## PLANNING MANIFESTO REVIEW 2024

#### **CONSERVATIVE: Clear Plan, Bold Action,** Secure Future

- Simplify planning system and speed up average consent time from four years to one, for major infrastructure projects by:
- Reform Environmental Impact Assessment
- Ensure offsetting requirements are proportionate without compromising environmental outcomes
- Focus statutory consultees on improving projects in line with clearer objectives
- Amend the law so that unmerited legal challenges cannot waste court time
- Legislate to make it easier to build new prisons, with the aim of delivering four by 2030
- Introduce one-off mitigation fee to address nutrient neutrality
- Regenerate Euston, Old Oak Common and Thamesmead
- Create locally-led urban development corporations in partnership with the private sector and institutional investors to deliver new guarters in Liverpool, Leeds and York
- Deliver Cambridge 2050 Plan
- Require Councils to set land aside for local and small builders
- Reduce burden of section 106 contributions on smaller sites
- Bring Infrastructure Levy into effect, and ensure it is used to deliver GP surgeries, roads and other local infrastructure rather than alternative community projects
- Protect the Green Belt
- Make planning process simpler for selfbuild homes
- Deliver fast-track permissions on farm infrastructure such as glasshouses, slurry and grain stores and small reservoirs
- Give powers to Councils to manage proliferation of holiday lets
- Speed up enforcement action for removal of traveller sites and prevent unauthorised development carried out by travellers
- Change the law to support local market days and regenerate defunct shopping centres
- Found a Seaside Heritage Fund to preserve, restore and enhance coastal assets
- Protect national heritage including statues, memorials and monuments.

Take tough action to ensure that local planning

LABOUR: Change

- authorities have up-to-date local plans
- Reform and strengthen the presumption in favour of sustainable development
- Immediately update National Planning Policy Framework to restore mandatory housing targets
- Where necessary make full use of intervention powers to build the houses the country needs.
- Funding additional planning officers, through increasing the rate of stamp duty surcharge paid by non-UK residents.
- Take a brownfield first approach, prioritising development of previously used land wherever possible, and fast-tracking approval of urban brownfield sites.
- Preserve Green Belt but take strategic approach to Green Belt land designation and release to build more homes in the right places, with lower quality 'Grey Belt' land prioritised and 'golden rules' to ensure development benefits communities and nature.
- Introduce new mechanisms for crossboundary strategic planning.
- Further reform compulsory purchase compensation rules to improve land assembly, • speed up delivery and deliver housing, infrastructure, amenity, and transport benefits in the public interest. For specific types of development schemes, landowners to be awarded fair compensation rather than inflated prices based on the prospect of planning permission.
- Deepen devolution settlements for existing Combined Authorities. On housing and planning, consolidate powers to allow for improved decision making.
- Give local areas new powers over transport, adult education and skills, housing and planning, and employment support
- Create a new statutory requirement for Local Growth Plans for towns and cities across the country, identifying growth sectors and the programmes and infrastructure they need. These will be aligned with the new national industrial strategy.
- Bring in multi-year funding settlements for local authorities and bringing an end to competitive bidding.

Allow Councils to set their own planning application fees to fund planning departments

LIB DEM: Our Fair Deal

- Create "use-it-or-lose-it" planning permissions to encourage delivery
- Ensure that development is not located within areas at high risk from flooding without mitigation
- Provide financial incentives for development on brownfield sites
- Promote rural exception sites
- Increase the biodiversity net gain requirement, with up 100% for large developments
- Identify a 'Wild Belt' for nature recovery
- Allow Councils to compulsorilypurchase land for housing at its existing use value (i.e. not at hope value)
- Strengthen powers over community assets to protect pubs, community farms and other infrastructure
- Introduce a strategic Land and Seas Use Framework to balance competing demands for space
- Expand neighbourhood planning
- Promote the Northern Powerhouse, Western Gateway and Midlands Engine
- Ensure that development is not located within areas at high risk from flooding without mitigation
- Ensure all development has • appropriate infrastructure, services and amenities in place, integrating infrastructure and public service delivery into the planning process
- Sustainable drainage systems in all new development.

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- Require local author small developments areas.
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  - New build and the refurbishment of stock.
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  - Ending the individual 'right to buy', to keep social homes for local communities in perpetuity.

