

MAKE BRITAIN A CLEAN ENERGY SUPERPOWER

**Fixing the foundations to secure
home-grown energy**

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Our Labour government was elected on the promise of change – to deliver a decade of national renewal and put the country back in the service of working people.

The hard work of the National Policy Forum in the years before the 2024 election set us on the path to an election-winning manifesto, a manifesto at the heart of our historic election win.

Security and renewal are our twin tasks, and now, we are getting on and delivering that change for working people.

We've fulfilled our pledge to deliver over two million extra NHS appointments – seven months early. We've delivered pay rises for 3.5 million people through a rise in the minimum wage, and average wages are growing at their fastest rate in three years.

We have launched Great British Energy to provide clean, secure, homegrown power. We've established a National Wealth Fund to fuel growth, we've overhauled planning laws to make the dream of home ownership a reality and we've delivered a £1 billion boost to police funding to keep our streets safe. Thanks to Labour, free breakfast clubs are being rolled-out in every primary school, starting with the first 750 from this April, saving parents up to £450 a year.

But the work has just begun. Our Plan for Change sets six clear, measurable milestones that the British people can expect to see delivered by the end of this Parliament: higher living standards; 1.5 million homes built; hospital backlogs ended; police back on the streets in every community; a record proportion of children starting school ready to learn; and secure, home-grown energy.

This can only be delivered with the strong foundations of economic stability, national security, and border security.

The National Policy Forum is a vital part of Labour's democratic policy-making process. We look forward to hearing from you and invite you to get involved in the NPF, to support the Party's policy priorities and build towards the next General Election.

Keir Starmer
Leader of the Labour Party
Prime Minister



Having spent 19 years on the National Policy Forum in a number of different roles, I am delighted to return to the NPF as Party Chair and to have been elected as NPF Chair. It is an absolute privilege now to take up this position to guide our first NPF in Government in more than 14 years.



The strength of our Labour movement produced our brilliant general election victory. But the work doesn't stop there.

Our Labour Government inherited unprecedented challenges, with crumbling public services and crippled public finances. This Government will not shy away from tough decisions: we will always put service before politics.

In this context, the NPF's Annual Consultation 2025 will focus on fixing the foundations to deliver change.

The consultation documents reflect some of the vital areas we must fix if we are to deliver Labour's decade of national renewal and make working people feel more secure. We are getting our economy back on track, boosting living standards, tackling the housing crisis and modernising our public services. We are building a more secure country at home while building our strength abroad.

We all have a role to play in responding to the challenges the country faces. As Party members, supporters and stakeholders your voice plays a vital role in these debates, from sharing your lived experiences, to expertise, knowledge and insight. We are stronger together and it is vital we maintain a strong link between the Party in government and the Party in the country. We encourage you to get involved and play your part in supporting the new Labour Government.

Please consider submitting your views either individually or as part of your CLP or organisation. We also invite you to attend one of the online members' events to hear from my Cabinet colleagues.

Together, our long-term work will deliver a decade of national renewal and a more secure and prosperous Britain.

Ellie Reeves
Party Chair and NPF Chair
Cabinet Office Minister

Thank you to everyone who got involved in the previous cycle of the National Policy Forum (NPF) and helped us produce an election-winning manifesto.

The new cycle of the NPF was launched in January 2025. We were delighted to welcome NPF reps from across the Labour movement to the first online meeting of the full NPF where we heard from the Prime Minister and Cabinet members.

The NPF is made up of the following six policy commissions:

- **Kickstart economic growth**
- **Build an NHS fit for the future**
- **Make Britain a clean energy superpower**
- **Safer streets**
- **Break down barriers to opportunity**
- **Britain reconnected**

This year's consultation runs from 31 March to 8 June.

The theme for this first-year consultation is **'fixing the foundations to deliver change'**. During the consultation, each commission will consult on fixing the foundations to enable the Labour Government to deliver the milestones set out in the Plan for Change and identify future challenges on the path to delivering the decade of national renewal that Labour promised in the 2024 Manifesto.

Each commission has produced a set of questions to guide discussions, as well as details on the policy context, our inheritance from the previous Conservative Government, and what the new Labour Government is already doing to deliver security and renewal for working people.

You don't need to answer every question in the document, nor answer them in a specific way. These questions are intended as a guide to stimulate discussions on the main issues in each policy area. When considering these questions, it may be helpful to consider examples of best practice in the policy areas, perhaps from your own experience and your local area, or the blockages to policy implementation which need to be overcome.

We welcome submissions from members of the public, Constituency and Branch Labour Parties, trade unions and socialist societies, as well as contributions from expert organisations such as think tanks, businesses and civil society.

Please submit your responses on our new website here:

<https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/>

This website also provides further information about this year's consultation and other ways to get involved, including our programme of members' events.

Finally, we recommend looking at our FAQs here

<https://nationalpolicyforum.labour.org.uk/about/> if you have any questions.

Thank you again for getting involved with the NPF. It is through our collective work that we will deliver a decade of national renewal for working people.

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1. What are the key regulatory and delivery challenges in securing home-grown energy and clean power by 2030?
2. How can we ensure that Labour's clean energy transition delivers for working people by lowering consumer energy bills and creating high-quality jobs, skills and opportunities?
3. How can we protect and enhance our natural environment as we deliver secure home-grown energy and clean power?
4. What steps should the Labour Government take to deliver the infrastructure necessary to facilitate the transition to clean power, whilst supporting low-carbon hydrogen and the UK's future clean energy mix?
5. What measures need to be taken to ensure that the Government's Clean Power 2030 Action Plan is successful and facilitates the mass deployment of clean energy sources for decades to come?
6. What are the specific implications of policy proposals in this area for (a) women, (b) Black, Asian and minority ethnic people (c) LGBT+ people, (d) disabled people and (e) all those with other protected characteristics under the Equality Act 2010?
7. What consideration would need to be given to policy proposals in this area when collaborating with devolved administrations, combined authorities and other local governments in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland?

