

Green Britain Guarantee: Five Green Laws

A Nature Act which will include:

- ♦ Placing the Natural Capital Committee on a statutory footing. The Committee was set up in 2012; it provides advice to the government on the state of England's natural assets including forests, rivers, land, minerals and oceans.
- ♦ A requirement for government to set out a 25-year plan for recovering nature, with annual updates to Parliament, including how to reverse the decline of UK species and their habitats and ensure that bees and other insects are able to fulfil their important role as crop pollinators.
- ♦ The introduction of a new Public Sector Sustainability Duty, requiring steadily higher green criteria in public procurement policy, and placing requirements on public authorities to act in a sustainable manner.
- ♦ Implementation of the findings of the Independent Panel on Forestry, creating a new public body, free from political interference and securely funded, to own and manage the national forests.
- ♦ Transposition of EU air and water quality targets into UK law to confirm our commitments.
- ♦ A sustainable water abstraction regime, for the public, industry and the natural environment.
- ♦ The formation of a one million square kilometre southern Atlantic Ocean reserve.

A Resource Efficiency and Zero Waste Britain Act which will include:

- ♦ Implementation of recommendations from our planned 'Stern Report' on resource efficiency, which the Natural Capital Committee will conduct.
- ♦ Increased penalties for waste crimes, aiming to move from an average fine of £50,000 to £75,000 and to an average sentence of 12 to 18 months.
- ♦ A statutory recycling target of 70% for waste in England.
- ♦ Regulation to promote design that enhances reparability, reuse and recycling, requiring specified products to be sold with parts and labour guarantees for at least five years.