

Commentary on the Stockholm Network Carbon Scenarios report

Steve Webb MP, Shadow Secretary of State for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs:

"Coming on the eve of the discussion in Parliament of the Climate Change Bill, this report makes sobering reading. On present policies neither the EU nor the UK will achieve the vital aim of keeping global temperature rise under 2 degrees by 2050. Without an urgent step change in Government thinking and action, we will be playing our part in catastrophic climate change. This report makes the case for toughening up the targets in the Climate Change Bill all the more compelling. In particular we will be pressing for the goal of a 60% cut in CO2 emissions by 2050 to be increased to 80%, and for the Bill to include the UK's share of international aviation and shipping.

"Now is not the time for timidity. If we are to win the climate change battle we need a Government with vision and leadership. Their willingness to beef up the Climate Change Bill will be the key test of their seriousness on this issue."

Dr. James Keirstead, Research Associate with the BP Urban Energy Systems Project, Centre for Energy Policy and Technology, Imperial College:

"Last night was the launch of the Stockholm Network's Carbon Scenarios, a project I've contributed to over the past few months. The event was well attended and there was some good discussion afterwards; the three – slightly depressing – scenarios seem to have really struck a chord with people."

Taken from www.jameskeirstead.ca on June 10th, 2008.

Mark Lynas, author of 'Six Degrees' and environmental campaigner:

"Sometimes we need to think the unthinkable, particularly when dealing with a problem as dangerous as climate change - there is no room for dogma when considering the future habitability of our planet. It was in this spirit that I and a panel of other specialists in climate, economics and policy-making met under the aegis of the Stockholm Network thinktank to map out future scenarios for how international policy might evolve - and what the eventual impact might be on the earth's climate.....The results were both surprising, and profoundly disturbing."

Taken from 'Climate chaos is inevitable. We can only avert oblivion', *The Guardian* on June 12th, 2008.