NK COP 26 Group

Draft of letter to our MP

As an individual?

Dear Ms Callaghan,

I am a resident of East Dunbartonshire and would like to make you aware of my concerns about taking the necessary actions to mitigate Climate Change.

It is now some 30 years since climate change, caused by human activity releasing greenhouse gases, was first generally recognised as a threat to our world. The latest IPCC report emphasises that time available to reduce these harmful emissions is now critically short. Unless sufficient meaningful actions are agreed at the Glasgow conference the outlook for the world is dire.

As host to the conference the UK is playing a key role. We were the original industrial nation and should be taking the lead in demonstrating how we are reducing our emissions and removing the detrimental consequences of industrialisation.

In 2008 the UK was the first country in the world to put the requirement to reduce greenhouse emissions into law; subsequently tightened to achieve net zero by 2050. Whether this is sufficient is debatable – a swifter move to net zero would be preferable - but it set an example. However achieving it is challenging. Some progress has already been made, mainly within power generation, but with only minimal progress most other major sectors. Government planning for net zero has so far not inspired confidence that it will be achieved. Goals and ambitions need to be backed up with specific actions. Measures also need to be taken to help people adapt to these measures so that those less well-off are not unduly disadvantaged. Help needs to be made too for less developed countries to reduce their emissions – a vital issue in the COP conference.

My hope is that the UK will adopt such actions, and so inspire other nations to take meaningful actions themselves to mitigate climate change.

Please would you assure me that you will bring what influence you can in the House of Commons and elsewhere to promote the adoption of measures for the rapid reduction of UK greenhouse gas emissions and so help the UK lead a successful COP26 conference. .

With thanks and regards

*Note Could request a meeting but would need to have a clear aim to do so. Would also need a list of topics to discuss first.*