In his Plan for Change, Keir Starmer has set a clear and ambitious milestone: securing home-grown energy, protecting billpayers and putting us on track to at least 95% clean power by 2030, while accelerating the UK to net zero.

Britain has been left exposed to volatile international fossil fuel markets for far too long and, as a consequence, families are vulnerable to price spikes and rising bills.

Britain's energy independence has been overlooked by previous governments, and we have failed to grasp the significant economic opportunity of accelerating to net zero. The renewable energy sector is one of the fastest growing parts of the UK economy and therefore should be supported to grow and thrive.

Our long-term mission to make Britain a Clean Energy Superpower is therefore not just an environmental necessity, but also essential to our economic and national security.

Labour has a vision of good, clean jobs being delivered across the country, reigniting our industrial heartlands while protecting the planet for generations to come and billpayers from future shocks. Through its Plan for Change, Labour will make the most of Britain's rich natural resources, unleash the power of technological innovation and secure billions of pounds worth of investment. Labour will support high-quality jobs, while also ensuring that workers across Britain benefit from job opportunities in the clean energy sector.

Over the course of this consultation, we will explore how Labour can meet its ambition to make Britain a Clean Energy superpower by 2030, identify the key policy challenges facing the Government, and hear from clean power experts on the significant opportunities of this agenda.

This consultation forms party of a multi-year process which not only seeks to respond to immediate and evolving challenges, but also to consider Labour's long-term ambition to deliver a decade of national renewal.

Under the Tories, approval for vital renewable infrastructure moved at a glacial pace, Britain took a backseat on the world stage, and billpayers were left at the mercy of international gas market volatility.

After Putin's illegal invasion of Ukraine, gas markets fluctuated wildly causing energy bills to rise. British billpayers were uniquely exposed to price rises due to Conservative failure on energy security.

The previous government made rash decisions with no consideration of the impact it would have on Britain's wider energy resilience, effectively banning the development of onshore wind and neglecting our climate obligations. In short, they chose to prioritise internal ideological squabbles and short-term political expediency over Britain's energy independence and security.

Research shows that under the Conservatives, 10,000 fewer jobs were delivered in the onshore wind sector, with renewable energy capacity around a third smaller than it otherwise would have been. Under the previous government, around 2,500 renewable energy projects were blocked in the last five years alone - at a rate of more than one per day.

Carbon Brief estimates that the Conservative failure on green energy and infrastructure added close to £22 billion to energy bills over the last decade. Even senior Shadow Cabinet Members have admitted that - following their interventions - "it's more difficult to build critical national infrastructure projects than it was when we came into power, and costs more."

This Labour Government recognises that it must work quickly to turn the page, unblock the planning and grid system that has stymied renewable energy development, and ensure that the British renewable energy sector gets the support that it needs to flourish amid challenging economic circumstances following 14 years of Conservative mismanagement.

This Government also faces the challenge of protecting our natural world after years of Tory inaction which has seen biodiversity suffer and the shameful pollution of our precious waterways. Labour recognises that our natural world has an important role to play in meeting our clean power target, including in carbon storage and sequestration. The Government therefore has a core responsibility to prevent damage to our vital ecosystems and is working to ensure that the natural world not only survives, but thrives, in Britain.

Since being elected, this Labour government has moved at pace to create the good, green jobs of the future, whilst approving and investing in the infrastructure needed to meet our clean energy ambitions.

Within the first 72 hours of government, this Labour Government lifted the Conservatives' onshore wind ban, harnessing our natural resources to protect our energy independence. This Government then went on to secure a record-breaking 131 renewable energy projects through the latest auction, enough to power more than 10 million homes.

Great British Energy – our publicly-owned clean energy company – has been launched and is already working to generate vital investment in clean, secure and homegrown power. This has already been evidenced by a multibillion-pound agreement between GB Energy and the Crown Estate to unleash vital investment and protect Britain's energy security. Alongside this work, the Government has also announced the creation of a Marine Recovery Fund to deliver strategic and co-ordinated environmental compensation measures.

This work comes alongside the creation of a new National Wealth Fund to drive low carbon investment into key renewable sectors, and £22 billion of funding to create an entirely new industry in the UK with carbon capture and Carbon Capture, Usage and Storage (CCUS) enabled hydrogen products. This will breathe new life into Britain's former industrial heartlands and create tens of thousands of jobs across the North over the next decade.

This Government has also recognised the link between the acceleration to net zero and the opportunity to improve living standards, with new legislation to ensure that private and social rental properties meet minimum energy efficiency standards alongside funding to roll out energy efficiency upgrades across the country.

Labour has also taken immediate action to clean up our waterways, with legislation to put failing water companies under special measures.

This consultation seeks to build on the work that this Labour Government has already done, to recognise the challenges to our ambitious Plan for Change Milestone, and to ensure that the Government is supported as it works to decarbonise our energy sector and boost Britain's energy security.

Over the course of these consultation sessions, the commission will develop a policy platform that supports the Government in its mission to deliver a decade of national renewal and drive down bills for people across the country.

