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Welcome

This is a very different welcome to the one we wrote in the previous issue of Earthmatters. Back in February, I celebrated with local groups when the campaign against a third runway at Heathrow was rewarded with success in the Court of Appeal. Just weeks later, coronavirus had been declared a global pandemic and upended life as we knew it.

We’ve had to adjust the way we work, but our resolve to support people to build a healthier, fairer planet is as strong as ever. The legal team and I continue to fight Heathrow expansion (p6). We’re filing a legal challenge against the government over its funding of a gas project in Mozambique (p24). Our campaigners are working with supporters for a green and fair recovery (p16). And our fundraising team has launched successful appeals to help our legal work, and the work of Friends of the Earth Brazil in the Amazon.

We’re so grateful for your continued support in these unsettling times. I hope you’ll join our call to build back a better world.

Katie de Kauwe
Lawyer

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Campaigning during COVID-19

COVID-19 has meant that, like many other organisations, we’ve shifted a lot of our work online. From webinars to fundraising, we’ve drastically changed the way we do things. We’ve also worked hard during lockdown to raise awareness of the government’s funding for fossil fuel projects overseas. The Prime Minister’s July decision to review this funding is a small step in the right direction.

Activism
Since April our Campaign Activism team has hosted over 45 webinars on everything from wellbeing and connection, to what a green and fair recovery should look like.

We’ve also run 16 “Power Up” training sessions, where participants learned how to successfully influence planning decisions.

Podcasts
Are your taxes funding climate breakdown? How does the climate emergency impact women and girls? Our How to Save the Planet podcast, already at 80,000 downloads, has tackled these issues and more, with host Muna Suleiman chatting to guests like Cassie Flynn, Strategic Advisor for Climate at the UN, and Magid Magid, former Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Green MEP. Find it on Spotify, Apple podcasts and at foe.uk/podcast

Live talks
In June, we launched the How to...
Save the Planet live talks on YouTube. Hundreds tuned in to watch lawyers Katie de Kauwe and Will Rundle discuss our court victory stopping a third runway at Heathrow and field questions about environmental law.

More than 1,000 people watched our “Access to nature after lockdown” Q&A, where Friends of the Earth experts Guy Shrubsole and Paul de Zylva outlined the current inequalities in access to green space – and how they can be overcome. As our colleague Jack Malone said: “This was how I envisioned these talks to be – people answering each other’s questions, swapping email addresses – a community event.”

**Fundraising**

Given the difficult economic situation for many, we scaled back our fundraising following the UK-wide lockdown in spring. Nevertheless, our supporters have continued to show amazing generosity, buying thousands of Bee Saver Kits (which include wildflower seeds and guides) and signing up for our Planet Protectors membership for kids.

And our appeal to help support our legal work has also received a huge boost from our supporters, with over £120,000 raised to date (including Gift Aid).

**FAST FACTS**

- **£120k+** raised in our legal cash appeal
- **115,000** signed the petition against a rushed US/UK trade deal
- **61 MPs** contacted after our “A-Z of Lobbying” session on Zoom
- **200+** Climate Action groups launched
- **288** people attended Friends of the Earth Chester and District’s virtual fair
- **80,000+** downloaded our How to Save the Planet podcast
- **90** Climate Action group members at our two Green and Fair Recovery network calls

You’ve bought thousands of Bee Saver Kits.
Heathrow appeal

In May, Heathrow Airport Ltd was given permission by the Supreme Court to appeal our historic victory in the Heathrow third runway case. The government withdrew after the Court of Appeal ruled that plans for the planet-wrecking third runway failed to factor in the Paris Agreement or the climate impact of 700 additional flights each day. Your support has been invaluable so far, and with your help we will now challenge Heathrow Airport’s Supreme Court appeal. Friends of the Earth Head of Legal Will Rundle said: “It’s really important that we maintain our win for climate justice. Having the Court of Appeal judgment already in hand supporting our case puts us in a good position and we’ve got a great team working on this appeal.”

AIR POLLUTION

We’ve found that 1,360 sites across England are breaching air pollution limits for nitrogen dioxide, deepening the climate crisis and damaging public health. The main cause of these emissions is traffic. Friends of the Earth Clean Air Campaigner Simon Bowens said: “Failing to fix air pollution costs lives. The government must end its damaging fixation on building more roads.”