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# HOUSING MANIFESTO REVIEW 2024

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<ul> <li>Create a fast-track application route for new homes on brownfield land in 20 cities</li> <li>Consider a tax benefit relating to the delivery of housing on brownfield land</li> <li>Direct housing to the inner cities and increase residential densities in London to match Paris and Barcelona</li> <li>Promote gentle densification led by design codes</li> <li>Renew the Affordable Homes Programme to deliver homes of all tenures and improve housing estates</li> <li>Increase the threshold for payment of Stamp Duty to £425,000</li> <li>Launch a new Help to Buy Scheme to give first time buyers an equity loan of up to 20% towards a new build home with a 5% deposit, the scheme to be partially funded by housebuilder contributions</li> <li>Support more families to buy through Shared Ownership</li> <li>Boost the availability of affordable housing in rural areas</li> <li>Ensure that rural exception sites support local people into home ownership</li> <li>Continue to support the Right to Buy and ensure that discounts increase with inflation</li> <li>Create new Local Connection and UK Connection tests for access to social housing</li> <li>Complete the leasehold reform programme, with ground rents to be capped initially at £250 and reduced to a peppercorn over time</li> <li>Promote commonhold</li> <li>Pass the Renters Reform Bill</li> <li>Review the quality of temporary accommodation</li> <li>Continue with developer-funded cladding remediation programmes</li> <li>Encourage the delivery of housing for older people.</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Parliament</li><li>Changes to the NPPF and use of</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Abolish residential leasehold and cap on ground rents</li> <li>Create new powers to control second homes and short-term lets within local authority areas, which would include creation of a new use class and a council tax increase of up to 500%</li> <li>Trial community land auctions which will allow local communities to receive a fair share of benefits from new development</li> <li>Remove dangerous cladding from all buildings</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Rent controls.</li> <li>A new stable rental tenancy a end to no-fault evictions.</li> <li>Tenant's right to demand ener efficiency improvements.</li> <li>Private residential tenancy bo to provide a forum for resolvin disputes before they reach a tribunal.</li> </ul>

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#### REFORM UK: Our Contract with You

projects to boost businesses, especially in coastal regeneration

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- areas, Wales, the North, and the Midlands.Reform social housing law. Prioritise local people and those who have

brownfield sites and infrastructure

- paid into the system.
  Scrap section 24 for Landlords. The tax system should encourage smaller landlords into the rental markets, not penalise them.
- Abolish the Renters (Reform) Bill. Instead, boost the monitoring, appeals and enforcement process for renters with grievances.
- All potential charges for leasehold or freehold residents must be clearly stated and consented to.
   Ensure it is cheaper and easier to extend leases to 990 years and buy freeholds.
- Incentivise use of new construction technology to speed up building such as modular construction, digital technology and building sites that improve efficiency and cut waste.
- Substantially boost economic activity and housebuilding by cutting Stamp Duty to 0% below £750k. Cut it to 2% from £750k -£1.5m and cut it to 4% over £1.5m.



## TRANSPORT MANIFESTO REVIEW 2024

Reduce the costs of infrastructure delivery by allowing quicker changes to be made to consented projects.			Change
Ensure that National Policy Statements are updated regularly Spend the £36bn saved by cancelling the second phase of HS2 on other transport projects Complete HS2 between London and the West Midlands Support the growth of the rail freight sector Invest £4.7bn in the transport priorities of small cities, towns and rural areas in the North and Midlands, including upgrades to local bus and train stations Give £8.55bn to city regions to spend on their local priorities Invest in the Transport prove Upgrade, deliver Northern Powerhouse Rail between Manchester and Liverpool, fund electrification to Hull and build a new station in Bradford Fund the Midlands Rail Hub to improve journey times and deliver more frequent services and upgrade the line between Newark and Nottingham Support road, rail and ferry improvements in Scotland Fund road and rail improvements in Wales Electrify the North Wales Main Line Upgrade the railways in the South West Reopen Beeching lines and stations and deliver on the Network North Command Paper Provide an additional £44bn to Network Rail over five years Introduce the Rail Reform Bill to create Great British Railways, which will grow the role of the private sector to bring greater choice for passengers and simpler ticketing Roll out mobile pay as you go contactless rail tickets nationwide Provide £1bn to support new bus routes across the North and Midlands Extend the £2 bus fare cap throughout England for the whole of the next Parliament, funded by railway reform Deliver the next Road Investment Strategy, to include the Lower Thames Crossing and A303 Promote electric and automated vehicles, by ensuring that charging infrastructure is available nationwide and delivering the Zero Emission Vehicle Mandate Bring forward the Plan for Drivers to make better use of bus lanes, enforcement for yellow box junctions and penalties for overrunning street works Introduce a Backing Drivers Bill that will: • reverse the ULEZ expansion • stop pay-per-mile road pricing • require new 20mph and Low Traffic Neighb	long-term future, including promoting sustainable aviation fuels and encouraging airspace modernisation.	<ul> <li>Impose a moratorium on net airport expansion pending a national capacity and emissions framework</li> <li>Oppose expansion of all London airports, and to any new airport in the Thames Estuary</li> <li>Deliver Northern Powerhouse rail to connect cities in the north of England</li> <li>Consider the revival of the northern part of HS2, or a viable alternative</li> <li>Implement light rail/ tram schemes</li> <li>Introduce local authority powers to restore bus routes and add new services where there is a local need</li> <li>Create of new cycling and walking networks through a nationwide active travel strategy</li> <li>Promote the rapid roll- out of electric vehicle charging points</li> <li>Give more money to Councils to maintain existing roads, pavements and cycleways</li> <li>Introduce of a national freight strategy to move as much as possibly by rail, rather than road</li> <li>Devolve powers to local authorities to design public transport around community needs, including network-wide ticketing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Increase subsidies bus travered by the end Parliamered bus travered 18s.</li> <li>Invest in £19bn ow to improved transported electrification create nered and footpered for the into puble.</li> <li>Give location of funding for bus servited in the puble.</li> <li>Give location of funding for bus servited in the puble.</li> <li>Reimagin we use state the intervention of the presentation of the pres</li></ul>

