



Make the Climate Change Bill Count: How-to Write to your MP

Make your voice count: make the Climate Change Bill count.

If you can't meet with your MP, please write to them. Our MPs need to know that there are lots of people, coming from all walks of life, who want them to support a stronger Climate Change Bill.

Get your friends to write to your MP too! The more letters your MP receives, the more they will know that local people want a strong and effective Climate Change Bill. Link up with others in your local area by [logging on to the I Count Communities map, at icount.org.uk](https://icount.org.uk).

Here are the Top 3 Changes to the Climate Change Bill we are asking MPs to support to make it stronger:



We **can** stop climate chaos

1 Increase the carbon dioxide reduction target, from 60, to at least 80 per cent by 2050.

2 Ensure that the UK's share of emissions from international aviation & shipping are included in the reduction targets.

3 Set binding carbon budgets with annual milestones, to make sure that emissions reductions do not go off track.*



To find out why it's so important that MPs support these Top 3 Changes go to the [I Count Communities map, at icount.org.uk](https://icount.org.uk) and follow the links to the 'I Count & the Climate Change Bill' briefing.

What is the Climate Change Bill?

The Climate Change Bill is a proposal for a new piece of legislation that will set UK carbon dioxide reduction targets and help stop climate chaos, if it becomes law. I Count has been campaigning hard for this and there is now all-party support for the Bill. Over the next 5 months, the Bill will probably pass through various stages for consultation and changes and **this is when your MP could make the Bill stronger and more effective**. To find out more about the Bill and the Top 3 Changes we're calling for see 'I Count & the Climate Change Bill', on the [I Count Communities map, at icount.org.uk](https://icount.org.uk)

Some MPs receive up to 200 letters a day so make sure that yours will be noticed by following these tips:

- * Tell your MP why you're particularly concerned. Your MP needs to know why you in particular believe that it's critical to prevent the huge range of impact climate change will have on people, wildlife and ecosystems.
- * Be clear that you want your MP to support our Top 3 Changes to the Bill.
- * Keep it short and to the point (one side of A4 should be enough).
- * Remember to include your full name and address and ask for a reply.

To post a letter to your MP use this address: House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

To email your MP, find their email address (if they have one) on www.parliament.uk

Or you can write to your MP using this website: www.writetothem.com



If your MP replies to you, let us know! We want to make sure that we have the support of a majority of MPs so it's critical that we know which MPs are supportive of our changes and which MPs are wavering.

If you're part of a national organisation, feed back to the main office. So if you're a local Friends of the Earth group, get back to FoE and tell them how the meeting went; if you're a local CAFOD campaigner, get back to CAFOD, etc.

If you're not a member of any, please send your feedback via the **I Count Communities map**, at icount.org.uk

SAMPLE LETTER TO MP

We know from experience that a personal letter from constituents makes MPs sit up and take notice so if you can, write to your MP in your own words. But if you don't have time, we've provided a template that you can edit quickly and post to your MP!

[INSERT YOUR ADDRESS]

[INSERT YOUR MP'S ADDRESS]

[INSERT DATE]

Dear [INSERT MP'S NAME]

Please help make the Climate Change Bill count!

I'm writing as a member of [INSERT ORGANISATION'S EG OXFORD WOMEN'S INSTITUTE]. Along with the 60 other member organisations of the Stop Climate Chaos coalition, I'm backing the call for a strong and effective Climate Change Bill.

The proposed Climate Change Bill would

- * legally commit the UK to take action to prevent climate change;
- * give the UK a strong mandate in international negotiations;
- * be a world first and set an international precedent.

This is a fantastic opportunity to set the UK on track to cut emissions. To strengthen the Bill I call on you to vote in favour of the following amendments:

- * Increase the carbon dioxide reduction target, from **60, to at least 80 per cent** by 2050.
- * Ensure that the UK's share of emissions from international **aviation & shipping** are included in the reduction targets.
- * Set binding carbon budgets with **annual milestones**, to make sure that emissions reductions do not go off track.

I believe that we must limit the impact of Climate Change because **[INSERT THE REASONS WHY YOU ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT CLIMATE CHANGE]**.

Please assure me that you will support these Top 3 Changes as the Bill passes through Parliament to make sure the UK has a strong and effective Climate Change Act.

Yours sincerely,

[INSERT THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUPS HERE]