

A sustainable NHS

Mapping support for sustainability within
the NHS



Stakeholder mapping
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Introduction

This mapping looks at the overlap between health policy and environmental policy. For health policy, the specific focus is the purchasing and distribution of healthcare equipment. On policy around the environment, the focus is recycling, upcycling, and policies which protect the environment. The mapping also covers related issues such as workers' rights, the international impact of climate change, fast fashion, and keeping our oceans clean. It then looks at how MPs view these issues and their stated action in these areas. In this section, the focus is mainly placed on environment policy although some MPs are specifically focused on due to their health background.

Chapter one

Mapping overview



To better understand the main issues within the crossover between environment and healthcare, we have mapped the main issues for each area.

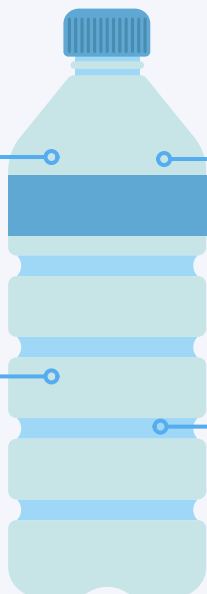
Sustainability

Achieving net zero

The main environmental goal set by the government is to reach net zero.

A circular economy

The wider environmental goal is to create an economy where goods are recycled, upcycled, or reused after use to reduce waste.



Protecting the environment

Protecting the environment is not just about fighting climate change but also includes increasing biodiversity and green spaces.

Tackling pollution

Pollution is a major issue that can be tackled with an increase in recycling and upcycling.

Healthcare

A sustainable health service

The NHS can reduce its impact on the environment by increasing sustainability and recycling.

Procurement

NHS procurement can ensure that the products purchased by the NHS are environmentally friendly and sustainable.



Environmental policy and health

We need to protect the environment, which will improve public health. Dangers to health include microplastics making their way into the water system and eventually into our food.

How MPs view these issues

Wants to tackle plastic waste.

This includes not just supporting net zero but also valuing the wider environmental issues such as pollution and waste.

Concerned about working conditions

Supports better working conditions, either through regulation or collective negotiations.



Oppose fast fashion

There are large concerns around fast fashion. This includes its environmental impact and workers' rights.

A sustainable health service

Support the NHS in reducing its impact on the environment. This is especially important with the disposal of PPE equipment from the pandemic.

The main conclusions of our general mapping

- There is a broad interest in the environment, recycling, and the wider net zero goals. This includes issues such as plastic waste incineration and the export of plastic waste to other parts of the world. However, the interest in the supply of medical equipment and sustainability within the NHS is less prominent.
- For Labour MPs, the largest focus is renewables, including the creation of GB energy. For these MPs, it is therefore necessary to fit upcycling and sustainability within the NHS within the wider issue of reducing waste and meeting net zero.
- Whilst previous committee membership is available, new committees are yet to be decided.

Chapter two

Healthcare stakeholders



Party groups on healthcare

- Lib Dem Health and Social Care ([source](#)), however, this is not a party grouping with a website.
- Conservative Health ([source](#))
- Socialist Health Association ([source](#)) which is one of the Labour Socialist Societies ([source](#)). Also a part of Health Campaigns Together ([source](#)).

NHS supply

- [Integrated Care Boards](#) (ICBs) purchase.
- NHS Supply Chain which is overseen by the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care.

Parliamentary Committees on healthcare

- **Public Accounts Committee.** “The Public Accounts Committee examines the value for money of Government projects, programmes and service delivery. Drawing on the work of the National Audit Office the Committee holds government officials to account for the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of public spending” ([source](#)).
- **Health and Social Care Committee.** “...the cross-party Health and Social Care Committee. It is our responsibility to scrutinise the work of the Department of Health and Social Care and its associated public bodies. We examine government policy, spending and administration on behalf of the electorate and the House of Commons” ([source](#)).

APPGs relevant to healthcare provision

- **Health APPG.** “The All-Party Parliamentary Health Group (APHG) is an all-party forum dedicated to disseminating knowledge, generating debate and facilitating engagement on health issues amongst Members of Parliament. Policy Connect provides the secretariat for the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Health (APHG), supporting the group’s activities.” ([source](#)).

