# Green Party

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The Green Party Manifesto offered the electorate an economic programme that would reduce our national debt without cutting vital public services. This programme is:

## The Green New Deal

### It is a response to the triple crisis that the world now faces:

**A financial crisis** caused by the uncontrolled speculation of international bankers, including many based in the City of London, interested in quick profits, rather than sustainable development, creating a financial bubble, which was bound to burst and did.

**An energy crisis** as the supply of oil peaks, and remaining reserves become more damaging and dangerous and expensive to extract.

**A climate crisis** driven by burning fossil fuels, resulting in increased global temperatures, threatening the very survival of humanity.

The Green New Deal proposed a major investment in energy conservation and renewable energy, creating thousands of sustainable jobs. It proposed the serious regulation of the financial sector to prevent the reckless behaviour that led to the financial crisis, while ensuring that low cost finance was available for the construction of a low carbon economy.

The Green Party showed in its manifesto that it is possible to reduce our deficit while putting more people to work, protecting public services, and ensuring that the tax burden falls on those who can afford to pay.

**Caroline Lucas**, newly elected Green Party MP in Brighton, has spoken out against the economic destruction threatened by the ConDem government's budget:

> *"**Cuts are not an economic inevitability. They are an ideological choice**. Politicians of all parties are now sharpening their axes to slash public spending, forcing those on lower incomes, who depend on public services the most, to pay the highest price for the recent excesses of the bankers.*
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> *That's the challenge I'm issuing: for that political choice to be made. **It must be clearly asserted that we are not "all in this together": that some had more responsibility for this crisis than others, and some benefited more from the boom that preceded it.** Those who enjoyed the largest benefits must pay up now. There is a choice. We should ask those best able to pay to foot the bill through fairer taxation. For that to happen, fair taxes, not cuts, must become the new big idea to replace today's callous and uncaring cuts fanaticism."*

**Only The Green Party has the policies and principles required to address the problems facing Britain and the world in these dangerous times.**

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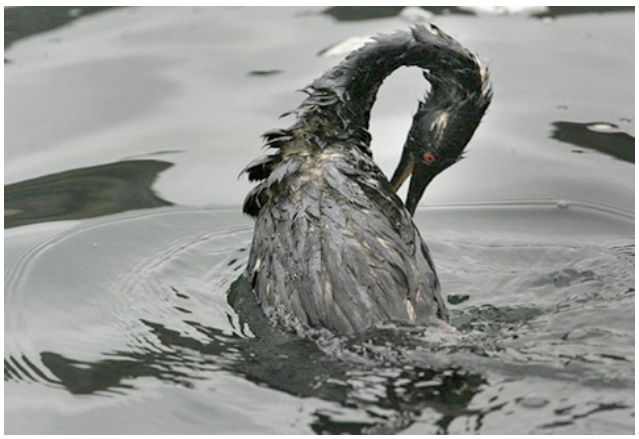
## The Price of Oil Addiction



**This is the price we are paying for our near total dependence on oil.**

Global consumption is approaching 86 million barrels per day, 2% up on 2009.

Reserves are dwindling; new finds are becoming rare. This is why the "**Deepwater Horizon**" exploration rig was drilling in mile deep water, stretching its technology to breaking point.

**The 'easy' oil has gone**. Exploration and development has to turn to difficult and hazardous fields, some in politically unstable areas, others in ecologically sensitive areas. Areas like the deep waters of the Gulf of Mexico, or off the coast of Brazil in mile and a half deep water. Off Newfoundland amid icebergs and storms. In the Niger Delta where civil war threatens. In Iraq. All of this is a symptom of '**peak oil**'.

And what is the response of our politicians and economists? Consume, increase demand, burn more in the relentless pursuit of profit and power.

And the price we pay for this madness? More ecological and human disasters. More wars over resources. More release of Carbon dioxide driving climate change. Higher global temperatures. All bad news for the future, just so we can cling on to our convenient lifestyle for a few years longer, just so today's politicians can cling to power.

## It doesn't have to be like this.

The Green Party has proposed a series of policies that can deliver a good life-style for all, that will not cost the Earth.

- ✓ **Invest in demand reduction, insulation and energy efficiency.**
- ✓ **Invest in renewable energy.**
- ✓ **Invest in reuse and recycling.**

All of this will create sustainable jobs, will help build a sustainable economy that is not held to ransom by the oil-men.

**Help end our addiction nightmare, help build a sustainable society.**

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