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As [Matthew Taylor has noted in the Guardian](#):

The British public backs an ambitious transformation of the UK into a greener, fairer more equal society as it emerges from the Covid-19 crisis, according to an inquiry by a cross-party group of MPs.

[The consultation exercise](#), which involved polling, in-depth workshops and telephone conversations with a representative sample of the public, found support for ambitious plans on equality, the future of work and the environment.

The findings come amid growing concern that the government is attempting to rush the country back to a pre-Covid “business as usual” model, rather than learn the lessons from the pandemic and build a more resilient “fairer, greener Britain”.

The inquiry was conducted by the all-party parliamentary group on a green new deal. One of its co-chairs, the Labour MP Clive Lewis, said the coronavirus crisis appeared to be driving a widespread desire for change.

“The findings of our research show that — almost irrelevant of age, sex, class or ethnicity — people want a fairer, greener, more community-oriented future. They do not want to see society go back to how it was.”

These findings were based on a survey called [Reset](#)

As that, Green New Deal linked survey reports:

What will life look like after Covid? We asked and over 55,000 people across the UK responded. They told us they wanted a fairer, kinder, greener, more connected Britain

Supported by a group of MPs and peers from across the political spectrum, Reset set out to seize this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for all of us to listen, reflect, plan and act — together — to bring about real and lasting change. We asked the public what they

wanted life after Covid to look like, and created space for them to reflect and imagine together. We found:

The public are way ahead of the Government on the scale of change they want, with ambitious ideas about the future of work, public services, community, nature and local life.

They want a fairer society and want to see bold government action on wages, work and housing to make that happen.

There is widespread public support for the government to take steps to completely reshape everyday life in Britain, with more flexible working, a shorter working week and more vibrant neighbourhoods so people can play a meaningful role in their communities and act for the common good.

Some of the most popular changes, including more green spaces, liveable streets, less traffic, more flexible working patterns and food grown closer to home, would also make a significant contribution to meeting the UK's climate change targets.

I recommend the report.