ELECTRIC BIKES

People in England can now get grants for e-bikes, thanks partly to an Oxford Friends of the Earth campaign. The group set up a website in May to help people pressure MPs and the Department for Transport to set up an incentive scheme to boost uptake.
Making money is great.
But only if you’ve got a planet left to spend it on.
MAURITIUS OIL SPILL
More than 1,000 tonnes of oil were spilled off the coast of Mauritius after a ship ran aground on 25 July. The spill caused extensive damage to a unique biodiversity hotspot, killing multitudes of fish and marine mammals and risking local residents’ health. Thousands marched through the capital, Port Louis, to protest the authorities’ handling of the spill.

Amazon fires up 28%
In July, fires in the Amazon were up by 28% compared to the previous year, with many fires caused by the meat industry and agribusiness, according to Friends of the Earth Brazil. These businesses are devastating the land, its wildlife and communities, just to make money. We’re raising funds to protect this irreplaceable part of the planet and the people who call it home.

HURRICANES TO DOUBLE?
Predictions that there would be twice as many named storms and hurricanes across the Tropical Atlantic in 2020 than 10 years ago look set to be accurate. In August, Colorado State University forecast 24 named storms and 12 hurricanes – those figures already stand at 23 and 8.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
Donate to Friends of the Earth Brazil to protect the Amazon: visit foe.uk/earthmatters-amazon
TRUMP ATTACKS ENVIRONMENT

US President Donald Trump has reversed, revoked, or rolled back nearly 70 environmental rules and regulations since 2017 and is busy unravelling 30 more, according to analysis by the New York Times. It says the Trump administration has weakened rules on planet-wrecking carbon emissions from power plants and vehicles and those governing clean air and water, while carving up more land for oil and gas drilling, shrinking protected areas, and endangering wildlife.

IRISH CLIMATE PLAN DEFEATED

The Irish Supreme Court has ruled that its government’s plan to reduce greenhouse gases is insufficient, in a case brought by Friends of the Irish Environment. The government must now reduce short-term emissions, produce a stronger climate act within 100 days, and create more ambitious 5-year carbon budgets. “The government’s last excuse for delay is gone,” said Oisin Coghlan, Director of Friends of the Earth Ireland.

Kidnappings in Honduras

We are outraged by the kidnapping of four members of the Triunfo de la Cruz community in Honduras. In July, the members of the Afro-Indigenous Garifuna Peoples’ organisation of Honduras – which defends local people’s rights and protects their land from exploitation – were abducted by armed gunmen wearing police uniforms. The Honduran authorities’ response has been woefully inadequate. Join the call for their safe return: foe.uk/foei-honduras

Join local protestors to demand action for the safe return of the four
Imagine there was a treatment that reduced the nation’s risks of obesity, heart disease and depression – saving the NHS millions and boosting the economy.

Well, it already exists: spend more time in nature. According to the government, “access to natural green spaces for fresh air, exercise and quiet contemplation has benefits for both physical and mental health”.

Green space also helps cool urban areas in summer, reduces flood risk and absorbs planet-warming carbon dioxide. But access to green space is far from equal.

**Measuring up**
We’ve analysed data from the Office of National Statistics and Natural England to identify areas that lack both public green space and gardens (see foe.uk/earthmatters-green-access).

**Learning curve**

**How COVID recovery plans can open up green space**

The UK government can improve health and wellbeing by making sure we all have more green space on our doorsteps.
Using these data sets, we’ve created a neighbourhood Green Space Deprivation Rating based on:

- the proportion of people who are within 5 minutes of 2 hectares of public green space,
- the average size of gardens, and
- the quantity of green space per person.

We then assigned neighbourhoods a rating from A to E, where A has the most green space and E the least.

The analysis confirms a strong link between lack of green space and ethnicity. If you’re black or brown, you’re twice as likely to live in the most deprived green space areas (rated E) as a white person is. In other words, black and brown people are at a stark disadvantage when it comes to accessing the free health and wellbeing benefits associated with good quality green space.