Calls for reducing the NHS impact on the environment

- Royal College of Physicians - “Prioritise initiatives to reduce the environmental impact of healthcare delivery within the NHS must be appropriately funded, including capital investment where necessary” and “Update the NHS constitution to include the net zero targets” ([source](#)).

Recent changes to the rules around All-Party Parliamentary Groups (APPGs) and Committees being filled after the election means that whilst the information is correct as of publication it will likely change in the future.

Chapter three

Environment stakeholders



Party groups on the environment

- Green Liberal Democrats ([source](#)).
- The Conservative Environment Network ([source](#)).
- SERA ([source](#)).

Parliamentary Committees on environment

- Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee ([source](#)).
- Environmental Audit Sub-Committee on Polar Research ([source](#)).
- Environmental Audit Committee ([source](#)).

APPGs relevant to sustainability and plastic pollution






- **Ethics and Sustainability in Fashion and Hairdressing.** “To focus on both the ethical and environmental aspects of the fashion industry. Addressing climate change, environmental impacts, social justice, workers' rights, sustainable business models and transparency, the APPG will address the issues and impacts facing the sector with long-term and far-reaching sustainable solutions” ([source](#)).
- **The Tidy Britain All-Party Parliamentary Group.** “They bring together parliamentarians, industry experts and key stakeholders to discuss solutions to resource and waste issues including litter, plastic pollution and fly-tipping” ([source](#)).
- **The All-Party Parliamentary Group for the Ocean.** “The APPG for the Ocean was founded to provide a collective space where all parliamentarians can support and promote ocean research and awareness, to develop a greater understanding of the ocean and its role in tackling challenges such as climate change, and to debate wider issues” ([source](#)). The APPG has focused on the issue of plastic pollution previously ([source](#)).
- **All-Party Parliamentary Group Sustainable Resource.** “The All-Party Parliamentary Sustainable Resource Group is the leading forum informing the debate between parliamentarians, business leaders and the sustainable resource community” ([source](#)). This group currently has no MPs listed as officers.
- **Net Zero All-Party Parliamentary Group.** “The Net Zero APPG provides a unique and dynamic forum for MPs and Peers of all parties to work collectively and make the case for urgent Government action to secure a low carbon future for the UK. We work to accelerate policy change, promote zero-carbon solutions, support clean growth technology and ultimately embed the UK's commitment to delivering a net zero carbon economy. Get in touch to discuss how we can collaborate.” ([source](#)).

Chapter four

The views of MPs



To understand the views of MPs on these issues we created overviews of MPs from a range of political parties including both new and long serving MPs. To easily see the interests of MPs each profile also includes a set of graphics next to it denoting a particular area of interest which are:

-  Fast fashion and clothing sustainability.
-  Biodiversity, sustainability, net zero and protecting the environment.
-  Oceans including rivers being affected by plastic waste.
-  International impacts of climate change and global workers rights.
-  Healthcare including those with a background working for the NHS.

Dr. Caroline Johnson MP

Member of Parliament for: Sleaford and North Hykeham

Political party: Conservative

Relevant background and interests: She is a Consultant Paediatrician who first qualified as a doctor in 2001 ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Shadow Parliamentary Under Secretary (Health and Social Care) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Rural Health and Social Care ([source](#)) and previously a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee between 2017 and 2019 ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Paulette Hamilton MP

Member of Parliament for: Birmingham Erdington

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care on Birmingham City Council ([source](#)) worked as a nurse in the NHS for 25 years ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: Member of the Health and Social Care Committee between 2022 and 2024 ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Chris McDonald MP

Constituency: Stockton North

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background: Chris McDonald has a background which is heavily focused on environmental policy particularly relating to energy production. He also holds several national roles associated with industry and decarbonisation ([source](#)). He is a member of the National Union of Mineworkers, a chemical engineer and CEO of the Materials Processing Institute ([source](#)). The Materials Processing Institute focuses on “industrial decarbonisation and the circular economy” ([source](#)) a not-for-profit steel research centre ([source](#)). Wants “to make Billingham “the green energy centre of the UK” ([source](#)).

Government position: None.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Early Day Motions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Miatta Fahnbulleh MP

Member of Parliament for: Peckham

Political party: Labour Party and Co-operative

Relevant background and interests: She “was the Chief Executive of the New Economics Foundation from 2017 to 2023” ([source](#)) a think tank which focuses heavily on environmental issues including large amounts of work on plastic pollution ([source](#)). Miatta has proposed a Green New Deal within the UK ([source](#)) and consistently campaigns on the issue. Also Chaired the Croydon Climate Crisis Commission ([source](#)).

