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Dear Sir/ Madam

On behalf of the Heritage Party, I am writing to issue a formal and urgent objection to the UK government's involvement in, and funding of, geoengineering technologies, including solar radiation management (SRM) - that aim to artificially alter atmospheric conditions.

The recent confirmation of government investment in such programs, reported to exceed **£50 million** in direct research and partnership initiatives, demands immediate public scrutiny and environmental assessment. These initiatives are experimental in nature, global in impact, and being pursued without local mandate or transparent risk evaluation.

1. Geoengineering is Proceeding Without Public Consent or Oversight

Companies such as *Make Sunsets* have publicly acknowledged deploying atmospheric aerosol trials with the stated aim of reflecting sunlight and suppressing warming. UK-aligned climate partnerships have also explored similar strategies under solar radiation management (SRM) frameworks.

While these technologies are often described as experimental, they are no longer theoretical, trial claims and research activities are already underway globally. Despite this, there has been no meaningful public consultation, no local disclosure of affected airspace or ecological risk, and no environmental impact assessments made publicly available.

2. Councils Were Used to Enable This Agenda - Without Evidence

The rollout of geoengineering policies is dependent on the "climate emergency" declarations adopted by councils across the UK. These

declarations are now being used as justification for radical interventions at national and global levels.

However, FOI responses collected from councils across the UK confirm that:

- No local CO₂ measurements or data models were used to justify emergency declarations.
- Councils repeatedly cited IPCC summaries and generalised fears rather than jurisdiction-specific environmental evidence.
- In one example, a council acknowledged its local CO₂ footprint was just 0.0000072% of global emissions.
- No public consultation or public voting was held before enacting “emergency” climate policies that paved the way for these technologies.

In legal and moral terms: emergency declarations without evidence are procedurally unsound, and any action taken on their basis, including geoengineering - lacks lawful democratic foundation.

3. Environmental and Ecological Harm is Already Occurring

SRM interventions - whether through sulphur dioxide, aluminium, or calcium carbonate - have **documented environmental risks**, including:

- Disruption of precipitation patterns
- Soil degradation and pH alteration
- Wildlife disorientation and pollinator collapse
- Potential long-term harm to human respiratory health

Despite these known dangers, no precautionary public health strategy has been published. **The precautionary principle is being actively ignored.**

4. Financial Irresponsibility

Over **£50 million in taxpayer money** has been directed into experimental geoengineering programs that:

- Have no established regulatory framework

- Lack democratic mandate
- Offer no measurable benefit to UK residents
- Pose potential harm to food production, wildlife, and public health

These funds would be more responsibly used supporting proven, localised, and accountable environmental strategies.

Heritage Party Demand

We call on the UK Government and local authorities to:

1. Immediately halt all support and funding for geoengineering initiatives including SRM
2. Suspend the application of climate emergency declarations used to justify undeclared national interventions
3. Mandate full Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) before any atmospheric manipulation is considered
4. Hold open public consultations on the legal, ethical, and ecological implications of weather modification technologies
5. Reallocate climate transition funding toward transparent, democratic, and regenerative ecological projects

The people of the United Kingdom have a right to clean air, a natural climate, and honest governance. Geoengineering violates all three. It is our duty to protect our skies, our land, and our legacy before they are permanently altered without our consent.

Yours faithfully,
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