Create more green spaces
There are several ways we can improve everyone’s access to green space. Changes to planning policy should be made to enhance and protect the quality of existing public green space, as well as ensuring that good quality green space is included in any new developments. Councils need more funding to expand green space in areas rated D and E, and to better manage existing spaces – for example, opening school playing fields out of hours and converting car parks or road spaces to parks and parklets (small public green spaces).

Green space should be managed to be nature-rich, to help combat ecological breakdown. And users should be consulted on how best to improve and expand green space in their area, as well as being encouraged to physically interact with green space (for example, by getting involved in planting).

With national government, local authorities, organisations and businesses currently preparing COVID-19 recovery plans, there’s a great opportunity to improve access to green space for everyone.

HELP US CLOSE THE GAP
Donate now to close the green space gap: foe.uk/earthmatters-green-gap

FAST FACTS

10.9 million people live in areas rated E – with the worst green space provision

42% of people from BAME communities live in E-rated neighbourhoods

£30 billion a year is the estimated value of frequent green space visits
In May 2020 the world watched a fresh wave of protests against systemic racism, following the murder of George Floyd – an unarmed black man – by a white police officer in Minneapolis, United States.

His name joined a long list of black people who have died as a result of police brutality.

As the protests in the US roll on, we continue to see law enforcement respond with excessive force, and Donald Trump issue threats to those protesting. But this is by no means a problem confined to the States.

From the COVID-linked attack on a Singaporean student to the disproportionate use of police stops on black people – including athletes and MPs – it’s clear racism is still rife here in the UK too. If change is to happen and equality among all people achieved, then all
individuals and organisations must consider their role in institutional racism and become actively anti-racist. In other words, get vocal in their opposition to racism.

That includes us. While Friends of the Earth has always fought to protect both people and planet, we need to maximise our power as a campaigning force to be a better ally to black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities. That means acknowledging the uncomfortable truth that the UK’s environmental movement remains overwhelmingly white and middle-class. It means listening more deeply to underrepresented voices, being honest about where we’ve got things wrong in the past and humble about how much we still need to learn.

It also means showing that the struggles for equality and climate justice are inextricably linked. In the UK, BAME communities suffer most from the lack of green space in our towns and cities and from worse air pollution. And globally it’s people in poorer countries like Bangladesh and Mozambique who fall victim to extreme weather patterns and other forms of environmental degradation caused by climate breakdown, despite having contributed least to these problems.

As an organisation, we must make sure diversity and inclusivity are at our core. We’ve got a long road ahead of us, but we’re taking our first steps to becoming actively anti-racist. They include:

• Partnering with BAME-led organisations.
• A refreshed Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Action Plan.
• Webinars on building a diverse and inclusive network for our grassroots network.
• Auditing our spokespeople and taking action to support, equip and empower a diverse network of people to speak on environmental issues.
• Speaking on panels that are diverse and boycotting all-white and all-male panels.

Equality and fairness are moral imperatives – and they’re also necessary for addressing shared global problems. Working together with a diverse range of people will help us build better solutions for a better world. We need all our
supporters, and the wider network, to call out racism where they see it and help us build a more inclusive, diverse environmental movement.

If you’re unsure where to start, we’d recommend reading or listening to the following material (which can be found online):
- *How to be an antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi
- *Conservation refugees*, by Mark Dowie
- *Understanding white privilege*, with Reni Eddo-Lodge.

**A diverse youth movement**
My World My Home is a leadership development programme for students aged 16-24, led by Friends of the Earth and NUS (see p28). Over the course of a year, participants organise and deliver a local community campaign to effect positive change for environmental justice – leading to a qualification in community campaigning. Jenny Thatcher, Youth and Families Manager, explains how they designed an inclusive programme:

“We set out to engage with the widest cross-section of the college student body that we could, attending enrichment fairs and building relationships with tutors on courses not traditionally linked with environmentalism.

“As a result, our students are from a wide variety of course programmes – such as plumbing and social care. We promoted the leadership and employability elements of the course, and throughout the advertising and delivery we drew parallels with other struggles – anti-racism, social justice and health issues around air pollution in inner cities. 41% of our students identify as non-white, and we have disabled students, and students who identify as LGBTQIA+.”