Government or party position: The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Department for Energy Security and Net Zero) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Early Day Motions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Sir Stephen Timms MP

Member of Parliament for: East Ham

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Called on Ministers to entirely eradicate single-use plastic in the next fifteen years ([source](#)). He was also the Friends of the Earth MP champion for their “Plastic Pollution Bill” which aimed to stop the flow of plastic into our waterways and oceans. ([source](#)). He also supported a bill on the “Fashion Supply Chain” ([source](#)) and in the opening speech by Liz Twist MP introducing the bill it was mentioned that “Innovators are faced with competition from businesses who are focused on reducing costs and maximising profits regardless of the environmental or social costs.”

Government or party position: Minister of State (Department for Work and Pensions) ([source](#)). Concerned about fast fashion “Mr Timms said in a statement: “There is simply no excuse for fast fashion brands not to pay a living wage to their garment workers. “If major suppliers were willing to reduce their profit margins by a tiny fraction, they could continue to make a handsome profit while also selling affordable clothing and allowing their workers around the world to live a life of dignity.” ([source](#)). Also sent a letter to fashion CEOs “...living wage for workers in their supply chain” ([source](#)). Also has a specific interest in the textile industry and fast fashion impacting people around the world. He proposed an Early Day Motion on the “10th anniversary of Rana Plaza collapse” which “recognises and commends Bangladesh for its subsequent efforts to transform the safety and sustainability of its garment sector ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Member of the Ethics and Sustainability in Fashion and Hairdressing APPG ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Asked “...will Secretary of State urge the Commonwealth Development Corporation to avoid investments that involve making, selling or utilising single-use plastic packaging?” ([source](#)).

Margaret Mullane MP

Member of Parliament for: Dagenham and Rainham

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Previously the Cabinet Member for Enforcement and Community Safety for Barking and Dagenham Council ([source](#)). In this role, she supported a campaign to encourage drivers to turn their engines off while stationary and Clean Air Day ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Early Day Motions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Sharon Hodgson MP

Member of Parliament for: Washington and Gateshead South

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Supported a campaign by Oxfam which tried to take a stand against 'fast fashion' #SecondHandSeptember ([source](#)) and called to "Let's slow down fashion" ([source](#)). Also supported the Great British Spring Clean ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: Member of the Ethics and Sustainability in Fashion and Hairdressing APPG ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Supported recycling and opposed plastic incineration in a debate around Waste Incineration Facilities ([source](#)).

Fleur Anderson MP

Member of Parliament for: Putney

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Heavy focus on the environment, started the Putney Environment Commission, has campaigned against plastic in wet wipes since November 2021 and introduced a bill on the issue in the same month ([source](#)). She then introduced a similar bill in 2022 ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Currently Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Northern Ireland since 2024 ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Carla Denyer MP

Member of Parliament for: Bristol Central

Political party: Green party

Relevant background and interests: Bringing about Bristol City Council's declaration of a climate emergency in 2018, which was the first in Europe ([source](#)). Includes a pledge to tackle the climate emergency on her website ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Green Party Co-Leader.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Early Day Motions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Parliamentary contributions: Spoke about renewables in parliament ([source](#)).

Adrian Ramsay MP

Member of Parliament for: Waveney Valley

Political party: Green Party

Relevant background and interests: Chief executive of the Centre for Alternative Technology from 2014 to 2019 ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Co-leader of the Green Party

Committee and APPG history: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Early Day Motions: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Parliamentary contributions: His first Parliamentary contributions were focused on the environment including nature-friendly farming ([source](#)) and pollution ([source](#)).

Daisy Cooper MP

Member of Parliament for: St Albans

Political party: Liberal Democrats

Relevant background and interests: “Liberal Democrat-run St Albans City and District Council delivering the highest recycling rates in the country in 2021” ([source](#)). Took part in a panel discussion after the film “Story of Plastic Film” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Health and Social Care spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats ([Source](#)) and Deputy Leader of the Liberal Democrats.

