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**[Insert group name] quiz candidates on climate commitment at hustings**

What we do in the next few years will determine the future of our world because we are facing a climate emergency.

This is why (insert group name) quizzed parliamentary candidates (insert date) on how much they will pledge to be an MP for the environment. Meeting the parliamentary candidates gave (insert group name) an important chance to get them to pledge their support for urgent climate action.

[You can adapt the below to mention If candidates spoke about local issues, if you do make sure to include quotes from a spread of candidates]

“It gave (insert name) the chance to set out their position on (insert issues) and it helped people get to know them better, and what they really think about the environment and climate change.]

[enter name] said:

“The climate will be a really defining subject this election, as it should be. We have to change our ways, and this is how we are letting any future government know that people will hold them to account.

“We have a short window of opportunity left to avoid total climate breakdown.  But we also know that politicians won’t put climate at the top of their agenda unless they know how important it is to voters, so we were pleased to have the chance to ask questions of (insert name).”

**Some other messages to use or adapt:**

“But the climate emergency needs all of us to pull together. We need to get serious.

“Real leadership from a local MP comes through action, not words, and that’s why we want the government to stop climate-wrecking plans for more roads, runways and all fossil fuels extraction and instead put carbon-cutting at the heart of all government policy.

**ENDS**

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