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- aviation technology
- Protect vital UK domestic flight routes
- Review options for cross-Solent transport to provide more choice and lower fares Work with Active Travel England to make it safer to walk and cycle, introducing
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- Save £25 billion by scrapping the rest of HS2. Legislate to ban all
- ULEZ and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods.
- Scrap bans on selling petrol and diesel cars and scrap legal requirements for manufacturers to sell electric cars.
- Accelerate Transport • Infrastructure, with a focus on coastal regions, Wales, the North, and the Midlands. Improve existing rail and road links. Integrated services are critical. Create a new ownership structure for critical national infrastructure: 50% of each utility to be brought into public ownership with the other 50% owned by UK pension funds, benefiting from new expertise and better management. Ensure standing charges are capped to help low users and pensioners.
  - Launch a national database for councils, contractors, government and utilities to ensure coordination of transport infrastructure projects. Less road works, waste and delays.
  - Build new reservoirs in high rainfall areas. Water can be stored and transferred to low rainfall areas when required.
  - Overhaul and merge the National Infrastructure Commission and the Infrastructure Bank. Scrap all Net Zero related objectives. Simplify the funding process, save time, cut waste, boost funding and ensure accountability.



# ENERGY MANIFESTO REVIEW 2024

#### **CONSERVATIVE: Clear Plan**, **Bold Action, Secure Future**

#### LABOUR: Change

#### Prioritise energy security

- Ensure annual licensing rounds for oil and gas production in the North Sea
- Deliver new gas power stations and a third mega-nuclear power station
- Treble offshore wind capacity
- Support solar in the right places (not on the best agricultural land)
- Preserve the moratorium on fracking
- Build two carbon capture and storage clusters
- Approve two new fleets of Small Modular Reactors to expand nuclear power
- Halve the time taken to approve new nuclear reactors by allowing regulators to assess projects before designs are finalised
- Deliver a new gigawatt power plant in North Wales and projects at Hinkley Point and Sizewell
- Make the UK a net exporter of electricity
- Ensure that offshore cables reduce the amount of new onshore infrastructure
- Reduce waiting times for connection to the grid
- Review into the advantages of alternative network technologies •
- Consider introducing a presumption in favour of undergrounding cables
- Fund an energy efficiency voucher scheme to support the installation of energy efficiency measures and solar panels.

