

Starmer and Reeves were going to be green: now they're ...

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As the [Greenpeace website notes](#):

Back in 2021, Labour Shadow Chancellor Rachel Reeves said she'd be Britain's first "Green Chancellor". Labour's annual conference that year even had the tagline "A fairer, greener future".

Reeves proudly announced that a Labour government would [invest £28 billion a year in green capital investment, every year, until 2030](#).

As we know, that £28 billion commitment was abandoned before Labour even got into office.

Now, it looks as though Labour has abandoned every pretence that it ever had that it was committed to environmental reform, or the preservation of the world that we live in. As [The Guardian](#) reports this morning:

The nature-friendly farming budget is set to be slashed in the UK spending review, with only small farms allowed to apply, it can be revealed.

Sources at the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) have confirmed the post-Brexit farming fund will be severely cut in the review on 11 June.

Labour promised a fund of £5bn over two years, from 2024 to 2026, at the budget, which is being honoured, but in the years following that it will be slashed for all but a few farms.

As they added by way of explanation:

The nature-friendly farming fund is a package of payments that replaced the EU's common agricultural policy and paid land managers for the amount of land in their care, with the aim of paying farmers to look after nature, soil and other public goods, rather than simply for farming and owning land. Many farms rely on these payments to make ends meet.

One of the biggest reasons why people voted for Labour was that nothing worked under the Tories.

No one in their right mind was convinced that Keir Starmer was a visionary.

No one thought that Rachael Reeves was an economic miracle maker.

I doubt that anybody thought that these two could, in any serious way, transform the UK.

But, people did, at the most basic level, hope that they did at least care for the things that matter in life.

What is now glaringly apparent is that they really do not care.

They do not care about children. They do not care about poverty. They do not care about the elderly. They do not care about those with disabilities. They do not care about those with learning difficulties. They do not care about increasing the tax burden on ordinary people. They do not care about law and order. They are abandoning the NHS. And now, as is becoming all too obvious, they are abandoning the environment as well.

Frankly, if Starmer and Reeves now put up a sign in Whitehall saying 'Abandon hope all ye who enter here', I don't think anyone would be surprised, because that is very clearly what they have done. Anything that required them to have conviction as to their purpose has now been abandoned by them, including any belief that they might have had in our planet and the possibility that we might save it for future generations. That has been given up for the sake of balancing Reeves' utterly pointless spreadsheet.

This is, quote literally, a crime against humanity, only it is much bigger than that. It is a crime against our planet.