

# UK Parliament Initiatives



All of the major parties in the UK, have been supportive of measures to combat climate change.

Acts so far have included:-

- 2008 - UK Parliament agrees [Climate Change Act](#), committing the UK to reduce CO2 emissions by 80% compared to 1990 levels. Additionally creates the Committee of Climate Change who are tasked with determining 5 year climate reduction budgets and holding the UK to account
- 2019 - UK becomes [first country in the world to legally commit to net zero carbon by 2050](#)
- 2016 - UK signs & ratifies the [Paris Agreement committing to ensure that CO2 emissions do not increase the global temperature by 2C](#)
- 2019 - UK declares a [climate emergency](#)
- 2020 - UK declares [coal will no longer be used as an energy source by 1st October at latest](#)
- 2020 - UK convenes a [Climate Assembly](#), with members picked at random from a population set determined on a spread of known political, racial, gender etc. demographics to be broadly representative of the UK population. It's report came out in September 2020 highlighting areas where climate solutions could be developed by 2050.
- 2021 - UK to co-host with Italy the [Climate Conference of the Parties \(COP26\)](#)