Dear political party leaders,

We are writing to you as representatives of local organisations and groups from the length and breadth of the UK, with a huge diversity of experience and interests. What brings us together is our shared hope and commitment to do our bit for people and our planet. We are calling on you to commit to doing the same, and put people and our planet first.

Right now, the state of the world can feel overwhelming. Many people struggle to pay their bills, worry about the state of our NHS, and the precious rivers, green spaces and species we love are in decline. Meanwhile storms, heatwaves and wildfires caused by the climate crisis are multiplying, with devastating impacts on communities in the UK and across the world.

But we have not lost hope. We can create a country and a world where children walk to school breathing fresh air instead of dangerous fumes and enjoy healthy, sustainable food. Where the natural landscapes and wildlife we love are protected and thriving. Where all communities have the resources to build back from floods, fire or drought. Where our homes are warm and powered by affordable, clean energy. Where parents think about the future with hope instead of fear.

The decisions we as a country make now - like swapping expensive, polluting energy sources for clean, affordable ones - mean we can hold our heads high in the knowledge that the UK is doing its fair share to address climate change, and helping the hardest-hit in communities around the world who are on the front lines of the climate crisis.

Now, as an election approaches, we want to be part of a conversation with you. We want to know how you plan to keep people safe, the climate stable and nature protected. We commit to talking to our local Parliamentary candidates and sharing our ideas, our hopes and our frustrations. In turn, we want you to commit to doing everything you can to meet our national and international commitments to tackle climate change and protect and restore nature.

Science tells us this is a make-or-break decade for the planet we live on. We are ready to be part of the change we need - are you?