-led alternative. In the coming weeks, CEN will be setting out a suite of policies to do just that.

Cllr Sam Payne is the Senior Climate Programme Manager at CEN and an Aberdeenshire councillor.



Scan the QR code to read CEN Director Sam Hall's article for City A.M. where he discusses in more detail the problems with GB Energy

Local success story

How environmental action brought us electoral success in Harlow

Apart from the four years between 2008 and 2012, Harlow has largely been red since its creation in 1973. Then, in 2021, we swept the board winning 10 out of the 11 available seats, bucking the national trend.

There are many reasons why we made such dramatic gains, in a district usually deemed fertile ground for Labour. However, if I were to focus in on just one, it would be because we set out a clear case for reversing the decline in our local environment.

My team and I set in motion several initiatives to bring about tangible and long-lasting improvements to the environment. Some examples include introducing wildflower verges, promoting Harlow Spring Cleans, engaging local business and volunteer groups to join with the council to tackle climate change, introducing new technology so that the public could notify the council of broken or overflowing bins, and implementing a new tree planting programme by planting 350 trees in one day.

However, one initiative to highlight the dangers of dumping dog foul and plastic in our rivers stands out the most for me. High rainfall had caused a river to burst its banks causing large amounts of this waste to spill over onto land used to graze cattle.



Aside from the obvious visual impact and potential long-term microplastics issue, the problem with plastic waste - in particular dog waste bags - is that cattle are attracted to eating plastic rather like a moth is attracted to a flame. This means that the cattle inadvertently ingest dog faeces laden with the toxic parasites *Neospora* and *Sarcocystosis*. These pathogens cause severe deformity in unborn calves which only becomes apparent once the cow reaches the end of pregnancy. The calf is often so badly deformed that a caesarean is required to remove the dead calf. Worse still the cows' muscles are usually so weak that the caesarean stitching does not hold, and the cow must be destroyed.



Our action to improve the environment in Harlow has proven popular with our residents. Since that dramatic win in 2021, we continued to increase our majority every year for the next two years and held the council in 2024 when many Conservative authorities fell to Labour and the Liberals.

To find out more about how we are improving the environment in Harlow, you can contact me at russell.perrin@harlow.gov.uk or follow me on X at [@CllrPerrin](https://twitter.com/CllrPerrin).

Cllr Russell Perrin was the Leader of Harlow Council from 2021 to 2023 and the 2019 parliamentary candidate for Cambridge City.

An update from CEN councillors across the country.

Cllr Andrew Mackiewicz, Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council

At Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council we are working on plans to decarbonise our buildings which are responsible for 56% of emissions via an innovative Energy Network. For Solihull to reach net zero carbon emissions decarbonising our heat and power is key.

The Energy Network will use low carbon solutions including air source heat pumps to provide heat and power flowing from a centralised Energy Centre. This will go a long way to decarbonisation and it will also provide the infrastructure for further connections to take and give heat and allow us to sell roof top PV electricity directly to customers.

To learn more, contact Andrew at amackiew@solihull.gov.uk.