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In the wake of the global pandemic, we have the opportunity to create greener, fairer systems for all.
Over the past few issues of Earthmatters, we’ve written about the need for local and national government to adopt our Climate Action Plan and shared news of what groups across the country are doing to make their communities more climate friendly. But a lot can change in 6 months.

Our primary focus is now on ensuring the government adopts a green and fair recovery plan following the pandemic. The government will announce its Comprehensive Spending Review this autumn, so now is a critical time to rally the whole network – local groups, Climate Action groups and supporters alike – and push for the right spending in the right sectors to ensure a green and fair recovery.

Much like the climate emergency, coronavirus has affected the most vulnerable, both at home and abroad. But we have an opportunity, as we rebuild our lives and systems, to build back a better world than the one we have now.
Setting priorities
Together with our policy team, we’ve identified 5 key areas that the government must prioritise in order to build a fairer and more sustainable country for all. Within each area there are multiple policies that the government should implement to build back better. For instance, improved health and wellbeing could be achieved by investing £8 billion per year in affordable public transport, so as to reduce air pollution. We estimate that

**Health and wellbeing**
Reduce air pollution levels to World Health Organisation standards by 2030, including by investing an additional £8 billion annually in clean, affordable public transport.

Ensure access to high quality, nature-rich green spaces for all.

Enshrine a right to a healthy environment in law, as one of the tools for eliminating health inequalities that result from a degraded and polluted environment.

**Green jobs and livelihoods**
Create 40,000 new jobs and eradicate fuel poverty by rolling out a massive programme of home insulation.

**Quadruple the rate of renewable energy construction to create tens of thousands of new jobs.**

Guarantee green jobs or training for those made unemployed because of COVID-19.

**Help transition workers from polluting industries into clean ones with a £4.3 billion a year transition fund.**

**Green economy**
Help fund the recovery by removing tax breaks from big polluters, taxing polluting activities and scrapping spending on climate-wrecking infrastructure.

Impose strict conditions on any financial bailouts of failing companies, protecting workers’ jobs and ensuring companies cut emissions in line with the Paris Agreement.

Measure the impact of the COVID-19 recovery plan by how it improves people’s lives, not by economic growth (GDP).
40,000 jobs could be created (and fuel poverty eradicated) if the government rolled out a massive home insulation programme. We could help fossil-fuel industry workers transition to more sustainable jobs by quadrupling our renewable energy output and creating a “transition fund” of £4.3 billion a year to help re-train and re-skill workers.

We should follow New Zealand and measure impact not by GDP, but by how new measures improve people’s lives.

Action on a local level
Our Climate Action groups are building towards a green and fair recovery. Oxford Friends of the Earth’s campaign for e-bike subsidies received widespread support, with the government later announcing grants for e-bikes in England. Climate Action Newcastle met twice with MP Catherine McKinnell and petitioned the local council for more cycle paths. Stratford Climate Action and Stratford Friends of the Earth had a Zoom meeting with Cabinet member Nadhim Zahawi, who agreed to meet again and discuss their 25 follow-up questions.

Elsewhere, Greening Steyning, Bramber and Beeding Climate Action group has created a shared vision of what people want the local community to be like in 2030, and visioning sessions have also taken place in Stokesley, Preston, and Eastbourne.

Global co-operation
Provide the UK’s fair share of climate finance to support the carbon transition of the world’s poorer nations.

End UK government investment in overseas coal, oil and gas projects.
Shift public spending to renewable energy and support a fair transition for workers.
Only do trade deals that guarantee the highest standards of environmental and public health protection.

Empower communities
Provide nations and councils with the significant new powers and resources they need to deliver an inclusive and green recovery in their areas.
Require decision-makers at all levels to demonstrate that the voices of those most directly affected by environmental harm are heard in the development of COVID-19 recovery plans.
Help grassroots and community organisations through the COVID-19 crisis and invest to enable them to build back stronger.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT
Sign our petition for a green and fair recovery here: foe.uk/earthmatters-green-recovery
As the nights draw in and socialising becomes more restricted again, cosying up on the safety of the sofa looks like one of the more appealing ways to pass the time over the next few months. We asked Friends of the Earth staff to share their favourite films and books – compelling stories beautifully executed with uplifting environmental themes at their heart. Read the full list: foe.uk/earthmatters-staffrec

**1 SIDDHARTHA by Hermann Hesse**
*(book)*

Eoin Redahan, Content Writer

Siddhartha seeks enlightenment. He gives up all his possessions and loses himself in meditation, but it doesn’t work. This is a short book, but it’s a masterpiece that reminds me just why our natural environment is so sacred.
“Eat food, not too much, mostly plants” is the central theme brilliantly explored in this compelling book. In my 15 years of food campaigning, I haven’t read a better one. It both explains the past and helps navigate the future, with some vital lessons about how to build a resilient food system that nurtures us and the planet.

