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Green Party statement on Cass Review pulled from website only hours after publication. Dithering and inaction from leadership results in chaos.

Members have been left confused this week about who is in charge of The Green Party of England and Wales (GPEW), following an embarrassing debacle over the Party's public statement on the Cass Final Report.

GPEW finally posted a reasonable statement in response to Cass, 6 days after the report was published. You can read the GPEW statement [here](#).

However, in an unexpected turn of events the Party statement was pulled from their website only hours after it was published. Commenters on X were keen to point out that the Party had taken several days to think through their response, so what exactly happened?

GWD now understands that Deputy Leader Zack Polanski and Co-leader Carla Denyer demanded the statement was taken down due to pressure from [angry and bullying voices from 'LGBTIQA+' Greens](#) on X

Cade Hatton, Chair of the LGBTIQA+ group, had already denounced the Cass Final Report with a [public statement](#) a few days before. The official measured Green Party response was clearly at odds with Cade's personal views.

This has left the Green Women's Declaration and GPEW members on social media asking 'Are our leaders puppets? Who runs the party?'

They are concerned that the leadership is failing to act on a mandate from members. Instead, they are capitulating to bullying and coercion from a vocal and attention seeking group of activists who are more interested in pursuing their own ideological anti-women agenda than championing the Core Values of science and reason within the Green Party.

It appears that the LGBTIQA+ Greens [threatened to withdraw their well known support for the leadership in future elections](#). Shamefully, Deputy Leader Zack Polanski, Co-leader Carla Denyer, and perhaps others, have allowed themselves to be held to ransom by factional interests intent on destroying the party.

Zoe Hatch, co- founder of Green Women's Declaration told us:

"On any occasion, this failure of leadership and betrayal of members would be scandalous, but when safeguarding of children sits at the very heart of the Cass Review findings, then I am ashamed our Party leaders cannot set aside their own self interest and put the wellbeing of children and young people first."

Bristol Green Councillor, Jude English, commented:

"It is clear that a battle for the very heart of our party is in progress.

I call on ordinary party members to wake up to the huge problems inside the Green Party.

We have truly lost our way.

We must return to being a credible party of science, reason and precaution and live up to our reputation as intellectually rigorous, thoughtful and caring politicians.

If we continue on our current trajectory, the reputation of the Green Party is in danger of being entirely trashed, harming not only our electoral chances at the ballot box, but also damaging our important campaigns to protect the earth's ecological systems.”

Former Green Party Women Co-Chair, Emma Bateman, commented:

“In the last decade a culture has developed in the Party that deems all criticism of gender ideology to be hateful, so the leadership and trans activists have become accustomed to simply batting away difficult questions and silencing members via a quick smear of “transphobia.”

The Cass Report is not so easy to dismiss, and so the leaders are in the tricky position of having to accept that they might be wrong, and that is not going down well in some quarters.”

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