

# Funding the Future

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Keir Starmer's [vision pamphlet for the Fabian Society](#) is deeply disappointing. This is the bit on what green investment might achieve:

We would also use the challenge of tackling emissions as an opportunity for British industry and jobs. We would start that with a huge investment in a green recovery from the pandemic. We would boost the car industry to ensure that Britain leads in the production

of electric cars. We would get more offshore wind turbines built, powering our homes with clean energy. We would increase the manufacturing of clean steel to build our schools, railways and hospitals.

He adds this:

All of these actions would create jobs – hundreds of thousands, located across the country; jobs that give people real pride as they help in the effort to remake our nation. This is only the beginning of our ambition: we would set ambitious targets to eliminate the substantial majority of carbon emissions by 2030,

What this is not is a Green New Deal.

There is no mention of energy saving. The real job gains come from insulation, solar installation, and replacement of gas boilers with heat pumps.

There is no mention of transport investment apart from electric cars - which cannot be the answer to this issue.

There is no hint of tidal energy, which is absurd.

And clean steel is just a pipe dream right now.

What is more, the named ideas cannot deliver the hundreds of thousands of jobs. And nor can they deliver the carbon cuts he claims.

As an example of joined-up thinking this pamphlet is a dismal failure.