

## PRESS STATEMENT FROM GREEN HOUSE THINK-TANK

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Green Party members are currently debating whether to seek agreement with other political parties on a plan aiming to replace the Conservatives with a credible alternative government at the next general election.

This follows an open letter, signed by Green Party MP Caroline Lucas and Green Party Leader Natalie Bennett, calling for talks with the leaders of the Labour, Plaid Cymru, and Liberal Democrat parties. A <u>briefing</u> from the Green House think-tank, made public today supports this appeal.

Green House's briefing was presented to the Green Party's national strategy body, the Green Party Regional Council, on Saturday July 2nd.

One key aspect of such a "progressive pact" would be a shared commitment to proportional representation - something Labour is not currently committed to.

Rupert Read, Chair of Green House, said: "The referendum vote has created a period of crisis for Britain. At the very least, we need a government that will retain in UK law the environmental and social protection the EU has given us. This is very unlikely to happen under a Conservative government. We need to ensure that basic principles of fairness and equity, accepted by the majority of the electorate, are translated into action by the next government."

The text of the briefing can be found online.

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