Committee and APPG history: Member of the Climate APPG ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: Signed a motion on Mandatory reporting on plastic packaging which called for UK supermarkets to transparently report their plastic use ([source](#)).

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Daniel Zeichner MP

Member of Parliament for: Cambridge

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Executive Committee of Labour's Environment Campaign - SERA ([source](#)). On plastic pollution "...Daniel Zeichner, MP for Cambridge, said mishandling of plastic waste was leading to a "public health emergency" in poorer countries." ([source](#)). Also said that we need to reduce plastic pollution ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Minister of State (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) and was previously Shadow Minister for (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Spoke about the issues with waste incineration ([source](#)), and plastic in the sea causing issues ([source](#)).

Catherine West MP

Member of Parliament for: Hornsey and Wood Green

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Ethics and Sustainability for Fashion and Hairdressing ([source](#)). Also wrote an article on why "we must build a more sustainable and ethical fashion industry" ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: Proposed a motion on Plastic Free Communities ([source](#)) which aimed to eliminate avoidable single-use plastic.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Kim Leadbeater MP 🌿 🌍

Member of Parliament for: Spen Valley

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Took part in the “British Canoeing’s ‘Big Paddle Clean Up’ alongside canoeists and paddleboarders working to remove junk and plastic pollution from Britain’s waterways” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: Chair of the Tidy Britain All-Party Parliamentary Group ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Peter Kyle MP 🌿 🌍

Member of Parliament for: Hove and Portslade.

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Backed the local Friends of the Earth calls for a Plastic Pollution Action Plan ([source](#)) and supported the Labour Party calls for setting guiding targets for plastic bottle deposit schemes ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Secretary of State for Science, Innovation and Technology ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Vice Chair of the Tidy Britain All-Party Parliamentary Group ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Described during a debate that “As a coastal city, we are at the receiving end of some of that rubbish and disposable plastic as it washes up on the beaches” ([source](#)) during a debate on Plastic Straws, Cotton Buds and Stirrers.

Ben Lake MP  

Member of Parliament for: Ceredigion Preseli

Political party: Plaid Cymru

Relevant background and interests: Friends of the Earth MP champion for their “Plastic Pollution Bill” which aimed to stop the flow of plastic into our waterways and oceans. ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Previously the Shadow Plaid Cymru Spokesperson (Health and Social Care) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Member of the Tidy Britain All-Party Parliamentary Group ([source](#)), previously on the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts which itself looked at “NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement” which focused on the purchasing of equipment and ensuring NHS money was well spent ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: Tabled an Early Day Motion on “The Big Plastic Count” to better understand the scale of plastic waste ([source](#)) and supported a motion that supported a tax on plastic to reduce waste ([source](#)).

Parliamentary contributions: Criticised the government and said that the “Welsh Government are now taking legal action against the UK Government is the issue of plastic pollution” ([source](#)).

Mary Creagh MP   

Member of Parliament for: Coventry East

Political party: Labour Party


Relevant background and interests: On fast fashion, she said “Fashion shouldn’t cost the earth. Our insatiable appetite for clothes comes with a huge social and environmental price tag: carbon emissions, water use, chemical and plastic pollution are all destroying our environment” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs ([source](#))

Committee and APPG history: Formerly a member of the Sustainable Resource APPG ([source](#)). Chaired the Environmental Audit Committee between 2016 and 2019 ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None applicable.

Parliamentary contributions: None applicable.

Rachael Maskell MP   

Member of Parliament for: York Central

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: She worked as a physiotherapist in the NHS for 20 years ([source](#)). Previously the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Primary Care and Patient Safety ([source](#)). Also spoke out about fast fashion and low pay for workers ([source](#)). Supported The Climate Coalition's 'Show The Love' campaign ([source](#)) and supported an Ocean Recovery Strategy ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Previously the Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs between 2016 and 2017 ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: Signed a motion on "Plastics in the world's seas" ([source](#)) about the need for a circular economy concerning plastics. She also signed an Early Day Motion on "The Big Plastic Count" ([source](#)) which aimed to create a unique snapshot of the scale of the UK's plastic crisis.

Parliamentary contributions: Spoke in parliament about the need to end the "to end the plastic endemic" and to expand sustainability ([source](#)).

