

**Market Harborough Local Elections, May 6<sup>th</sup> 2021**  
**Candidates Statements**

Statement from Clare Bottle  
Women's Equality Party Candidate

The Women's Equality Party recognises that the Climate Emergency is a critical gender and social justice issue and in October 2020, passed a motion by an overwhelming majority to integrate Climate Justice across all our policy objectives, which we are in the process of doing. WE approach the climate emergency as a scientific and technological problem, but also one that is rooted in how our society and economy work. The Party has long campaigned for greater investment in the care industry. Care jobs are green jobs and many of the solutions to environmental crisis lie in social change, strengthening equality and democracy at all levels, not merely in technological change. Inequality and environmental degradation have the same root causes: an economy and culture that sees growth and wealth as end points, and production and industrial models which undermine, undervalue and exploit women and the environment. WE take the circular economy a step further, having already backed [Kate Raworth's doughnut economics](#) as the blueprint to integrate social justice with environmental sustainability.

As a candidate, I support the objectives of the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill. If elected, I will work to make sure sustainability and protecting the environment are factored into all of the work I do to advance equality in Little Bowden Ward.

You may also be interested in this Facebook post from January, which demonstrates the relationship our local Leicester branch of the Women's Equality Party already has with Climate Action Leicester and Leicestershire:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/421989451617087/permalink/1035695303579829/>