

I know this is what we ought to expect from a Tory government: another windback, another attack on windy greenie values such as preserving fish stocks and maintaining a clean marine environment, in the interests of corporate plunderers of the planet. But true conservatives - those inspired, for example, by Edmund Burke - would never adopt such an attitude: their first instinct would be to conserve, to maintain the good things we've inherited, especially when we know that the excesses of modern life are placing great stress on our oceans, our climate, our fish stock. No doubt there's money to be made by slashing the sanctuaries - but it's not worth it.

The Prime Minister was somewhat ludicrously derided recently for drinking a beer while holding his granddaughter at the football. The criticism should have been directed at his willingness to go along with further pressure on the environment which his granddaughter will one day soon inherit.

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