



Operation Noah climate lobby briefing

The climate lobby of Parliament on 17 June is a fantastic opportunity to put climate change on the mainstream political agenda in this important year for climate action. Many MPs will be new in Parliament or were not in Parliament when the Climate Change Act was passed in 2008. The lobby is a unique event that will demonstrate the widespread concern from across the UK for tackling climate change.

If there is a large group attending from your constituency not everyone will have the chance to speak, so you should aim to organise among yourselves how you will run the meeting before the MP arrives, and which issues you will raise. It is hoped that MPs will provide their time slot for the meeting in advance so you will know how long the meeting will last. It could be around 15 to 30 minutes. Here are some pointers for meeting with your MP and issues to raise:

- Find out a bit about your MP in advance, eg any particular interests they have or causes they support.
- Introduce yourself by saying why you have come and why climate change is a concern for you and your community, for example by referring to the 'For the Love of' messaging or that you are a Christian deeply concerned about justice for the people impacted by climate change and the devastation being caused to the Earth.
- This is the start of a conversation in which to engage with your MP about climate change, so you could begin with an open question to ask what their personal view about climate change is.
- Then frame the issue as a local concern by asking: What will you do to tackle climate change in our local constituency? There may be local issues to refer to, such as support for community renewables, local campaigns on fossil fuel divestment or improving flooding defences.
- Then move on to the national policy direction and the international demands for the UN Paris COP21 this December.
- Please take notes of what your MP says and feed this back to the Climate Coalition who will be keeping a log of MPs' responses (a feedback form will be available).
- Ask to meet with your MP again, locally, in six months' time to follow up on progress, or let them know that you will be contacting them again soon to see what they have done on climate change. The lobby is meant to be the start of a conversation that can build over time.
- Please also give your MP a copy of the MP Briefing that will be available on the day which outlines the key lobby demands – this can be viewed on our website for reference at: www.operationnoah.org/featured/speak-up-for-the-love-of/

National policy direction

Energy supply

We are calling for a carbon-free power sector for the UK by 2030 and a phase-out of coal by 2023.

1. Given the urgent need for the UK to make the transition to a fossil-free economy what are you going to do to support the expansion of renewable energy industries that offer a cost-effective solution and create many more green jobs?
2. Do you think the UK can meet its commitment to cut carbon emissions while offering tax breaks to expand offshore oil and gas and onshore shale-gas fracking, but withdrawing subsidies for onshore wind farms?

3. How are you going to ensure that communities and local enterprises have a real stake in energy supply, such as community-owned energy?
4. What are you going to do to support the end of coal-fired power by 2023?

Energy demand

We call for a massive investment in energy efficiency for residential and community buildings through energy-saving retrofits and other measures, prioritising low-income homes, as well as ensuring that new building regulations for homes and buildings are zero carbon.

5. Do you see this as a UK Government priority?

International demands

We call on the UK Government to use all of its power and influence to work for a global climate deal in Paris that requires all countries to take their fair share of action to limit global temperature rise to well below 2°C and support developing countries to cope with escalating climate impacts. Our goal worldwide is 100% clean, safe energy for all by 2050, protecting people and nature.

6. Do you support the global phase-out of fossil fuel emissions and phase-in of 100% clean, safe energy for all by 2050?
7. Do you accept that the majority of known global fossil fuel reserves – estimated by scientists at 80% – must remain in the ground and not burned in order to limit global warming to below 2°C?
8. What is your commitment to delivering the climate finance necessary for developing countries to achieve clean development and to adapt to the impacts of climate change?