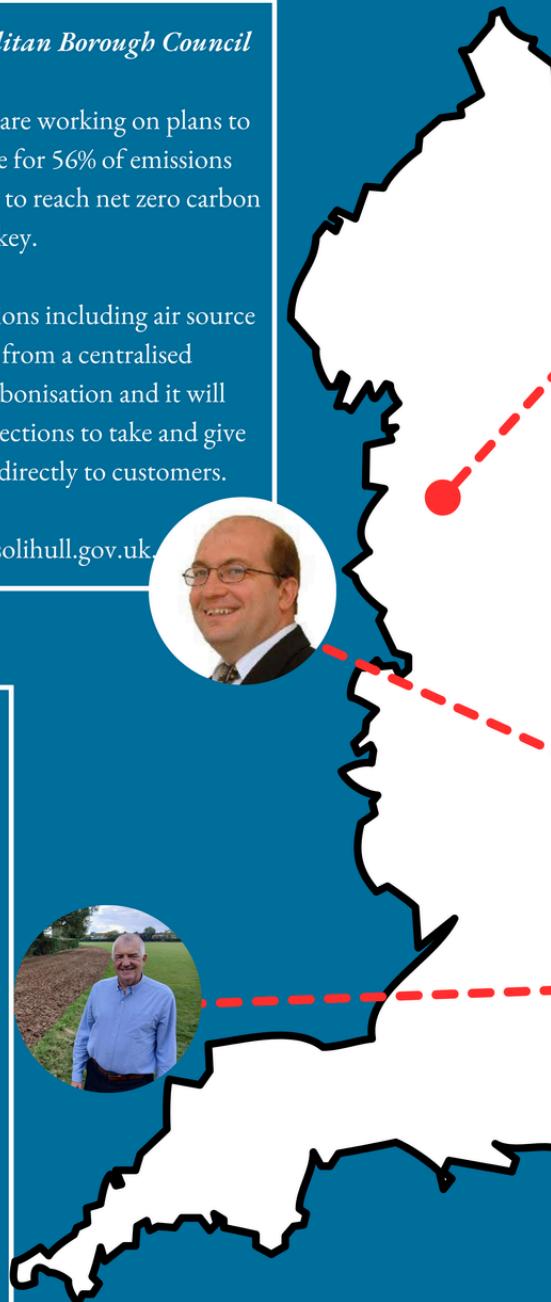


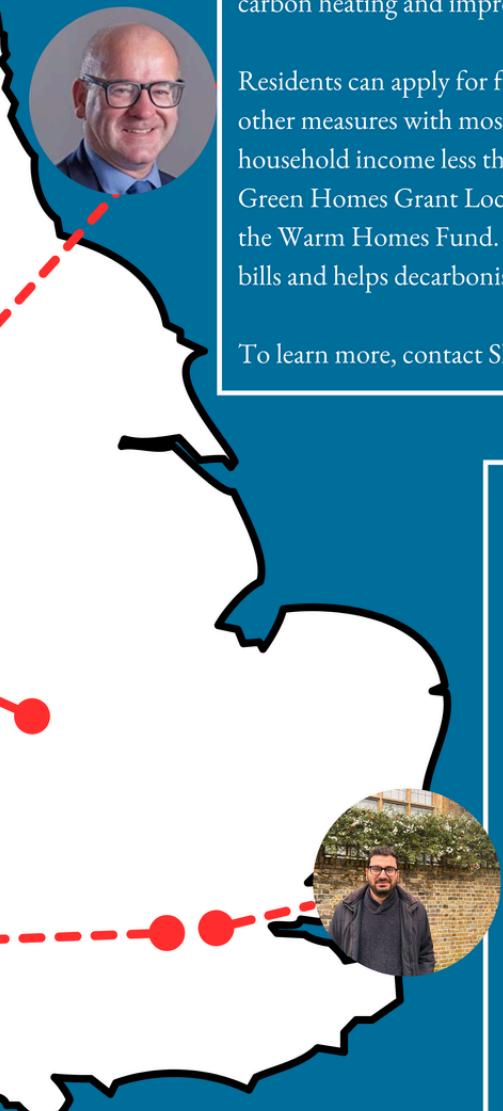
Cllr Eddie Lavery, Hillingdon Borough Council

Hillingdon Council partnered with Trees for Streets to plant more street trees. This partnership has enabled residents and local businesses to sponsor the planting of trees within Hillingdon's parks and streets. Since its launch, the council has received sponsorship for 296 new trees. As part of this scheme, Hillingdon Council also recruits local 'watering champions' to ensure that the newly planted trees are tended to.



To discover more, please email Eddie at elavery@hillingdon.gov.uk.





Cllr Shaun Turner, Lancashire County Council

At Lancashire County Council we created the Cosy Homes in Lancashire (CHiL) scheme to address our high fuel poverty rates. Improving energy efficiency is key so the CHiL partnership helps our residents to install low-carbon heating and improve insulation.

