

There is
Nothing British
about the BNP



Mr Griffin goes to Copenhagen

Our analysis of the BNP's environmental policies found:-

- BNP analysis is mired in xenophobia and conspiracy theories
- Policies are subject to political opportunism and flip-flop
- Proposals are uncostered, unworkable and bizarre

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Nick Griffin MEP and the BNP's environmental policies

BNP environmental policy is mired in xenophobia and conspiracy theories

Griffin believes that Britain's environmental problems are caused by enemies of the state such as migrants, big business and the forces of globalisation.

By way of illustration, in the days when Nick Griffin was an avowed environmentalist he blamed Britain's environmental problems on immigration,

"The BNP is the only party to recognise that overpopulation – whose primary driver is immigration, as revealed by the government's own figures – is the cause of the destruction of our environment".

More recently he has become an environmental sceptic and he says he has a grudging respect for Lord Lawson, author of *An Appeal To Reason: A Cool Look At Global Warming*. To explain the current concerns about Global Warming, he blames a global conspiracy:-

"... The reason for this hysteria is clear: it is designed to provide the excuse for a political project of the globalists to replace national democracy with new world order Global Governance. It has nothing to do with science, and everything to do with a globalist common purpose to tax and control us while making billions for corporations in the green industrial complex. The anti-western intellectual cranks of the left suffered a collective breakdown when Communism collapsed. Climate change is their new theology...complete with the persecution of heretics."

(See appendix for full text of Nick Griffin's address to the European Parliament in Strasbourg, November 24, 2009)

Policies subject to political opportunism and flip-flop

Nick Griffin has performed a massive political flip-flop on the environment.

One moment the BNP is the "only truly environmental party" with a long list of costly and sacrificial policies. The next moment the climate change is a "lie" and he's off to Copenhagen to challenge the Establishment.

The Environmental Manifesto which was first published on April 14th, 2009 and remains on the BNP.org website, states, "*the BNP accepts that climate change, of whatever origin, is a threat to Britain. Current evidence suggests that some of it may be man-made; even if this is not the case, then the principle of 'better safe than sorry' applies and we should try to minimise the emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants.*" (See appendix for full text of "*The BNP is the only green party*").¹

Yet Nick Griffin quite openly exchanged these views for his new anti-Establishment attitude on climate change following the BNP's success in the 2009 European Elections when on BBC Radio Five Live Breakfast Nick Griffin announced that "*global warming is essentially a hoax. It is being exploited by the liberal elite as a means of taxing and controlling us and the real crisis is peak oil.*"²

Nick Griffin has used the run-up to the Copenhagen Climate Change conference ever more vocally accuse the "political elite" of creating "*hysteria...to provide the excuse for a political project of the globalists to*

¹ See the Appendix

² <http://www.guardian.co.uk/environment/blog/2009/jun/09/climate-change-oil>

replace national democracy with New World Order global governance"³. Instead, the BNP promotes extremist theories of a peak oil apocalypse.⁴

Other environmental policies are uncosted, unworkable and bizarre

The BNP's Land and People website hosts a list of policies entitled "*Where We Stand*," with a primary focus on countryside preservation, and a considerable sideline in impracticality.⁵

It demands "*sustainable rural communities*", an "*affordable rural public transport system*", "*expansion in rural sited small scale environmentally friendly industry*", and the "*replanting of thousands of miles of hedgerows*."

The environmental policy page on the main BNP website proposes the desirable but insanely impractical and in no way costed "*removal of unsightly overhead power lines from beauty spots and their burial underground*".⁶

Nick Griffin has stated his support for all clean nuclear, hydrogen, coal, biofuel and renewable energy technologies. It seems that the only form of clean energy he happens oppose is wind power, as he states "*large wind farms destroy our countryside*."⁷

The "Preserving our Environment" section of the BNP's 2009 County Council Manifesto⁸ includes the spurious assurance that the BNP "*will oppose the creation of new traveller and gypsy sites*".

The BNP proposes "*prohibition of ritual slaughter such as halal*"⁹ and kosher¹⁰ under the guise of opposing animal cruelty, yet states that "*neither Land & People nor the British National Party have a policy on hunting – this being a matter of choice, rather than of oversight. This is because, in our opinion, issues of this nature are best left to local communities to resolve*".¹¹

³ See Appendix

⁴ <http://bnp.org.uk/peakoil/apocalypse.htm>

⁵ See Appendix

⁶ <http://bnp.org.uk/tag/bnp-environmental-policy/>

⁷ <http://landandpeople.bnp.org.uk/?p=4455>

⁸ <http://bnp.org.uk/manifestos/county-council-manifesto-2009/>

⁹ See Appendix

¹⁰ <http://landandpeople.bnp.org.uk/?cat=3504>

¹¹ <http://landandpeople.bnp.org.uk/?p=2461>

Appendix

Text of BNP environment manifesto – “The BNP is Britain’s Only True Green Party”¹²

The British National Party is this nation’s only true Green party which has policies that will actually save the environment.

Unlike the fake “Greens” who are merely a front for the far left of the Labour regime, the BNP is the only party to recognise that overpopulation – whose primary driver is immigration, as revealed by the government’s own figures – is the cause of the destruction of our environment.

