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“Why I deserve the green vote”, The Independent’s leading article Thursday 20th April 2006, successfully highlighted why the UK and the world is under such threat from global warming and climate change.

While David Cameron puts the Conservative party’s point on the problems facing the planet very elegantly, he appears to promote a rather inward looking view; that the UK needs to focus on recycling, noise pollution and utilise green kerbside collection. While this may be true, it would be reassuring to know that the Conservatives have policies in place that will deliver real carbon savings and are that they are prepared to promote global solutions - as well as collecting used cooking oils form restaurants in Bromley.

The Chancellor’s strategy is much wider in scope and based on a ‘global problem - global solution’ point of view. While this is encouraging, as the UK is unable to tackle global warming alone, Labour, despite denying this, continues to promote global action firmly rooted in the ‘new technology’ and ‘business as usual’ camp.

Let us not forget that it is these exacts same economical philosophies that have generated the problems we are facing today. And yet, at this critical point in time, many politicians across the globe are not prepared to talk bindings targets, which I note was not mentioned with one word in the Chancellor’s piece.

Faced with a choice between expanding UK recycling schemes and alternative energy solutions, or jumping on the global ‘new technology’ bandwagon, which comes without any guarantee of successful deployment, I am sorry to say that both PMs-in-waiting fall well short of securing my vote at the next general election.

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