

# In England's green and pleasant - or is it grubby and d...

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My [short video this morning](#) laments the lack of green policy from our major political parties at this election. In it, I argue that William Blake might have written about England's green and pleasant land, but it seems that most English politicians are intent on ignoring green issues during this election. That's going to leave us with a whole pile of problems - and a grubby, unpleasant, and even uninhabitable land in time to come.



You [can see the video here](#).

This is the transcript:

*Most people watching this video will be familiar with the hymn, 'Jerusalem' and Blake's poem all about England's green and pleasant land.*

*So why haven't the Liberal Democrats put anything in their manifesto costings about green policy?*

*Why has Labour dropped green policy from its agenda?*

*Why are the Reform Party so opposed to Green policy that they attack it?*

*And where are the Tories? Well, nowhere as usual.*

*What is it about this 'green and pleasant land' that we hate so much that we won't actually try to preserve it?*

*When we make it our second national anthem, in England at least, what is it that then inspires us to loathe the very thing we aspire to?*

*I wish I knew, because I can't answer that question, but what I do know is that we definitely need green policy, or we are all in very deep trouble.*