Dame Meg Hillier MP  

Member of Parliament for: Hackney South and Shoreditch

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Wrote to Parliament about the low recycling rates within parliament ([source](#)) and warned about the slow progress towards net zero ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Served as the Shadow Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change between 2010 and 2011 ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Previous Chair of the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts which itself looked at "NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement" which focused on the purchasing of equipment and ensuring NHS money was well spent ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Mary Glendon MP

Member of Parliament for: Newcastle upon Tyne East and Wallsend

Political party: Labour party

Relevant background and interests: Supported charges on single-use plastics and called for this to go further and to include single-use items more generally ([source](#)). Pushed for greater recycling including on items such as disposable vapes ([source](#)). Signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Was the Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (Farming and Rural Communities) between 2016 and 2020 ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Previously a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee.

Early Day Motions: Signed an Early Day Motion on the export of plastic waste in 2019 ([source](#)).

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Barry Gardiner MP

Member of Parliament for: Brent West

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Criticised fast fashion in an opinion piece on Labour List ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Previously the Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) (Biodiversity, Landscape and Rural Affairs) between 2006 and 2007 ([source](#)). Shadow Minister (Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy) (Energy and Climate Change) between 2016 and 2020 ([source](#)). Shadow Minister (Energy and Climate Change) between 2015 and 2016 ([source](#)). Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) between 2013 and 2015 ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Vice Chair of the Climate Change APPG ([source](#)).

Previously a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee which itself ran an inquiry in 2021 into plastic waste ([source](#)). Also a former member of the Energy and Climate Change Committee and was also a member of the Energy Security and Net Zero Committee.

Early Day Motions: None applicable.

Parliamentary contributions: During the passage of the Environment Bill he criticised the export of waste materials to other countries ([source](#)).

Preet Kaur Gill MP 

Member of Parliament for: Birmingham, Edgbaston.

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Wrote to Therese Coffey calling for urgent action on the plastic pollution crisis ([source](#)) and signed up for the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)). Also asked the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs “what assessment his Department has made of the merits of making it obligatory for manufacturers to include oxo biodegradation additives in everyday plastic items” in 2018 ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Previously the Shadow Minister (Primary Care and Public Health) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Rupa Huq MP 

Member of Parliament for: Ealing Central and Acton.

Political party: Labour Party.

Relevant background and interests: Supported a plastic-free parliament ([source](#)) and supported reducing plastic waste with Ealing Friends of the Earth ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: Member of the Tidy Britain All-Party Parliamentary Group ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Expressed concerns around the use of plastics in astroturf which may be “...ingested by species, it is very harmful. It interferes with natural drainage, soil systems and ecology...” ([source](#)). Also asked, “...the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what assessment she has made of the potential merits on introducing a specific target for 2025 to reduce single use plastic by 50 per cent under the Environment Act.” ([source](#)).

Anna McMorris MP 🌱 🌍

Member of Parliament for: Cardiff North

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Supported plastic producers paying for the recycling of waste which is created by their products ([source](#)). Signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Previously the Shadow Minister (International Development) between 2020 and 2021 ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Officer of the Net Zero APPG ([source](#)). Was on the Environmental Audit Committee between 2022 and 2024 and the Environmental Audit Sub-Committee on Polar Research between 2023 and 2024 ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Supported the Environment Bill doing more on plastic pollution “While the Bill sets targets on waste reduction and resource efficiency, there is more of a focus on end-of-life solutions, rather than tackling types of packaging, and the use and reuse of plastic packaging.” ([source](#)). She also mentioned plastic being shipped overseas ([source](#)).

Sarah Champion MP 🧑🏻 🌱

Member of Parliament for: Rotherham.

Political party: Labour Party.

Relevant background and interests: Signed a letter to Liz Truss to “...adopt a ‘refill and replace revolution’ plan...” on plastics ([source](#)). She also supported the Oxfam #SecondHandSeptember trying to tackle fast fashion ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: Vice Chair of the Ocean APPG ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Sarah Dyke MP

Member of Parliament for: Glastonbury and Somerton

Political party: Liberal Democrats

Relevant background and interests: Made lengthy remarks on single-use plastics which focused heavily on reducing the use of plastics alongside the need for greater recycling mentioning that “Somerset Council has taken part in a flexible plastics trial” ([source](#)). Signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None.

Committee and APPG history:

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant as a relatively newly elected MP.

