



# Official copy of register of title

Title number BD146644

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## A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

LUTON

- 1 (10.05.1989) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above Title filed at the Registry and being land on the North East side of Spittlesea Road, Luton.
- 2 The land has the benefit of the rights granted by but is subject to the rights reserved by the Transfer dated 12 April 1989 referred to in the Charges Register.
- 3 The Transfer dated 12 April 1989 referred to above contains a provision as to boundary structures.
- 4 (12.09.1995) A Deed dated 31 July 1995 made between (1) London Luton Airport Limited and (2) St Modwen Developments Limited is expressed to grant rights as therein mentioned.

*NOTE: Copy filed.*

- 5 (20.02.1998) The land edged and numbered in green on the title plan has been removed from this title and registered under the title number or numbers shown in green on the said plan.
- 6 (20.02.1998) The land has the benefit of the following rights reserved by the Transfer dated 2 February 1998 referred to in the Charges Register:-

"subject to the exceptions and reservations set out in Schedule 3

Schedule 3

(Exceptions & Reservations)

Except and reserving in favour of the Retained Land and every part thereof for the benefit of the Seller and its successors in title and the persons deriving title under them and their servants agents licensees and invitees:-

1. the free and uninterrupted passage of water steam oil air gas electricity telephone communications and other services from and to any part of the Property through the drainage facility shown approximately on Plan 2 and any other Conducting Media commonly used for those

## A: Property Register continued

purposes which may in the future but during the period of eighty years after the date hereof be in upon or under the Property and serving the Retained Land or any part thereof

2. the right on giving reasonable prior notice (except in emergency) to enter upon the Property in order to lay inspect maintain repair renew alter and construct in on over or under the external areas of the Property (but not the buildings constructed on the Property and avoiding so far as reasonably possible the service yard on the Property) new Conducting Media for the benefit of the Retained Land independent of any such Conducting Media serving the Property Provided That:

(A) the routes of any new Conducting Media shall be first approved by the owner for the time being of the Property (such approval not to be unreasonably withheld or delayed)

(B) all such works shall be carried out as quickly as reasonably possible and without causing unnecessary interference disruption or disturbance to the owners and occupiers of the Property

(C) all such works shall be carried out in a good and workmanlike manner and in accordance with all necessary consents and any other reasonable requirements of the owners and occupiers of the Property

(D) any damage caused by the said works to the Property is to be made good as soon as reasonably possible

(E) as regards the Option Land referred to in an Agreement ("Option Agreement") dated 15th December 1993 and made between (1) The Council of the Borough of Luton and (2) Allied Investment and Property Holdings Limited the rights in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Schedule shall cease to exist upon any transfer of the Option Land pursuant to the Option Agreement and shall be replaced by rights equivalent to those set out in clause 12(ii)(c) of the Option Agreement and the parties undertake that they or their successors in title will enter into such documentation as may be required to give effect to such variation in the rights hereby granted

3. the full and free right to repair rebuild alter demolish develop and alter and to carry out any other works upon or to the Retained Land and any buildings from time to time thereon in such manner as the Seller or its successors in title thinks fit notwithstanding any interference with the light or air to or in respect of the Property."

*NOTE: Copy plan 2 filed.*

- 7 (28.02.2000) The land has the benefit of the rights reserved by a Transfer dated 1 December 1999 referred to in the charges register.

## B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

### Title absolute

- 1 (24.12.2013) PROPRIETOR: LONDON LUTON AIRPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED (Co. Regn. No. 3491213) of Navigation House, Airport Way, London Luton Airport, Luton LU2 9LY.
- 2 (28.02.2000) RESTRICTION: Except under an order of the registrar no transfer or grant of a lease for more than 25 years is to be registered unless a certificate by a solicitor is lodged that the provisions of clause 18.9.1 of the Transfer dated 1 December 1999 referred to in the Charges Register have been complied with.
- 3 (09.11.2001) A Transfer of the land in this title dated 19 October 2001 made between (1) St Modwen Ventures Limited and (2) TBI plc contains vendors personal covenant(s) details of which are set out in the schedule of personal covenants hereto.

## B: Proprietorship Register continued

- 4 (24.12.2013) The price stated to have been paid on 22 November 2013 was £1,400,000 plus £280,000 VAT.
- 5 (24.12.2013) The Transfer to the proprietor contains a covenant to observe and perform the covenants referred to in the Charges Register and of indemnity in respect thereof.
- 6 (16.11.2017) RESTRICTION: No disposition of the registered estate by the proprietor of the registered estate is to be registered without a written consent signed by the proprietor for the time being of the Charge dated 16 August 2017 in favour of The Royal Bank of Scotland plc referred to in the Charges Register.

## Schedule of personal covenants

- 1 The following are details of the personal covenants contained in the Transfer dated 19 October 2001 referred to in the Proprietorship Register:-

"The Transferor covenants with the Transferee and its successors in title to each and every part of the Property that the Transferor will keep the Transferee and its successors in title indemnified against all costs claims and liabilities arising out of any outstanding obligations on the part of "the Developer" contained or referred to in an Agreement dated 18 June 1996 made between (1) The Council of the Borough of Luton (2) St Modwen Developments Limited (3) Midland Bank Plc and (4) Allied Investment and Property Holdings Limited, as varied by an Agreement dated 3 June 1997 and made between the same parties."

## C: Charges Register

This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land.

- 1 A Transfer of the land in this title dated 12 April 1989 made between (1) Vauxhall Motors Limited and (2) Allied Investment and Property Holdings Limited contains restrictive covenants.

*NOTE: Original filed.*

- 2 (20.02.1998) The land is subject to the following rights granted by a Transfer of the land edged and numbered BD180840 in green on the filed plan dated 2 February 1998 made between (1) St. Modwen Developments Limited (Seller) and (2) Midland Bank Trust Company Limited (Buyer):-

"together with the rights set out in Schedule 2

Schedule 2

(Rights Granted)

In favour of the Property and every part thereof for the benefit of the Buyer and its successors in title and the persons deriving title under them and their servants agents licensees and invitees (but subject to the Buyer and its successors in title indemnifying the Seller and its successors in title and the occupiers for the time being of the Retained Land from and against all costs claims losses proceedings demands and expenses arising out of the exercise of such rights) the right upon giving reasonable prior written notice (except in the case of emergency) to the Seller or its successors in title and the occupiers for the time being of the Retained Land to enter only so far as necessary upon the Retained Land for the purpose of inspecting and executing repairs and other works to or on the Property so far as the same cannot otherwise reasonably be carried out the persons so entering causing as little damage disturbance or inconvenience as reasonably possible to the Retained Land the Seller and its successors and the said occupiers or the business being carried on upon the Retained Land and making good as soon as practicable all damage to the Retained Land by the exercise of this right Provided That the persons exercising such rights shall not carry out or permit to be carried out any works or other activity or activities which would or might damage the impermeable membrane installed by the Seller within the Retained Land"

## C: Charges Register continued

3 (28.02.2000) A Transfer of the land edged and numbered BD213759 in green on the filed plan dated 1 December 1999 made between (1) St Modwen Ventures Limited and (2) Vauxhall Motors Limited contains restrictive covenants by the Transferor.

NOTE:- Copy in Certificate.

4 (16.11.2017) REGISTERED CHARGE contained in a Security Agreement dated 16 August 2017 affecting also other titles.

NOTE: Charge reference BD146644.

5 (16.11.2017) Proprietor: THE ROYAL BANK OF SCOTLAND PLC (Scot. Co. Regn. No. 090312) of Level 9, 250 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4AA.

6 (16.11.2017) The proprietor of the Charge dated 16 August 2017 referred to above is under an obligation to make further advances. These advances will have priority to the extent afforded by section 49(3) Land Registration Act 2002.