Residents can apply for financial support for insulation, double glazing and other measures with most schemes available to homeowners with a household income less than £30,000. CHiL receives funding from the Green Homes Grant Local Delivery Scheme and the Home Upgrade and the Warm Homes Fund. CHiL supports our residents to lower their energy bills and helps decarbonise our community.

To learn more, contact Shaun at shaun.turner@lancashire.gov.uk.

Cllr Johnny Thalassites, Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea Council

Buildings account for around 80% of emissions in Kensington and Chelsea. And roughly 4,000 buildings are listed in the borough, sometimes making it harder to improve their environmental performance. That is why we introduced a first-of-its-kind Local Listed Building Consent Order for solar panels on listed buildings.

The order means residents can install solar panels, tiles or solar thermal panels on Grade II and Grade II* listed buildings without the need for individual consent. So long as the panels meet a small number of conditions and are not visible at street level, they get the green light.

To learn more, contact Johnny at Cllr.Johnny.Thalassites@rbkc.gov.uk.



How can we protect residents from flooding



In October 2023, winter storms began their trail of destruction in Lincolnshire. Babet and Henk saw 957 properties internally flooded, 13 breaches in Environment Agency (EA) 'main river' systems, and around 2,000 acres of prime agricultural land submerged for weeks on end wrecking both livelihoods and biodiversity at the same time. These events and their recovery have demonstrated just how much Lincolnshire is at risk by the failure of government - at Treasury and at DEFRA - to make sure that the EA is adequately funded at a local level to maintain and improve catchments, and make good when things go wrong.

In failing to make 'recovery funding' available, government has forced the EA to pull money from future improvements and maintenance budgets to effect repairs. Where carried out, repairs allow little room for upgrades - these predictably come from another budget with different rules. The strengthening needed to cope with future storms and climate change remains a distant dream, condemning families and their livelihoods to greater vulnerability in the face of our changing climate and ever more unpredictable weather.

We have superb examples where habitat restoration works alongside slowing the flow and providing improvements in downstream flood risk - especially the work around our renowned Lincolnshire chalk streams. However, not all rivers are created equally.

Downstream, and in low-lying areas, man-made river systems are engineered to work like large drains, contained within artificial embankments, requiring periodic maintenance and improvement to sustain their design capacity in conveying water safely out to sea.

Maintenance and improvement goes together with environmental improvements if adequately funded, as Internal Drainage Boards (IDBs) demonstrate. Linking the cost of protection to the value of what is protected (levying around £25/ha on farmland and around £70 per property to councils annually), no Lincolnshire IDB system failed except where overwhelmed by a main river failure. They have the budgets needed to maintain clean drains and invest significantly in their own environmental improvements, habitat creation, and species protection.

Whenever floods occur, support for nature and environmental priorities comes under immense pressure, when the real issue is chronic underfunding by government, as Lincolnshire's experiences show. Until that is resolved, people, livelihoods, and the environment will all continue to suffer.

Cllr Tom Ashton is Chairman of the Flood and Water Scrutiny Committee on Lincolnshire County Council. You can contact Tom at CllrT.Ashton@lincolnshire.gov.uk with any questions.



Nature-based solutions to flooding and drought can increase the natural resilience of our farmland and improve our food security. With biodiversity loss and climate change being among the biggest medium and long-term threats to UK food security, solutions that harness natural processes can protect farmland and food security in the long-term. Read our new briefing on our website: www.cen.uk.com/nature or by scanning the QR code.



How to run local tree planting campaigns

A sapling is planted knowing that the person planting it will never sit under the tree's shade, but do so knowing that the next generation will be able to. Planting a tree, therefore, is a selfless act of intergenerational exchange, a core tenet of conservatism.

Yet we are not planting enough trees. Currently woodland covers around 13% of the UK which, despite increasing in recent decades, is still far lower than the EU average of 38%.



More trees means more benefits to society. Trees absorb and store carbon, making them an important nature-based solution to climate change, whilst also providing a vital habitat for many different plants and animals. Trees are great for communities too, providing a source of recreation in the form of woodland walks and parks, offering shade, and helping to create a sense of pride of place amongst residents.

