

# Election 2024: Party Pledges on key Hampshire and Isle of Wight Environmental Priorities

POLICY AREA	CONSERVATIVE	GREEN	LABOUR	LIBERAL DEMOCRATS	REFORM
<p><b>A planning system that helps nature recover</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrap nutrient neutrality</li> <li>Review role of statutory consultees e.g. Natural England</li> <li>Meet tree planting target and cut red tape</li> <li>Cut infrastructure approval time</li> <li>New design competition for urban greening areas</li> <li>Review of environmental impact regulations</li> <li>Protect greenbelt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reduce environmental impact of construction and protect green spaces</li> <li>Require local authorities to spread small developments across their areas, where appropriate, rather than building huge new estates</li> <li>Protect greenbelt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community right-to-buy derelict land</li> <li>A New Towns Commission &amp; standards code</li> <li>Review National Planning Policy &amp; restore housing targets</li> <li>More resourcing for local planning officers</li> <li>Urban brownfield FastTrack</li> <li>Review 'grey' greenbelt</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100% BNG on large sites</li> <li>New Wild Belt designation</li> <li>More funding for gov. agencies e.g. Environment Agency</li> <li>10 new garden cities</li> <li>More funding for local planning departments</li> <li>'Double' nature (species, woodland, protected areas) by 2050</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fast track planning and tax incentives for development of brownfield sites</li> <li>'Loose fit planning' policy for large residential developments with preapproved guidelines</li> <li>Overhaul and merge the National Infrastructure Commission and Infrastructure Bank</li> </ul>
<p><b>Supporting nature-friendly farming</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£1bn increase to current £2.4bn farming budget over 5-year parliament (linked to ELMS)</li> <li>Public procurement target for 50% local/ high standard food</li> <li>A Land Use Framework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Triple farming budget over 5-year parliament &amp; link directly to sustainability</li> <li>End factory farming</li> <li>End Badger cull</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support agri-environment schemes</li> <li>Ban bee-killing pesticides</li> <li>End badger cull</li> <li>A Land Use Framework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>£1bn a year increase to sustainable farming budget</li> <li>Support for encouraging sustainability (inc. public procurement)</li> <li>A Land &amp; Sea Use Framework</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase farming budget to £3bn (from current £2.4bn)</li> <li>Replace climate related subsidies with direct payments.</li> <li>Reform remit of Natural England</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tackling water pollution</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block water company bonuses</li> <li>Invest fines in River Restoration Network</li> <li>Reform Price Review for water companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Increase Defra agency budget by £1.5bn to aid enforcement</li> <li>Public ownership of water companies</li> <li>£12bn investment in water infrastructure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block water company bonuses</li> <li>Possible criminal charges</li> <li>End self monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Block water company bonuses</li> <li>Sewage tax on profits</li> <li>Public benefit companies</li> <li>2030 legal target to stop polluting nature sites</li> <li>More local authority powers</li> <li>'Blue corridor' of Blue Flag standard waterways</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop release of sewage into our rivers and seas</li> <li>Bring 50% of each utility into public ownership, with the other 50% owned by UK pension funds</li> <li>Build new reservoirs in high rainfall areas.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Greener communities</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new National Park</li> <li>Continue landscape recovery fund</li> <li>New national trails, e.g. King's coastal path, and more access to nature routes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Clean Air Act</li> <li>Right to Roam</li> <li>Aim for everyone within 15 minutes of nature</li> <li>Support outdoor learning</li> <li>New natural history GCSE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 new River Pathways</li> <li>3 new National Forests</li> <li>Introduce 'golden rules' to ensure development benefits communities and nature</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 new national parks</li> <li>New 'Environmental Rights Act' / right to access nature</li> <li>Explore a 'right to roam'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ban all ULEZ and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods</li> </ul>
<p><b>Nature-based solutions (NBS) to climate change</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maintain current flood mitigation spending £5.6bn over 2021-2027 (including NBS)</li> <li>Moratorium on deep sea mining and ratify the Global Oceans Treaty</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support a nature-based solutions approach to flooding and storm overflows.</li> <li>£7bn investment in climate adaptation</li> <li>£30bn R&amp;D budget, including NBS</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up a flood resilience task force to speed up building of flood defences and planting trees</li> <li>Increase resilience &amp; standards across Government</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New Blue and Soil Carbon Standards</li> <li>Support for NBS : ban heather burning, restore seagrass meadows</li> <li>Mandatory sustainable drainage in new build</li> <li>Nature-impact disclosure for companies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrap climate and environment laws based on EU regulation.</li> <li>More tree planting</li> <li>Scrap energy levies and Net Zero and develop Britain's oil and gas reserves</li> </ul>