

NATIONAL TRUST ANNOUNCES SUPPORT FOR LANDMARK NEW ENVIRONMENTAL LEGISLATION

SATURDAY 02 NOVEMBER: The National Trust has announced its support for the landmark **Climate and Nature Bill** after a members' motion got the backing of the Trust's board and its 5.4 million members at its 2024 AGM today.

The National Trust is the latest organisation to join the growing list of supporters for the Bill that includes The National Federation of Women's Institutes, Friends of the Earth, Ecotricity, The Wildlife Trusts, The Co-operative Bank, Oxfam, CPRE, British Rowing, Greenpeace, The National Education Union and The Doctors' Association UK.

The CAN Bill was introduced into the House of Commons by **Dr Roz Savage MP** (South Cotswolds, Lib Dem) on 16 October. It aims to upgrade UK legislation in line with the most up to date science to ensure that the UK meets its two internationally-agreed environmental commitments—to reduce emissions in line with the UK's share of the 1.5°C carbon budget; and to halt and reverse nature loss by 2030.

The CAN Bill will have its pivotal **second reading on 24 January** where it requires at least 102 MPs to vote for it in order for it to progress to its committee stage. The Bill already has the backing of 187 cross-party MPs from all the main parties, as well as 64 Peers, 1,200 climate and conservation scientists, and 372 local councils across the UK. Celebrity backers include wildlife presenter, Chris Packham CBE; TV chef, Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall; and *Dragon's Den* star and business leader, Deborah Meaden.

Jamie Russell, who proposed the successful CAN Bill motion at the Trust's AGM, said:

It's wonderful to see The National Trust getting behind this vital and timely legislation to ensure that the UK properly gets to grips with the climate and nature crisis. As a long-standing National Trust member, I know the amazing work the Trust does protecting our heritage and our green spaces. By backing the Climate and Nature Bill the Trust and its 5.4 million members have shown that they are committed to preserving our future, as well as our past.

Dr Roz Savage MP, a record-breaking solo ocean rower and environmental campaigner turned MP, who is championing the CAN Bill in the UK Parliament, said:

I'm delighted that The National Trust has joined the huge and growing list of backers for the Climate and Nature Bill. It's abundantly clear to me that restoring Britain's natural assets, our woods, soils, and rivers, is absolutely key to addressing our climate crisis and the catastrophic decline in populations of our insects, birds, and mammals. I rowed, alone, across three oceans to raise awareness of our environmental issues, and the CAN Bill is our big chance to bring that mission to Parliament. I'd really like to ask National Trust members to write to their MPs and ask them to vote for the CAN Bill on 24 January. This is the law we've been waiting for.

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For the CAN Bill: www.zerohour.uk/climate-and-nature-bill

For more about Dr Roz Savage MP, visit: www.southcotswoldlibdems.org.uk/rozsavage

For Zero Hour's full press pack, please see [here](#).

PHOTOS AND VIDEO:

Photos of CAN Bill campaigners at The National Trust AGM are [here](#). Photo credit: Zero Hour

Photos of Dr Roz Savage MP announcing her selection of the CAN Bill are [here](#).

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