**Template email seeking meeting with mayoral candidates**

We recommend taking a look at the [guidance on meeting mayoral candidates](https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/elections/guide-meeting-your-mayoral-candidates) before sending this email.

If you’re contacting an incumbent Mayor, 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 the combined authority, have already taken on the climate crisis. They’re also more likely to agree to meet you if you can demonstrate you’re representing a number of groups by, for example, co-signing the invitation to meet.

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

Dear [candidate name],

I’m writing to you on behalf of [Friends of the Earth OR your local group name, plus any partners who’ll meet with the candidate alongside you] to request the opportunity to meet and discuss how you intend to tackle the climate and nature emergencies if you’re elected as Mayor of [region name].

With extreme weather 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 climate and nature will improve the quality of our lives and contribute to a fairer, greener world.

[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 challenge more in the meeting if necessary. For example, add something about what the candidate has said or done on climate change, or mention the commitments their party has made to act on the climate and ecological crisis. In doing so, it’s important to adhere to [political impartiality](https://groups.friendsoftheearth.uk/political-impartiality-guidance) commitments.]

The Mayor of [region name] has important powers they can use to ensure the region is as climate- and nature-friendly as possible. We can also show the national government where our priorities lie, what can be done and how we expect it to follow suit nationally and internationally.

We must recognise that the climate 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 [region 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 we’ll 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 would please advise us of your availability for a meeting.

We look forward to meeting you.

Kind regards,

[Your name and group name]