This film, from Oscar-winning Japanese animators Studio Ghibli, is a beautiful and poignant tale about the ways we, as humans, have devastated our natural habitats in the name of industry. The story follows the wild forest spirit Princess Mononoke, who is determined to destroy Lady Eboshi, the foolish boss of an iron mining community. It’s a visual feast of a fairy tale and you’ll fall in love with the cute forest imps.

Get creative for Christmas!

Unleash your imagination and help raise funds for us by joining our paperless Christmas card challenge.

We’re running a competition this winter for budding designers to create a Christmas card with a planet-friendly theme. The best designs will be uploaded to our EcoGifts site and fellow supporters will be able to send them as e-cards for free or with a donation. The winners will also receive a Christmas Bee Saver Kit.

Check out our own e-card designs for inspiration to get you started: foe.uk/earthmatters-ecogifts

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My name’s Jess, and I work in Friends of the Earth’s partnerships team. If, like me, you have a current account, savings account or ISA, then you hope and trust your bank is investing your money fairly and wisely. But the truth is that the banking sector helps finance the fossil fuel industry, with many household banking names in the UK among the worst perpetrators. In fact, as of September 2019, UK banks had invested nearly £150 billion in fossil fuels since the signing of the Paris Agreement.

This means that many of us in the UK could be funding climate breakdown without even realising it. So, how do we stop our money being invested in dirty energy?

The good news is you can easily switch to a number of banks that not only stay clear of fossil fuels, but actively invest in renewables, organic farming, social housing, charities and education. You won’t necessarily find them on the high street, but all are subject to the same regulatory system as the big banks and are easily available online.

My team’s vote for best bank for the planet goes to Triodos Bank UK, which will only invest your money in initiatives that support people, culture and the environment. By opening a Triodos account, you’ll know that your money is funding projects that make the world a better place. What’s more, for every supporter who joins and opens a current account, Triodos will donate £40 to Friends of the Earth when your balance reaches £100. Find out more at triodos.co.uk/foe. Terms and conditions, eligibility and £3 monthly fee apply.
Since the start of the year, we’ve been investigating government investments abroad, alongside organisations and news outlets like Global Witness and the BBC. Despite parliament declaring a climate emergency in 2019 and its pledge to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 (which is still too slow), UK taxpayers have been unknowingly funding oil and gas projects through a little-known government agency – UK Export Finance (UKEF).

Is your money funding fossil fuel projects abroad?

We’re fighting to stop our taxes funding oil and gas investments overseas.
UKEF provides loans and guarantees to ensure that projects which would benefit the UK “do not fail for lack of finance or insurance”. Those projects include offshore oil and gas fields in Ghana, expansion of oil refineries in Kuwait, offshore oil platforms in Brazil and, most recently, an enormous liquefied natural gas (LNG) project in Mozambique.

The impact of these projects on climate breakdown is sobering. Using the government’s own figures, the BBC estimates that the combined carbon emissions from completed UKEF-funded projects is 69 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year – equal to Portugal’s total annual carbon emissions.

What’s more, the projects often have dire consequences for local communities, with hundreds of families forcibly removed from their homes in Mozambique, and acknowledgement that the project in Ghana will likely negatively impact farming and fishing – the mainstays of the local economy.

We need to cut our reliance on fossil fuels
Cautious optimism
Back in March, tens of thousands of you wrote to the government demanding to know why it continues to fund fossil fuel projects abroad. And it looks like the pressure is starting to pay off.

In July, the Prime Minister announced a review of public investment in overseas oil and gas projects.