Successive governments have strongly supported the planting and protection of our trees. Councils can play an integral role in delivering these national ambitions.



Our recently published councillor briefing about protecting and planting trees is full of ideas for tree-related campaigns you can run locally and policies your council can introduce, such as:

- Increasing your council's biodiversity net gain requirement to deliver more nature in future developments
- Hosting a tree planting event to celebrate National Tree Week
- Supporting local farmers and landowners to secure funding to plant trees on their land
- Running an awareness campaign about invasive grey squirrels in local parks
- Collaborating with your local garden centre or tree nursery.

There are many Conservative-led councils that are already leading the way with fantastic initiatives to get roots in the ground and protect existing woodlands, four of which are included as case studies within our briefing. CEN also publishes councillor case studies on our website.

We are always looking to grow this list, so please get in touch with me at bert@cen.uk.com to discuss how you are boosting tree cover in your area.

Bert Evans-Bevan is the Nature Programme Officer at CEN.



Read our councillor briefing on planting and protecting trees on our website: www.cen.uk.com/resources-for-councillors.



Highlights from CEN's cleaner communities conference

I had the privilege of attending the cleaner communities conference in October - organised by the Conservative Environment Network. This event brought together policymakers, environmental leaders, community organisers, and industry innovators, all united by a shared commitment to build cleaner, greener, and more sustainable communities across the UK. The conference served as a platform for sharing inspiring presentations, networking, and having collaborative discussions on the pressing challenges and actionable solutions to promote environmental stewardship.



The conference featured key speakers from some of the most influential environmental organisations. One standout presentation came from the Environmental Services Association (ESA), which looked at the evolving landscape of waste management in the UK. They shared valuable insights into how partnerships with modern technological innovations are pivotal for elevating local waste management practices. Their presentation emphasised the importance of collaboration between government bodies, local councils, and private enterprises to develop more efficient systems. It was particularly illuminating to hear about new emerging policies aimed at supporting sustainable waste disposal and recycling practices.

WRAP followed with an engaging discussion centred on their ongoing efforts to drive resource efficiency and waste reduction. They presented compelling strategies aimed at promoting a circular economy, emphasising how local communities can become more involved in rethinking their waste management and consumption. WRAP's initiatives in promoting sustainability through practical guides and community projects demonstrated the vital role public education plays in environmental progress. Their success stories and case studies illustrated how a focus on behavioural change leads to tangible improvements in community cleanliness and resource conservation.

The conference also featured Material Focus, an organisation that highlighted the often-overlooked issue of e-waste. Their presentation delved into the growing problem of smaller, easy-to-just-replace electrical items ending up in landfills and the missed opportunities for resource recovery. Material Focus shared data on the vast amounts of valuable materials wasted annually and emphasised how simple changes in public awareness and collection systems can significantly boost recycling rates. This part of the conference sparked meaningful dialogue among attendees about how local authorities and community leaders could implement new e-waste recycling programmes or enhance existing ones to better serve the public and the environment.



Equally inspiring was the session led by Hubbub, known for their innovative approach to environmental challenges. They shared success stories from their grassroots-focused campaigns that engage communities in a creative and relatable way.

From organising clean-up initiatives with a twist to launching educational programmes that resonate with younger audiences, Hubbub showcased how fostering a sense of community ownership and pride can lead to long-lasting behavioural changes. Their talk emphasised that small, consistent actions accumulate to have a significant collective impact, and inspired attendees to think outside the box when planning local environmental projects.



Throughout the conference, the theme of community collaboration was clear. Each speaker highlighted that while systemic changes and national policies play a critical role, grassroots movements and local involvement are vital for building sustainable, cleaner environments. The event was a reminder that no action exists in isolation, and the interconnectedness of various sectors (public, private, and community) and their potential when they come together with a unified purpose is paramount to success.

The cleaner communities conference was more than just an informative event; it was a testament to the power of collective commitment towards clear goals and innovative thinking.