Early Day Motions: highlighted the issues with “...fruit and veg sold in plastic packaging...” ([source](#)). Also made a contribution detailing the issues of plastic pollution focusing on single-use plastics and their alternatives ([source](#)).

Paula Barker MP

Member of Parliament for: Liverpool Wavertree

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Encouraged constituents to be involved in the “The Big Plastic Count” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: Signed a motion on a “Mandatory labelling system for plastic present in clothing and accessories” ([source](#)) and also supported a motion for a National Plastic Health Impact Research Fund ([source](#)) to understand the health impact of plastic particles.

Parliamentary contributions: Asked the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs “To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department is taking to reduce plastic pollution” ([source](#)).

Also asked “To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, what steps his Department plans to take to increase the glass recycling rate.” ([source](#)).

Fabian Hamilton MP 🌿

Member of Parliament for: Leeds North East

Political party: Labour Party.

Relevant background and interests: Treasurer of the Cycling and Walking APPG ([source](#)) and focuses heavily on active travel. He also focuses on decarbonising cars ([sources](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: “To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, whether his Department is participating in the fourth session of negotiations on a global plastics treaty in Ottawa that began on 23 April 2024” ([source](#)).

Sarah Olney MP 🧡 🌿 🗳️

Member of Parliament for: Richmond Park

Political party: Liberal Democrat

Relevant background and interests: Previously on the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts which itself looked at “NHS Supply Chain and efficiencies in procurement” which focused on the purchasing of equipment and ensuring NHS money was well spent ([source](#)). One of the questions she asked in parliament led to the government looking at ways to recycle PPE equipment ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Treasury and Business and Industrial Strategy Spokesperson ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: Tabled an Early Day Motion on plastic waste exports ([source](#)).

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Richard Foord MP

Member of Parliament for: Honiton and Sidmouth

Political party: Liberal Democrats

Relevant background and interests: Spoke at Westminster Hall on Plastic Pollution in the Ocean which included concerns from his Constituency in Devon ([source](#)). Signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Defence Spokesperson for the Liberal Democrats ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Officer of the Water APPG ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Gave a speech during a debate in the House of Commons about plastic pollution in the ocean which included supporting the pledge of ending the use of non-essential single-use plastics by 2025 ([source](#)).

Tulip Siddiq MP

Member of Parliament for: Hampstead and Highgate

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Called for the government to be bolder on net zero ambitions ([sources](#)). Also spoke at a Westminster debate about plastic packaging free fruits and vegetables ([sources](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: An interest in plastic waste including four questions to ministers on the issue. These include reducing plastic waste ([source](#)), single-use plastic bag sales ([source](#)) ([source](#)) and banning single-use plastics within the UK ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Economic Secretary (HM Treasury) ([source](#)).

Tonia Antoniazzi MP

Member of Parliament for: Gower.

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)), and congratulated Swansea on being in the top five in recycling for towns and cities ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: She spoke about the fact that “In Mumbles and Pennard, they have a plastic-free mission.” to show the local action that can be taken against plastic waste ([source](#)).

Ian Murray MP

Member of Parliament for: Edinburgh South

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)). Also supported wide-ranging measures to tackle plastic pollution which included “ expand plastic-free aisles...reduce single-plastic use” ([source](#)). Also tweeted multiple times in favour of climate action and recycling ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Secretary of State for Scotland ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Previously a member of the Environmental Audit Committee between 2010 and 2012 ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: During the Brexit process he was concerned about environmental regulation and whether it would be better than before leaving the EU ([source](#)).

Lilian Greenwood MP 

Member of Parliament for: Nottingham South

Political party: Labour party.

Relevant background and interests: Vocal supporter of the Plastic Bill, wants plastic producers to pay for the cost of recycling ([source](#)) and signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)). Supported Earth Hour ([source](#))

Government or party position: Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Department for Transport) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Mentioned, “There is a real opportunity for initiatives such as the use of recycled plastic, self-repairing technology, graphene and even drones to bring down the cost of road repairs.” ([source](#)).

Sir Roger Gale MP 

Member of Parliament for: Herne Bay and Sandwich.

Political party: Conservatives.

Relevant background and interests: Conservative Animal Welfare Patron ([source](#)) and signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)). Generally votes against climate change action ([source](#)) but supported improved rubbish collection ([source](#)) and campaigned to keep his local recycling centre open ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Julia Lopez MP  

Member of Parliament for: Hornchurch and Upminster.

