



Protecting the Environment

1. UKIP is opposed to Greenfield development. Preference will be given to developing brownfield sites. This policy will prevent the accelerating destruction of natural habitats and the reduction of farmland. UKIP is opposed to subsidies of wind and solar cell farms. We will give ancient woodlands 'wholly exceptional status' in the National Planning Policy Frameworks, the same as world heritage sites. We would impose lifetime bans on owning and/or looking after animals on any individual or company convicted of animal cruelty or torture. UKIP will match-fund grants made by local authorities towards rural capital projects, i.e., creating a lake, wetland, repairing traditional stone walls, encourage rural education.

2. UKIP is committed to controlling and protecting the resources and environment within the British maritime economic exclusion zone. We will establish a 12-mile zone around our coastline for UK fishermen and a 200-mile exclusive economic zone under UK control. We will enforce 'no-take' zones to aid spawning and replenish fish stocks, protect our coastal eco system by ending destructive industrial fishing practices. UKIP will stop the slaughter of dolphins by banning pair trawler fishing for bass. Fishing permits issue will be monitored against fish sustainable stock levels.

3. UKIP will introduce a modified UK Single Farm Payment (SFP) scheme of £80 per acre for lowland farms, with comparable arrangements for lower grades of land, capped at £120,000. Golf courses, airfields, racetracks and other non-productive areas will be excluded, as will land used for solar panels or land within 25 metres of a wind turbine. UKIP will ensure payments are linked to strict land stewardship requirements, where points are accrued according to criteria such as hedgerow maintenance, wild bird cover, wild flower mixes, etc., to qualify for subsidies.

4. UKIP will deliver secure, affordable energy supplies, we support a diverse energy market based on coal, nuclear, shale gas, conventional gas, oil, solar and hydro, and renewable delivered at competitive prices. UKIP will ensure the energy suppliers of the varied energy sources, meet environmental legislation with regard to low carbon legislation. We support improvements in all forms of public and goods transport that seek to reduce reliance on road transport usage. UKIP will not permit fracking in or under National Park or AONBs (Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty)