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Good afternoon,

I used to be Tregony Parish clerk a long time ago, so I know how busy you are, if this letter's **question gets asked**, it will help a great deal.

Please share with your Cllrs, some are expecting it, I said I'd be sending it to you.

Please find attached an open letter I have sent to the MPs listed, the chairs of EFRA & EAC, relevant APPGs, regarding practical climate resilience for communities. The letter responds to the recent debate on Tuesday evening 10th March and highlights several particularly relevant points that were made.

I am requesting that an extremely relevant question be tabled, one that I believe will help us all achieve our community resilience goals more effectively.

If you think this is a reasonable question for Parliament to address, please consider:

- Reading the attached open letter
- Sharing it with others
- **Writing to your MP, supporting asking them to raise this question too**
- [Supporting my LinkedIn post](#)
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Whether it's sewage, buckled rail track, flooding, watershortage, overheating, or other local impacts, change often starts by asking the right question collectively. Adaptation isn't optional; alongside mitigation, it's essential.

Thank you very much for your time, consideration, and any support you may be able to provide.

Kind regards,
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[Cornwall Catchment Partnership Member \(2018-\)](#)

[Climate Skills through Creativity Programme \(1:1 Opportunities until 31/8/26\)](#)

[Cornwall Strategic Resilience Board Member \(2016-22\)](#)

[South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee Member \(2018- Nov 25\)](#)

[Diocesan Environment Officer \(2017-21\)](#)

[Cornwall Community Flood Forum Chair \(2014-8\), Trustee \(2016-21\)](#)

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An Open Letter to Members of Parliament and the Press 11/3/26
Regarding the Debate: “Extreme Climate and Weather Events: National Resilience” (10/3/26)

Dear Members of Parliament and Members of the Press,

I am writing to congratulate **Jayne Kirkham MP** for securing and leading the recent parliamentary debate on *Extreme Climate and Weather Events: National Resilience* on 10 March 2026. The debate highlighted the urgent need to strengthen the United Kingdom’s preparedness for increasingly frequent and severe climate impacts.

I would respectfully ask fellow MPs to support this agenda by helping to secure or table a parliamentary question to the Government on a specific issue of national importance: the use of the **Adaptation Reporting Power under the Climate Change Act 2008**.

By way of background, I hold two degrees in climate change and have spent the past fifteen years working in climate risk, flooding, and community resilience, including contributing to two Defra Pathfinder projects. Through my **Climate Skills through Creativity Programme (2024–2026)**, I have been developing practical and accessible ways to help individuals and communities build resilience to climate impacts, such as preparing simple emergency kits and developing household heat and flood plans, in ways that are engaging, positive and empowering.

Alongside this work, I have served in several resilience and environmental roles, including with the South West Regional Flood and Coastal Committee, the Cornwall Strategic Resilience Board, the Cornwall Catchment Partnership, and the Cornwall Community Flood Forum. A full report from the Climate Skills through Creativity Programme will be available on 31 March, and I will be offering this toolkit to Government as a contribution to strengthening national resilience.

The debate itself clearly demonstrated the breadth of the challenge and the need for a more coordinated approach across Government, **that my question will address**.

Rachel Gilmour MP highlighted the need “to embed a truly comprehensive climate resilience strategy across all Government Departments and agencies at the heart of decision making -one that shifts our posture as much as possible from reaction to prevention.”

Jayne Kirkham MP noted that the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee currently has “an ongoing inquiry into climate and weather resilience.”

Tessa Munt MP captured the practical reality faced by many communities when she observed that “what we need is for the pumps to be there already, so that they can start to pump water away as the storms come in.”



Andrew George MP reflected on the cultural barriers that can exist within institutions, describing *“the culture that exists among service providers, and indeed Government Departments, of always seeking to reassure Ministers that everything is under control and presenting a very different picture from the one that I was seeing on the ground.”*

Members also highlighted the specific vulnerabilities of rural and coastal regions. Perran Moon MP pointed out that *“all six Cornish constituencies appear at the bottom of the rankings in terms of mobile connectivity,”* highlighting the communications challenges that can arise during extreme events.

Jayne Kirkham MP also drew attention to the economic consequences of infrastructure disruption, recalling that the Valentine’s Day storm of 2014 left the far south-west cut off for eight weeks, with estimated losses of between £60 million and £1.2 billion according to the Devon Maritime Forum.

She further highlighted the structural challenges faced by rural communities adapting to climate change, including the high proportion of homes off the gas grid in Cornwall and the barriers residents sometimes face when seeking permission for renewable energy installations. Importantly, she also emphasised the importance of preparedness at the household level, noting that *“there is a conversation to be had about personal resilience. We all need to be more prepared. Having a basic emergency kit sounds simple, but it makes a big difference.”*

In response to the debate, the Minister of State, Dan Jarvis MP, stated that the Government recognises the Climate Change Committee’s assessment of the third National Adaptation Programme and is *“not simply relying on short-term measures.”*

A key legislative mechanism already exists that could significantly strengthen Parliament’s understanding of the nation’s preparedness: the **Adaptation Reporting Power (ARP)** established under the Climate Change Act 2008. This power was designed to allow Government to require critical infrastructure providers to report on how they are assessing and preparing for climate risks.

Yet the power has only once been used as originally intended.

For this reason, I respectfully ask that MPs consider supporting or tabling the following parliamentary question:

Given that the Climate Change Act 2008 established the Adaptation Reporting Power to assess how well critical infrastructure is preparing for climate risks, and noting that it has only once been used as originally intended, will the Government now commit to exercising this power on a mandatory basis to ensure Parliament has a complete and transparent picture of the UK’s resilience to climate impacts?

Strengthening transparency in this way would support the very goal articulated during the debate: shifting our national approach from reactive crisis management towards proactive resilience.

I recognise that Members of Parliament face difficult decisions and competing priorities. However, transparency and public engagement on this issue are essential. In my experience working across resilience partnerships and community flood initiatives, the cultural challenge described during the



debate - where reassurance can sometimes take precedence over honest assessment is real, and it must change if we are to prepare effectively for the impacts that are already unfolding.

I hope this letter contributes to a constructive public conversation and encourages meaningful action in support of the legislation and the resilience of communities across the United Kingdom.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luci", followed by a long horizontal line.

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