

Flooding emphasises need to address climate change

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Sir

The continuing and widespread flooding has already caused real damage to the UK. Families and livelihoods are being badly hit. The overall costs to those affected and the wider economy will be significant.

The type of extreme weather that we are currently experiencing is in line with climate change predictions, which also warn that such events will become more frequent.

We believe that a far-sighted cross-party response is urgently needed. Clearly the country needs to think about how it will manage the growing risks of widespread flooding. But events have also emphasised the need to act to address the causes of climate change. All parties must look beyond the short-term and demonstrate their commitment to creating a low carbon economy through domestic decisions and international leadership. Only bold action will maximise investment and innovation to deliver resilience and future economic competitiveness. Without this the costs will continue to pile up.

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