

## **Gregory Barker MP**

Conservative member for Bexhill and Battle since 2001, Greg Barker is the Shadow Environment Minister. His positions since he entered parliament have included being a member of the Environmental Audit Committee from 2001 until 2005, sitting on the broadcasting committee 2003-2005 and being Opposition whip 2003-2005.

Before entering the Commons, Barker worked in corporate finance, and did a stint in the Russian oil industry. He also headed up a recruitment advertising agency as well as holding the position of associate partner for PR firm Brunswick.

In terms of the environment, Greg Barker has sat as Vice Chair on the Environment All – Party Group since 2005. He styles himself as 'Green Greg', and in 2004 he brought forward a Private Member's Bill, sponsored by Friends of the Earth, to keep genetically modified and conventional crops well apart and to provide compensation for those whose conventional crops were contaminated – the bill was not successful however. He welcomed Margaret Beckett's statement on climate change after the Montreal conference in 2005, and called for a cross-party consensus. In 2005 he also acted as a sponsor of the Sustainable Communities Bill, which has sparked a nationwide campaign.