Furthermore, the BNP’s manifesto states that a BNP government will make it a priority to stop building on green land. New housing should wherever possible be built on derelict “brown land.”

Other environmentally friendly policies which the BNP has in its manifesto include:

- *The removal of unsightly overhead power lines from beauty spots and their burial underground;*
- *The creation of a bulk transport tax regime that pushes supermarkets to supply more local and seasonal produce;*
- *The encouragement of an extensive and rapid switchover to organic and low fossil fuel farming techniques;*
- *The banning of the ritual slaughter of animals without pre-stunning, and the sale of such meat;*
- *The elimination of the unhealthy, energy intensive and cruel factory farming of livestock;*
- *The abolition of all “stealth taxes” and other charges on household rubbish collections.*

Britain is one of the most densely populated countries in the world and our population is increasing — due entirely to immigration — which necessitates the building of ever more homes, which in turn places a strain on our infrastructure such as transport and water supplies.

Independent environmental organisations believe that Britain’s population needs to be significantly reduced. Our immigration policies will achieve this.

Together with independent environmental organisations the BNP recognises that Britain’s environmentally sustainable carrying capacity is substantially lower than its present population.

With regard to the transport problem and the environmental impact it has, BNP policy is also refreshingly different.

A BNP government will:

- *- Develop alternative transport fuels such as bio-diesel and hydrogen;*
- *- Develop renewable energy sources such as off-shore wind farms, wave, tidal and solar energy;*
- *- Investigate the feasibility of cutting-edge, intrinsically-safe, fast-breeder nuclear stations;*
- *- Invest in a high-speed, magnetic levitation, inter-city rail network;*
- *- Allow the building of a new privately-funded airport on reclaimed land in the Thames estuary to reduce the pressure on, and stop the constant expansion of, the South East’s airports.*

Oil and gas are finite resources, rapidly being depleted. Prices are going to continue to rise significantly and this will place a heavy burden on both industry and private consumers. Furthermore, as we are becoming increasingly dependent on energy from unstable and potentially unfriendly foreign powers we are becoming ever more vulnerable to economic blackmail or even harm. ‘Peak Oil’ is a clear and imminent danger to our

¹²<http://bnp.org.uk/tag/bnp-environmental-policy/>

economy and society, so Britain needs to invest in new technologies and be broadly self-sufficient in terms of energy.

Finally, the BNP accepts that climate change, of whatever origin, is a threat to Britain. Current evidence suggests that some of it may be man-made; even if this is not the case, then the principle of 'better safe than sorry' applies and we should try to minimise the emission of greenhouse gases and other pollutants.

The time has come for change.

"Everyone agrees that climate change is the biggest challenge facing humanity. That's the constant claim of the political elite, and it's a lie. Everyone does not agree. Thousands of scientists dispute the very existence of man-made global warming, citing natural cyclical changes

... As an army of global warming zealots marches to Copenhagen, the truth is that their Orwellian consensus is based not on scientific agreement but on bullying, censorship, and fraudulent statistics. In the words of leading climatologist Professor [Richard S.] Lindzen, "future generations will wonder in bemused amazement that the early 21st century's developed world went into hysterical panic over a globally average temperature increase of a few tenths of a degree...

... The reason for this hysteria is clear: it is designed to provide the excuse for a political project of the globalists to replace national democracy with new world order Global Governance. It has nothing to do with science, and everything to do with a globalist common purpose to tax and control us while making billions for corporations in the green industrial complex. The anti-western intellectual cranks of the left suffered a collective breakdown when Communism collapsed. Climate change is their new theology...complete with the persecution of heretics. **But the heretics will have a voice in Copenhagen, and the truth will out."**

¹³ <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mT02uJ9gUM>

“Where We Stand”

- We want sustainable rural communities, which means the provision of affordable housing and local facilities, such as farmers' co-operatives, shops, post offices, medical centres and schools.
- We want a decent, reliable and affordable rural transport system managed as a public service rather than as a doomed-to-failure commercial profit making venture, reducing dependency on polluting private motor vehicles.
- We want a massive expansion in rural sited small scale and environmentally friendly industry to revitalise our rural economies, coupled with decent wages.
- We want to encourage the replanting of thousands of miles of hedgerows grubbed up over recent decades in the name of profit as one means of helping re-establish natural habitats for our flora and fauna.
- We want a massive “return to the land” programme to rejuvenate farming and agricultural production, with financial inducements and training provided to encourage young families into farming and small holding.
- We want Britain out of the EU and an end to the ruinous CAP/CFP legislation that has wrecked our vital farming and fishing industries. We will protect our producers where they face unfair competition from imported produce.
- We want an end to animal cruelty in the name of religion and the prohibition of ritual slaughter such as halal; we'll ban the importation of all animal products where production methods fail our standards on animal welfare.
- We oppose the growing of GM crops on the basis that they have not been proven by the passage of time to be wholly safe. We will stamp down on the import of “bush meat” and all other threats to our livestock industry.
- We want an end to the concreting over of rural Britain to facilitate house building for the urban millions displaced by the unwanted and under-handed colonisation of our homeland through immigration and “asylum-seeking”

¹⁴ <http://landandpeople.bnp.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2008/08/www.jpg>