While it won’t stop the project in Mozambique going ahead (see right), the review is a step in the right direction and we’re hopeful that – barring any loopholes or exemptions which would undermine the decision and lock us into gas for decades to come – the UK will be the first country with a “green” export credit agency.

Global influence
Gas, like coal and oil, has no place in a world that hopes to keep below 1.5°C of global heating. It’s hugely significant that the UK government has recognised this, and it has an opportunity during the 2021 climate talks to position itself as a world-leading example and influence other countries to follow suit.

Meanwhile, we’re working with Amis de la Terre (Friends of the Earth France) and allies in Italy as they push their governments to do the same thing. Keep an eye out in the next edition (or your inbox) for updates on this line of work.

Paradise lost?
In July 2020, UKEF approved £900 million in financial support for LNG projects off the unspoiled coast of Cabo Delgado, Mozambique. The liquefaction process is incredibly energy intensive, making it even worse for the environment than natural gas drilling.

Mozambique is the seventh poorest country in the world and is still suffering from the hangover of a bloody civil war. Coastal communities in the region rely heavily on fishing as a key source of both food and income. They say recent attacks by extremists are linked to the discovery of offshore gas fields, and the area is now highly militarised by both foreign and Mozambican personnel.

As well as displacing communities and destroying livelihoods, the LNG projects also threaten the nearby Quirimbas Archipelago, a UNESCO biosphere which is home to endangered flora and fauna. What’s more, an environmental assessment shows that just one LNG project in the area will increase Mozambique’s greenhouse gas emissions by 9.4% within 3 years.

On 7 September, our legal team filed a case with the High Court against the government’s decision to help fund the LNG development in Mozambique, on the basis that the government didn’t adequately consider the project’s impact on climate breakdown. If you’d like to support our continued efforts to stop climate-wrecking projects, please donate.

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I took part in My World My Home, alongside my BTEC Level 3 in Health and Social Care, because I wanted to learn about environmental issues and what I could do to make an impact.

We researched the effects of pollution on people in our borough, Tower Hamlets, did an action day in college and got students to sign our petition. Then we went to the council to get them to do something about it. If I had the opportunity to work on a campaign again, I would do it.

Before coronavirus, my routine was quite structured. I’d go to college three days a week, have all my lessons and go to my placement. On Thursdays I had a session with My World My Home.

At the beginning [of lockdown] I found it difficult to adjust, but I got used to it. Because of coronavirus we did most of the My World My Home sessions on Zoom. It was easier than with college work, as it was more flexible.

Before, I found it difficult to speak to people I didn’t know. But doing My World My Home has enabled me to gain confidence with strangers and in expressing my views.

I would really encourage other young people to take part. There are loads of benefits. You can make new relationships – I talked to people who went to my college, but we had never communicated before doing My World My Home. You get to learn about how environmental issues can affect you and your area. And you get extra UCAS points, and a qualification, which is a bonus. It’s just a great experience.

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Message from Aleanna, Supporter Relations Manager

What a few months it’s been. Like many, I’ve been working from home, which has been a challenge – especially with an 11-year-old! Growing courgettes and tomatoes in my little veg patch has been my saving grace, but I’m one of the lucky ones. I can’t imagine how difficult it must be for those without access to green space – something we desperately need to fix. Coronavirus has been devastating, but we’re so grateful for all the support you’ve continued to give us. From sending lockdown recipes (thanks for the soup ideas, Nikki) to organising your own fundraisers, you’ve kept us hopeful. Look after yourselves and thank you for the support.

“Where should trees be planted – surely we need land for housing and farming?”
Edward, Portsmouth

● If we prioritise vegetable and crop growth on farmland, and eat less and better meat and dairy, we can free up loads of low-grade pasture and poor-quality farmland. By planting the right trees in the right place and using agroforestry (planting trees alongside crops and livestock), we can double tree cover without impacting housing or important nature habitats.

“The owner of the local cricket pitch wants to convert it to equestrian use but it would be perfect for a wildflower meadow. How might we get the planning application rejected?”
A Nature Lover, South Downs

● Start by reading our guides on community rights, environment and planning law (foe.uk/earthmatters-planning). Find your local group or Climate Action group and ask for expertise and contacts. And make a noise straight away – lobby your councillors and alert the press.
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