Attending the conference left me with a renewed sense of optimism, equipped with actionable ideas to help guide future environmental initiatives within my local area. The event underlined the importance of aligning efforts across different sectors to support lasting, impactful change and inspired attendees to advocate for practical solutions that involve and empower communities at every level.



Cllr Craig Smith is a Leicestershire County councillor.



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Protecting the nature friendly farming budget

The European Union's Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) was a disaster for the environment and did little to encourage productive and financially sustainable farm businesses. The Conservatives' decision to replace the CAP with a new system of paying public money for public goods through the Environmental Land Management schemes (ELMs) is a significant win from Brexit and a boon for farmers, our long-term food security, and the environment.

Instead of being paid simply for the amount of land that they farm, our farmers are now rewarded for taking steps to protect the environment and produce food more sustainably, which in turn tackles the biggest long-term threats to the UK's food security: biodiversity loss and climate change. With over 55,000 ELMs agreements already in place, our new approach is already popular with farmers, and the early evidence shows that outcomes for nature in land within the schemes are improving.

Unfortunately, this budget has not kept pace with inflation in recent years, meaning it has already experienced a real-terms cut. Prior to the general election, CEN had been campaigning to keep the nature-friendly farming budget at least in line with inflation.

We were therefore extremely concerned to hear reports over the summer that the new government was planning to cut the nature-friendly farming

budget by £100 million. This would mean an estimated 239,000 hectares less of nature-friendly farmland receiving ELMs payments if the budget is cut. Any cut would threaten the livelihoods of farmers, who are struggling like never before with high costs and the impacts of extreme weather events, and would harm our food security too. It would also cast into serious doubt the government's ability to hit our target to halt species decline by 2030.

As part of its Autumn Budget, the new government stated future financial pressures of £600 million will require a review into the affordability of the farming budget. While it ultimately decided to maintain the nature-friendly farming budget at its current rate for the next two years, this means that the budget is still losing real-terms value and its future is uncertain after 2025/6. To give farmers, our environmental stewards, the financial certainty necessary to help deliver our nature restoration objectives, CEN will continue to champion the Conservative post-Brexit farm subsidy reforms and the need to bolster the budget underpinning them.

Show your support for this campaign by sharing our graphic on social media.

Kitty Thompson is the Senior Nature Programme Manager at CEN.



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Get involved in CEN

Join our ambassadors programme



If you'd like to get more involved in CEN's work, then apply to become a CEN ambassador.

Our ambassador programme is designed to support our work promoting conservative environmentalism among grassroots supporters.

We offer ways for our ambassadors to get involved with our work, feed into our campaigns, and shape our supporter network.

We have an existing network of ambassadors but we recruit new ambassadors to our programme all year round, so we welcome applications at any time.

We are seeking well-connected ambassadors of all ages and backgrounds within the conservative movement based across the country who are passionate about the environment.

We offer our ambassadors priority invites to in-person events hosted by CEN, including our exclusive quarterly drink receptions. We also list our ambassadors on our website and publish their blogs.

We hold virtual meetings every few months with ambassadors to update them on our work, get their feedback and suggestions, and ask for their advice on future supporter events.

We also host an annual away day, including dinner and drinks, for ambassadors, where they can discuss environmental policy and review CEN's campaigns and grassroots work. The day will include talks from interesting speakers and be an opportunity to meet like-minded people.

We would like ambassadors to be at the heart of our growing supporter network, helping to bring conservatives together to discuss environmental policy, and promote more ambitious action within the conservative movement. We ask that ambassadors support this work by helping CEN with events, recruitment, representation, and feedback.

Scan the barcode above to find out more about our ambassador programme and apply to join.

Join us to debate topical environmental issues

We hold regular virtual events to give conservatives an opportunity to hear from interesting speakers and debate topical environmental issues.

We have held events to debate new oil and gas licenses, onshore wind, climate migration, nuclear, voting blue to go green, and fifteen-minute cities.

