

## Funding the Future

# The idea that trounces anything Philip Hammond will com...

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It was a moment of pure pleasure to be joined in the LBC tent on College Green yesterday by Caroline Lucas MP, co-leader of the Green Party.

Caroline suggested the Autumn Statement missed three issues. The first was climate change. The second was what to do about this locally. And third the fact that tackling this issue would deliver economic transformation for the UK.

I made clear I had co-authored with Carioline and then joined in, mentioning the need for flood defences, that innovative finance (Green Infrastructure ISAs, local pensions using local bonds and, of course, Green QE) could be used to fund this.

It was great to actually put ideas on the table. If only someone was listening because right now however much Philip Hammond spends on R&D he won't get near ideas as good as these.