### LIB DEM: Our Fair Deal

- Make Britain a clean energy superpower
- Zero-carbon electricity by 2030
- A new Energy Independence Act establishing the framework for energy and climate policies.
- Work with the private sector to double onshore wind, triple solar power, and quadruple offshore wind by 2030.
- £7.3 billion National Wealth Fund to support Labour's growth and clean energy missions
- Invest in carbon capture and storage, hydrogen and marine energy, and long-term energy storage, including:
- £1 billion to accelerate the deployment of carbon capture
- £500 million to support the manufacturing of green hydrogen
- Ensure the long-term security of the nuclear sector by extending the lifetime of existing plants, delivering Hinkley Point C, new nuclear power stations such as Sizewell C and small modular reactors
- A strategic reserve of gas power stations to guarantee security of supply.
- Existing oil and gas licences to remain
- Extend the sunset clause in the Energy Profits Levy until the end of the next Parliament, increase the rate of the levy by 3% and remove investment allowances. Retain the Energy Security Investment Mechanism.
- A new publicly owned Great British Energy company (capitalised with £8.3 billion over the next Parliament) to partner with industry, local authorities, co-operatives and trade unions to deliver clean power by:
- co-investing in leading technologies;
- supporting capital-intensive projects; •
- deploying local energy production to benefit communities
- A new Local Power Plan to increase the distribution of energy production and reduce pressure on the transmission grid, installing thousands of clean power projects including onshore wind, solar, and hydropower.
- Work with industry to upgrade the national transmission infrastructure.
- Reward clean energy developers with a British Jobs Bonus, allocating up to £500 million per year from 2026, to incentivise firms who offer good jobs, terms and conditions and build their manufacturing supply chains in the UK' industrial heartlands, coastal areas, and energy communities
- Invest an extra £6.6 billion over the next Parliament to upgrade the energy efficiency of 5 million homes via a new Warm Homes Plan.
- Homes in the private rented sector meet minimum energy efficiency standards by 2030
- A new international Clean Power Alliance.

- Require all new homes to be zerocarbon
- Expand incentives for the home installation of solar panels, including a guaranteed price for energy sold into the grid
- Invest in renewable power so that 90% of energy is generated from renewables by 2030, with a particular focus on tidal and wave •
- Building the grid infrastructure required to accelerate the
- deployment of renewable power Remove existing restrictions on new solar and wind power
- Introduce a ten-year emergency upgrade programme for homes, to include free insulation and heat pumps for people on low incomes
- Give powers to Councils to create local net zero strategies
- Establish national and local citizens' assemblies to give people input into climate change decisions
- Maintain the ban on fracking and introduce a ban on new coal mines
- Invest in carbon capture and energy storage
- Guarantee security of supply by working with other countries
- Provide for that community benefits funds receive a share of the wealth generated by local renewables infrastructure.

- **GREEN: Real Hope, Real Change**
- Ensure that all new homes meet Passivhaus or equivalent standards and house builders include solar panels and heat pumps on all new homes, where appropriate.
- £29bn over the next five years to insulate homes to an EPC B standard or above as part of a tenyear programme.
- £4bn over the next five years to insulate other buildings to a high standard.
- £9bn over the next five years for low-carbon heating systems (e.g. heat pumps) for homes and other buildings.
- A £40bn investment per year in the shift to a green economy over the course of the next Parliament.
- A carbon tax to drive fossil fuels out of the economy and raise money to invest in the green transition.
- Bringing water companies and the Big 5 retail energy companies into public ownership. A £12.4bn investment in skills and training, equipping workers to play a full role in the green
- economy.
- A share of community ownership in local sustainable energy infrastructure such as wind farms.
- Regional mutual banks to be set up to drive investment in decarbonisation and local economic sustainability.
- £2bn per year in grant funding for local authorities to help businesses decarbonise.
- Community ownership to be encouraged through greater access to government funding in the transition to a zero-carbon economy. Wind to provide around 70% of the UK's
- electricity by 2030
- Delivery of 80GW of offshore wind, 53 GW of onshore wind, and 100 GW of solar by 2035. Investment in energy storage capacity and more efficient electricity distribution.
- Communities to own their own energy sources, ensuring they can use any profit from selling excess energy to reduce their bills or benefit their communities.
- Cancel recent fossil fuel licences such as for Rosebank and stop all new fossil fuel extraction projects in the UK.
- Remove all oil and gas subsidies. Introduce a carbon tax on all fossil fuel imports and domestic extraction, based on greenhouse gas emissions produced when fuel is burned.
- Phase-out of nuclear energy.

- **REFORM UK: Our Contract** with You
- Scrap Annual £10 Billion of Renewable Energy Subsidies
- Scrap energy levies and Net Zero to slash energy bills and save each household £500 per year.
- Scrap VAT on energy bills. Lower fuel duty by 20p per litre. Scrap environmental levies.
- Unlock Britain's vast oil and gas reserves to beat the cost of living crisis and unleash real economic growth. Start fast-tracking licences of North Sea gas and oil.
- Grant shale gas licences on test sites for 2 years. Then enable major production when safety is proven, with local
- compensation schemes. Fast-track clean nuclear energy with new small modular reactors, built in Britain.
- Increase and incentivise UK lithium mining for electric batteries, Combined Cycle gas turbines, clean synthetic fuel and clean coal mining.



