

Extract from Green Party Manifesto 2019

Ending wasteful spending

Successive governments have committed large sums of public money to projects that contribute nothing to the potential for a safer, fairer future for all. Beliefs that big is always best, that growth is good for growths sake and that communities and environments can be sacrificed have left a dreadful legacy of public harm and financial waste.

It's time to pull the plug on what hasn't worked so we can invest instead in the Green New Deal and other ways to sustainably transform the state of the nation.

As we transition to a net zero economy the Green Party will tackle wasteful spending, starting by:

Cancelling the Trident nuclear weapons system and nuclear powered submarines. We will join the United Nation's Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and work within that multilateral framework work for the total elimination of all nuclear weapons, including the implementation, enforcement and verification of all disarmament, arms control and non-proliferation agreements. We need a security system that can keep us safe from 21st-century challenges, not one that could realise cold war nightmares.

The funds saved from cancelling Trident will be diverted towards the development of non-carbon- emitting technologies and finance to help countries deal with the Climate Emergency.

Extract from Labour Party Manifesto 2019

Labour supports the renewal of the Trident nuclear deterrent. Labour will also actively lead multilateral efforts under our obligations to the Non-Proliferation Treaty to create a nuclear-free world.

Extract from Conservative Manifesto 2019

We will maintain our Trident nuclear deterrent, which guarantees our security.

Extract from Liberal Democrat Manifesto 2019

Maintain a minimum nuclear deterrent, while pursuing multilateral nuclear disarmament: continuing with the Dreadnought programme, the submarine-based replacement for Vanguard, but procuring three boats and moving to a medium-readiness responsive posture and maintaining the deterrent through measures such as unpredictable and irregular patrolling patterns.