



**Advancing energy for
homes and businesses**

Environmental priorities: public polling comparison

Thinking about the environment, which of the following, if any, do you think are the most important issues right now?

Respondents could tick up to three.

Issue	19–20 Jun '25	8–9 July '26
Extreme weather	28	39
Water quality in rivers and seas	44	37
Plastic waste	40	33
Overpopulation	32	28
Deforestation	24	21
Burning fossil fuels	22	21
Protecting green spaces	19	17
Air pollution	18	15
Rising sea levels	11	12
Food waste	11	10
Biodiversity	8	6
Overfishing	8	6
Soil degradation	4	4
Other	1	1
Don't know	3	5
Not applicable – there are no important issues with regards to the environment right now	1	3

Source: All figures, unless otherwise stated, are from YouGov Plc. Total sample size was 2,130 UK adults. Fieldwork was undertaken between 8–9 July 2026. The survey was carried out online. The figures have been weighted and are representative of all UK adults aged 18+.