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<ul> <li>Maintain Environmental Land Management Schemes</li> <li>Provide capital funding into flood defences (£5.6bn over 2021-2027, announced in 2020)</li> <li>Consult with UK oversea territories on expansion of the Blue Belt to protect oceans and seas</li> <li>Keep the moratorium on deep sea mining</li> <li>Ratify the Global Oceans Treaty</li> <li>Deliver the Plan for Water to increase transparency and investment and use fines on water companies to fund river restoration projects</li> <li>Use Nature for Climate funding to increase tree planting and deliver on peatland commitments</li> <li>Launch a design competition for urban greening</li> <li>Remove barriers to tree planting within the planning system and identify particularly suitable areas for planting</li> <li>Designate a new National Park and protected landscapes</li> <li>Support community-led Landscape Recovery Schemes</li> <li>Deliver the Coast to Coast Path and King Charles III England Coast Path</li> <li>Work with landowners, charities and others to open up 'access to nature' routes</li> <li>Oppose a universal Right to Roam</li> <li>Prevent the construction of new waste incinerators and revoke recent permit approvals where substantial construction has not been carried out.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>No new licences to explore new oil and gas fields</li> <li>No new coal licences</li> <li>A ban on fracking for good</li> <li>The National Wealth Fund will support the most energy intensive sectors to decarbonise</li> <li>The institutional framework for policy making will be changed to reflect the UK's commitments to reach net zero and meet carbon budgets. Reverse the decision to prevent the Bank of England giving due consideration to climate change in its mandates.</li> <li>Make the UK the green finance capital of the world, mandating UK-regulated financial institutions and FTSE 100 companies to develop and implement credible transition plans that align with the 1.5°C goal of the Paris Agreement.</li> <li>Improve climate change resilience and preparation across central government, local authorities, local communities, and emergency services.</li> <li>Take action to meet the Environment Act targets and work in partnership with civil society, communities and business to restore and protect the natural world.</li> <li>9 new National River Walks (one in each region of England) and 3 new National Forests in England.</li> <li>Planting millions of trees and creating new woodlands.</li> <li>Expand nature-rich habitats such as wetlands, peat bogs and forests so families can explore and wildlife can thrive, including on public land.</li> <li>Move to a circular economy.</li> <li>Put failing water companies under special measures to clean up water. Give water industry regulators new powers to block payment of bonuses to executives who preside over pollution of waterways and to bring criminal charges against persistent law breakers. Impose automatic and severe fines for wrongdoing and ensure independent monitoring of every outlet.</li> <li>A target for half of all food purchased across the public sector to be locally produced or certified to higher environmental standards.</li> <li>A land-use framework for agriculture and make environment land management schemes work for</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Revised target of Net Zero by 2045</li> <li>Passing a new Environmental Rights Act to recognise a human right to a healthy environment and to guarantee access to environmental justice</li> <li>Safeguarding at least 30% of land and sea areas by 2030 for nature recovery</li> <li>A commitment to the highest environmental standards in the world</li> <li>A new industrial strategy that puts climate change at its heart</li> <li>Increasing the amount of accessible green space, including the creation of a new designation of "National Nature Parks"</li> <li>Nature-based solutions, including tree planting, to tackle climate change</li> <li>Support for farmers to restore woodland, peatland and waterways and to create new natural flood protection by opting in to an Environmental Land Management scheme</li> <li>Support for farmers to reduce the pollution of rivers, streams and lakes</li> <li>Bring forward a new Clean Air Act based on WHO guidelines, with a new Air Quality Agency responsible for enforcement</li> <li>Measures to tackle the release of sewage into rivers, waterways and coastal areas including better enforcement of existing regulations, new legally binding targets and duties, a sewage tax on water company profits and embracing nature based solutions.</li> <li>Blue Corridor Programme for rivers, streams and lakes to ensure clean and health water and set new "blue flag" standards</li> <li>Strengthen the Office for Environmental Protection and provide more funding for the Environment Agency and Natural England.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Introduce a new giving rights to rivers and se water companies ownership.</li> <li>Extend people's a space and water they live with a rise Roam Act.</li> <li>Set aside 30% of 2030 in which na highest priority a</li> <li>An immediate er authorisation of pesticides.</li> <li>A new Clean Air giving everyone clean air.</li> <li>Biodiversity and conserved and ir cleaner rivers.</li> </ul>

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- Scrap Net Zero and Related Subsidies
- Legislate to Scrap EU Regulations with immediate effect.

