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QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR LOCAL PROSPECTIVE PARLIAMENTARY CANDIDATES

Print this list of questions and keep it handy near your front door so you can be prepared for any canvassers that come to speak to you at your home; or take it with you if you are planning on attending any local hustings.

Thank you for speaking up for nature and wild animals during this general election!

- 1.** Our wildlife is in crisis across the globe, and the UK has been identified as one of the most nature depleted countries on earth. Yet wildlife protection has barely featured in the election campaign. **What will your Party do to ensure the next UK government meets and exceeds its current commitments to address the crisis facing our climate and biodiversity**, including achieving net zero, fully protecting at least 30% of the UK's land and sea for wildlife, and halting the decline of our wildlife by 2030?
- 2.** **Will you commit to supporting the reform of the Hunting Act** to close current loopholes, ban trail hunting, and finally bring a permanent end to the hunting of foxes and other wild animals with dogs in the UK?
- 3.** Will you commit to calling for a government bill to **end the import of hunting trophies** into the UK?
- 4.** Wildlife crime, including poaching, trafficking, crimes against badgers, bats, birds of prey, and related online criminal activities, continues to be a major problem across the UK. **What would you do to ensure that our enforcement authorities can tackle it effectively**, and that it is treated as serious crime by the police, prosecutors, and the judiciary?
- 5.** Hares are the only 'game' species in England and Wales that aren't protected from being shot for sport during their breeding season. **Will you support a close season for hares to bring England and Wales in line with Scotland and most of the rest of Europe?**



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6. While the UK banned fur farming in 2000, we still allow imports of fur from other countries, including bear skins for ceremonial military use, and are therefore complicit in widespread animal suffering. **Will you support calls for a ban on the import of fur into the UK once and for all, including by the military?**
7. **Will you actively advocate for a permanent end to the ineffective and inhumane culling of badgers in England**, and instead urge the government to focus on cattle-based measures, including vaccination, and increased biosecurity, in order to control the spread of bovine TB?
8. The trade in and keeping of wild animals as exotic pets in the UK causes widespread animal suffering, impacts the conservation of many species, and risks the health and safety of people, other animals and the wider environment. **Will you commit to reforming our legislation governing the trade in and keeping of exotic pets** to ensure that it is restricted to those species that can be kept safely and responsibly?
9. **Will your party commit to using the UK's influence to improve wildlife protection across the globe**, including through the inclusion of wildlife and animal welfare friendly measures in trade deals, such as the one we have with the Faroe Islands in order to end the brutal slaughter of whales and dolphins?
10. Many species that are currently kept in zoos, such as elephants, giraffes, bears and big cats, suffer. **Will you support calls to reform zoo licencing regulations to ensure that keeping such animals in zoos is phased out, and that other animals in zoos are afforded the highest possible welfare standards?**

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