**Model email seeking meeting with electoral candidates**

We recommend taking a look at the [guidance on meeting local electoral candidates](https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/elections/guide-meeting-your-local-electoral-candidates) before sending this email. Candidates are also more likely to agree to meet you if you can demonstrate you’re representing a number of groups by, for example, asking local partners to co-sign your email.

If you’re contacting an incumbent mayor or councillor, we recommend you write a bespoke email. You’re more likely to secure a meeting if you note what public commitments they’ve already made and what practical action they, through their combined authority or local council, have already taken on the climate crisis.

**Subject: Request to meet about your commitment to climate action**

Dear [candidate name],

I’m writing to you on behalf of [your group’s name and any local partners] to request the opportunity to meet and discuss how you intend to tackle the climate and ecological emergency if you’re elected.

With climate impacts raging around the world, including flooding and extreme heat in the UK, taking action in all our communities is essential. We believe a brighter future is possible. Action on the climate and nature crisis will improve the quality of our lives and contribute to towards tackling the cost-of-living crisis.

[Personalising your email to the candidate will be key to securing a meeting. Recognising some of the positive things they’ve already done also allows you to become more challenging in the meeting if necessary. For example, add something about what the candidate has said or done on climate change or commitments their party has made to act. In doing so, it’s important to adhere to our [political impartiality guidance](https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/political-impartiality-guidance).]

**[For mayoral candidates only]** The Mayor of [region name] has important powers they can use to ensure the region is tackling the climate and nature crisis as urgently as possible. They can also show national government where local people’s priorities lie, what can be done, and how they expect them to follow suit nationally and internationally. Read [Friends of the Earth’s 10-point Climate Action Plan](https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/elections/sign-mayoral-pledge#read-your-areas-climate-action-plan) for our area.

**[For council candidates only]** Local councillors have an important role to play in addressing the climate and ecological crisis. From recycling and housing, to air quality and access to nearby green spaces, if elected your decisions and priorities will have a direct impact on the lives of people in our area. Together, we can also show national government where our priorities lie, what can be done, and how we expect them to follow suit nationally and internationally.

We must recognise that the climate and nature crisis can’t be tackled through a “business as usual” approach. Younger generations are relying on today’s leaders to secure their futures.

We’d like the opportunity to hear how you intend to prioritise climate action if elected and also share our vision for how to make [area name] as climate-friendly as possible. [Again, include something personalised here about their commitment to acting on the climate crisis.] We hope our discussions may inform your manifesto commitments and will be happy to share the practical action and targets we believe are needed across a range of sectors – from housing to transport – to build a fairer, greener future.

I’d be grateful if you could please advise us of your availability for a meeting.

We look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,

[your name]

[group name]