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From: STEWART, Rory [REDACTED]
Sent: 23 March 2016 14:37
To: PS/Rory Stewart
Subject: FW: Surely we can do more...

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2016 20:15
To: STEWART, Rory [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Surely we can do more...

Hi Rory,

I have just seen your recent comments regarding the coffee cup tax and I think it's a great idea. The issue in London though would be one of convenience though, so most people would probably still opt for the lid. Making the large coffee chains use fully biodegradable lids would be ideal.

I sent the below recently to my local MP but as environment minister you may also be interested.

Many thanks,

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Sent from my iPhone

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> **From:** [REDACTED]
> **Date:** 6 March 2016 at 10:52:48 GMT
> **To:** [REDACTED]
> **Subject: Surely we can do more...**
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> Hi [REDACTED] ,
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> I wanted to contact you as a local resident. No matter how incredible some people or places are in this world. The vast majority take it for granted.
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> A lot of people I'm sure want to do the right things. It's just time, money, ignorance or laziness which prevents them from doing so.
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> This is why I am writing to you as I really believe the government can do more to improve the position. Taking little steps could really make a big difference over next 10-50 years. Examples could include:
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> 1. Forcing supermarkets to stock at least 50% fair-trade supplies.

2. Making all coffee shops use fully compostable cups and lids (same goes for lots of shops/companies that use plastic for everything I.e waste bins/pet litter tray bags it's all easy stuff to change to compostable products with no impact to the customer).
3. Sponsoring initiatives like 'Seabin' who help improve situations like sea pollution.
4. Fundamentally changing how products are packaged as there is so much waste in the world.
5. If some companies can be environmentally friendly why can't others? Let's force them to take the right steps.
6. Banning products that are sold in this country / EU which are made using unsustainable products (palm oil in Indonesia etc)
7. Stricter laws and sentencing for animal cruelty and prevention of importing illegal animal products (an easy thing here is to ban foie gras - why it is still on sale I do not understand).
8. Openly condemning and changing how other countries do things (seal hunting, shark fin soup, eating live animals, etc)
9. Banning any fish not caught in a sustainable manner (why do supermarkets continue to keep stocking tuna not caught by line it simply shouldn't be allowed).
10. Protecting more areas for conservation (land and sea)
11. Supporting national and international causes where we can lead the way to a more sustainable and guilt free living.
12. Doing the right things like banning chemicals which impact bees, ensuring the fox ban continues to be enforced, forcing uk companies to stock only eco friendly products.
13. We have so much plastic used today. Why can some companies use compostable products but the vast majority can't? Making it law or naming and shaming those that don't will help!
14. The plastic bag levy has really helped but why can't all plastic bags not be compostable to achieve the right outcome? Including bin bags, waste bins etc
15. Can't we force companies to email receipts instead of printing them off? Or give people the option not to have one printed. All the coffee shops just bin them anyway so force them to stop.
16. Force all big companies like banks and energy suppliers to do email/online bills only. Why do we need so much paperwork.
17. Using more natural based means for providing electricity. Why can't you force all new houses to have solar panels by default. It wouldn't cost the government anything but would reduce our reliance on the grid and over the next 20 years will make a difference.
18. Lastly we have to do more for people globally. Education, sustainable financing and scientific knowledge. We are an extremely rich nation compared to most of the planet, so helping in Syria and closer to home has to be a priority.

Over the next 50 years we have to become more environmentally friendly so why not spearhead this drive now and we can make more money as a country in doing so. This then supports the case for investment.

The U.K. Could even kick start some fun and exciting initiatives like planting a tree for every newborn baby born each year. Low cost in the grand scheme of things but could be a nice gimmick to get children and parents thinking the right way early on.

I really believe we have to implement solutions over the next few years to show the world what is possible and how we can improve the situation we have placed ourselves in.

Many thanks,

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Useful links:

http://www.50waystohelp.com

http://www.vegware.com

http://www.seabinproject.com

http://www.fairtrade.net/products.html

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