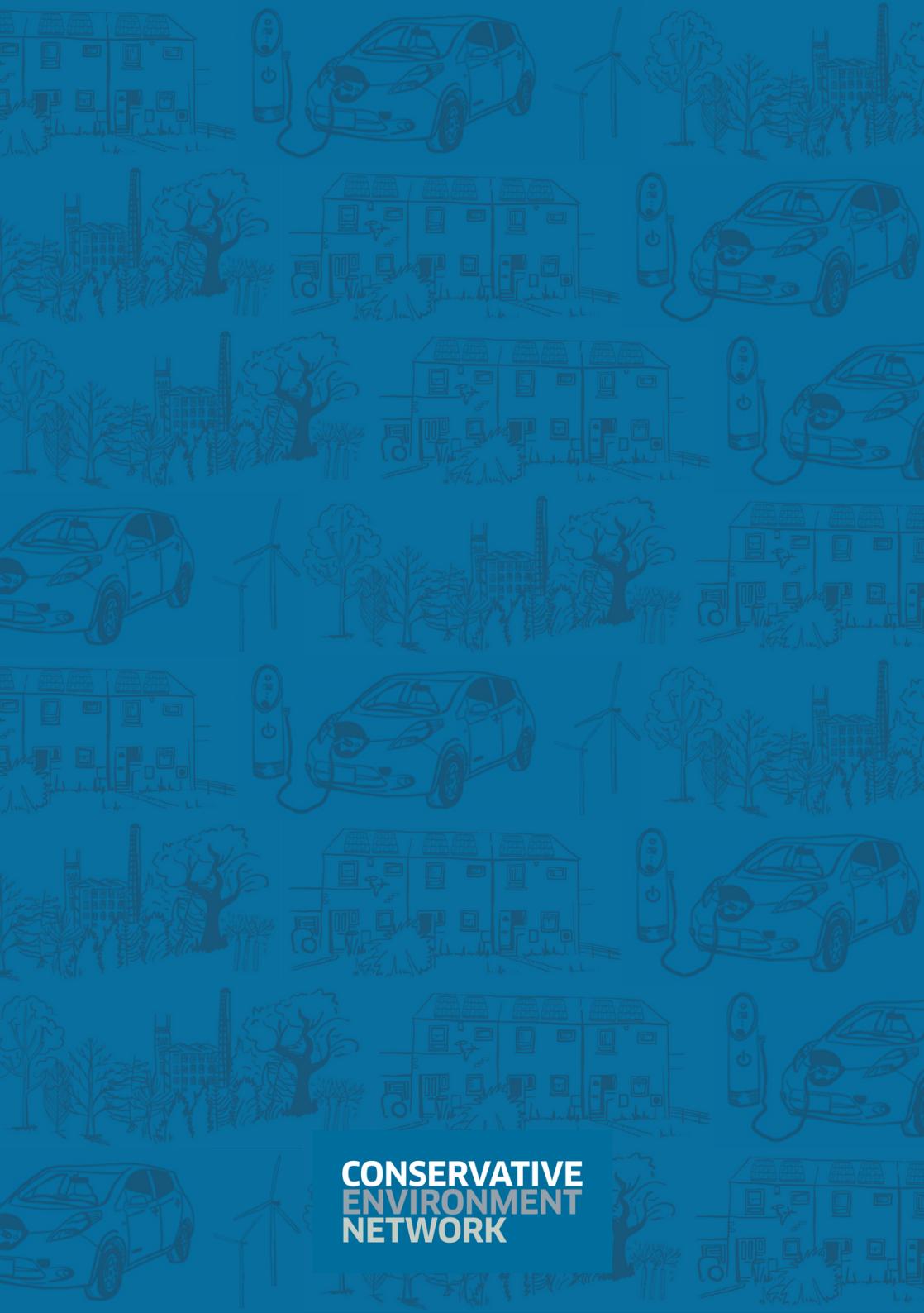
Upcoming events will discuss whether we can avoid a pylon pile-on and what a free market approach to environmental action looks like.

Please make sure you're signed up as a CEN councillor as these events are exclusively for our networks.



We're always keen to hear from you about what topics you'd like to discuss and hear from experts on.

Please send us any suggestions you have for our next environmental debate to info@cen.uk.com.



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