

Written evidence submitted by Mrs Susan Chapman

Dear Environmental Audit Committee,

1. Your valid questions below deserve a wide public airing and could well be dealt with by citizens' assemblies and other public forums. 5th columnists (such as unhelpful and untruthful media) must not be allowed to cloud, distract or deny the problems as they sadly continue to do at present.
2. Global cooperation would be by a variety of means but after the war we youngsters were encouraged to exchange visits with other students to foster international goodwill. Sports, drama, music and the space industry have all benefited from international interactions.
3. I've been writing and talking to Representatives for many years. I've been an environmental campaigner for five decades during which time all humanity has been deceived by the cruel fossil fuel industry which has yet to be confronted by the likes of Laura Kuenssberg . This despite the BBC's function to educate as well as entertain us. We licence payers are failed by the BBC.
4. The public is not told of the tsunami of grief heading our way as climate breaks down and the biosphere crumbles. BCP's climate guru warned- in a 2022 89 page document not yet visible in a family-friendly fashion to residents- that,

"Global Ecological collapse is imminent...stability is no more...overshooting Earth's ability to cope....currently no guarantee of a future at all ...little visibility of leadership."
5. We environmental campaigners have been gaslit, fobbed off by endless disinterested parties (which includes people in authority) and treated disrespectfully even in the Full Council Chamber. Lies have been told and one colleague sought (and gained) justice from Southampton Court to achieve a muted apology from a lying Bournemouth Borough Council councillor. I haven't had the energy, time nor capacity to follow up the huge amount of disrespect and lies over the years from those who pretend they adhere to the Nolan principles of public office.
6. The wishes of our younger generation have been ignored. A much-wanted wind farm that would have provided enough clean energy for 790,000 homes, not to mention the many jobs desperately wanted by Dorset and the impecunious Isle of Wight - was lied about here in Bournemouth. Magnificent 85' Vestas blades continue to export globally but not to the benefit of the locals.
7. The alleged, much wrongly opined, "harm to tourism" is clearly a fantasy as we see from lucky Brighton with their Rampion wind-farm, significantly nearer the coast than Navitus would have been. Fishermen also benefitting from tourist visits to the wind farm and schoolchildren have named the turbines.

8. The passionate #Fridays4Future pre-covid demonstrations and speeches in Bournemouth Square were ignored by Conservative councillors and MPs although many other councillors supported the youngsters.
9. 10, The fossil fuel industry are still trying to pretend they are saviours when they have done a good job of deception for 70 years. They then blame the public for our carbon addiction.
10. Other powerful industries are also contributing to our annihilation.
11. Environmental illiteracy is still spouted by elected representatives. Ministers saying for example that we have "over-achieved" on carbon ambition betrays their hopeless incompetence and fitness for office. This despite the many documents in the public domain showing that humanity is triggering its own demise. No wonder Conservative MP Chris Skidmore gave up in disgust!
12. The Climate Genocide Act Now group took our powerful dossier relating to Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide to 13 police stations on 20.11.19, the Anniversary of the Nuremberg Trials. The Crime Management Unit in Bournemouth eventually accepted our document but has since lost it. I have been to the police station a number of times as well as complaining repeatedly to the Dorset Police and to the Commissioner himself but there is no outcome.
13. The Climate Genocide Act Now group has repeatedly taken matters further but has been fobbed off at the highest level by the police. We now seek justice from the International Criminal Court who we see is taking an interest.

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The international criminal court (ICC) has been urged to start investigating and prosecuting individuals who harm the environment.

Academics, lawyers and campaigners from around the world have sent expert opinions to the court outlining what they call its current regime of "impunity" for serious environmental crimes.

The comments were made in response to an invitation by the ICC's chief prosecutor, [Karim Khan](#), who [announced in February](#) that his office was developing a new policy paper on environmental crimes.

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Khan said the paper, due to be published by the end of the year, would help promote the "accountability, transparency, and predictability" of his office's work in this "crucial area".

It would also include references to the Rome statute, under which the court operates, as well as environmental treaties, rules of customary international law and the decisions of other international and national courts.

In a [joint comment](#), lawyers and scientists at the University of London's Institute of Commonwealth Studies, the Oxford Sustainable Law Programme and the International Nuremberg Principles Academy note that human activities leading to severe environmental harm usually also violate human rights. This, they argue, potentially qualifies as a crime such as genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes.

The experts say charges could be levelled against politicians, corporate bosses and leaders of organised criminal gangs directly responsible for acts that destroy the environment such as widespread deforestation, chemical spills or oil pollution.

14. I write emails and by post on a regular basis to various authorities and the King has said, in a kind reply dated 20th March 2024, he is "deeply committed to protecting the natural world.....recognising that everyone has a role to play in preventing climate change and biodiversity loss".
15. The problem is that "everyone" has NOT been alerted to the dire threats posed by climate breakdown.
16. The issue could have been tackled along with covid in 2020 when there was a degree of compliance on behalf of health for all. But governance and even your good selves failed us.
17. Overwhelming problems like this involving the very air we breathe and the biosphere we all depend upon must be tackled by the whole community. There are millions of solutions to the complete mess we are now in. Thousands of caring organisations are ready to facilitate Decarbonising Action at speed and scale. Millions of people.
18. We need to be educated to Salvage and Survive. We should be incentivised, activated and motivated by inspiring Dunkirk leadership, not Pied Piper folly.
19. Plans are outdated even as they are written.

Many thanks,

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