Political party: Conservative

Relevant background and interests: Helped to organise litter picking events ([source](#)), supported the government on plans to tackle illegal waste exports ([source](#)) and signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Shadow Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Robbie Moore MP 

Member of Parliament for: Keighley and Ilkley

Political party: Conservative

Relevant background and interests: “ I agree that we need to do all we can to encourage people to recycle and to stop producing so much plastic waste in the first place. We must all be more ‘resource efficient’...” ([source](#)). “With a business background, Robbie is from a farming family which in 2007 set up a plastics recycling business that has now grown to consist of a national network of franchises collecting and recycling a vast range of farm plastic waste.” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Shadow Minister (Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Previously a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee which itself ran an inquiry in 2021 into plastic waste ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: Said within a debate that “I have close family members who run and operate a plastic recycling business” ([source](#)) and has highlighted the issues with burning plastic waste ([source](#)).

Kirsty Blackman MP

Member of Parliament for: Aberdeen North.

Political party: SNP

Relevant background and interests: Concerned about waste exports ([sources](#)).

Government or party position: SNP Chief Whip ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Former Chair of The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee which itself ran an inquiry in 2021 into plastic waste ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: Proposed an Early Day Motion on the use of reusable nappies and their positive environmental practices as they help to reduce the consumption of single-use plastic ([source](#)).

Parliamentary contributions: Highlighted in the House of Commons that “Parliament’s use of plastic straws has doubled in three years” ([source](#)).

Dr Neil Hudson MP

Member of Parliament for: Epping Forest

Political party: Conservative

Relevant background and interests: He backed a plan to tackle plastic pollution which included making producers pay for the waste they create ([source](#)), he previously supported companies which have a focus on recycling plastics and he “helped produce a report on ending the toll of plastic waste” ([source](#)). He also called for a ban on plastic waste exports ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: Previously a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee which itself ran an inquiry in 2021 into plastic waste ([source](#)). All-Party Parliamentary Group for Animal Welfare ([source](#))

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Wendy Morton MP

Member of Parliament for: Aldridge-Brownhills.

Political party: Conservative.

Relevant background and interests: Supported a ban on plastic straws, drink stirrers and cotton buds ([source](#)) and signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: Previously a member of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee which itself ran an inquiry in 2021 into plastic waste ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

David Mundell MP

Member of Parliament for: Dumfriesshire, Clydesdale and Tweeddale.

Political party: Conservatives

Relevant background and interests: Signed up to the Greenpeace “Big Plastic Count 2024” ([source](#)). Backed the Pass on Plastic campaign which included people taking “...simple actions including using bags for life, giving up plastic cutlery, buy loose fruit and veg and drinking out of refillable water bottles” ([source](#)). Also supported a local business which produces recyclable non-plastic containers ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant.

Committee and APPG history: A member of the International Development Committee between 2022 and 2024 ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Dr, Zubir Ahmed MP

Member of Parliament for: Glasgow South West

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: A vascular and transplant surgeon since 2019 ([source](#)), currently the parliamentary liaison to Wes Streeting ([source](#)).

Government or party position: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant as a newly elected MP.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Rosena Allin-Khan MP 

Member of Parliament for: Tooting

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Currently works as a nurse at St George's Hospital doing occasional shifts ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Shadow Minister (Mental Health) between 2020 and 2023.

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Dr. Ben Spencer MP 

Member of Parliament for: Runnymede and Weybridge

Political party: Conservative

Relevant background and interests: Works as a psychiatrist and Patron of Conservative Health ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Shadow Minister (Health and Social Care) ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: None relevant.

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

Taiwo Owatemi MP 

Member of Parliament for: Coventry North West

Political party: Labour Party

Relevant background and interests: Formerly a member of the Health and Social Care Committee ([source](#)), she has a long history in healthcare being a London pharmacist ([source](#)) and was the head of the Young Fabian Health Network and a member of the International Pharmaceutical Students' Federation ([source](#)).

Government or party position: Government Whip, Lord Commissioner of HM Treasury ([source](#)).

Committee and APPG history: Previously a member of the Health and Social Care Committee between 2020 and 2024 ([source](#)).

Early Day Motions: None relevant.

Parliamentary contributions: None relevant.

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