End of register

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# H.M. LAND REGISTRY

TITLE NUMBER

## BD 146644

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PLAN REFERENCE

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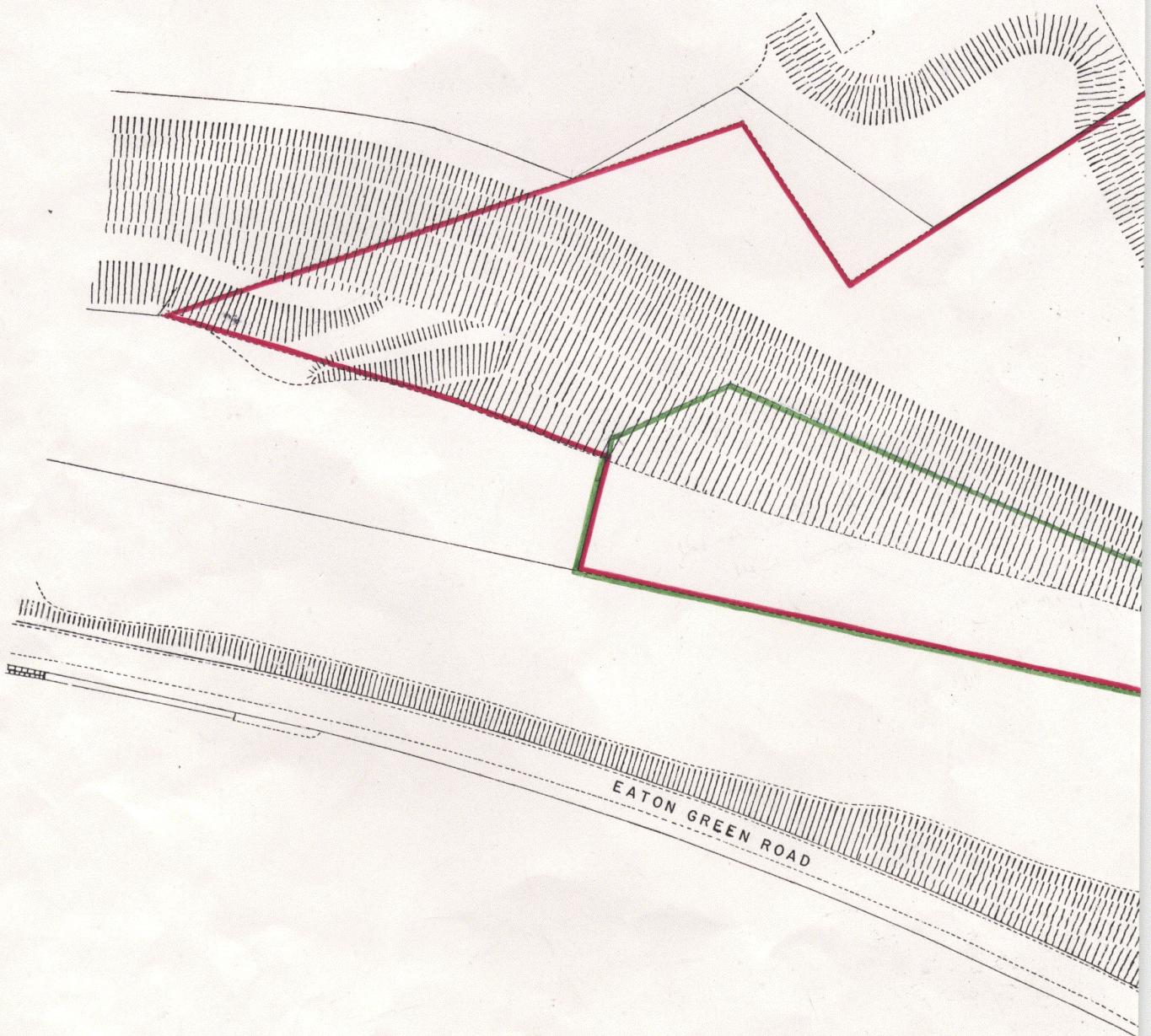
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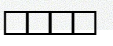
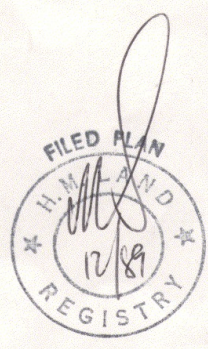
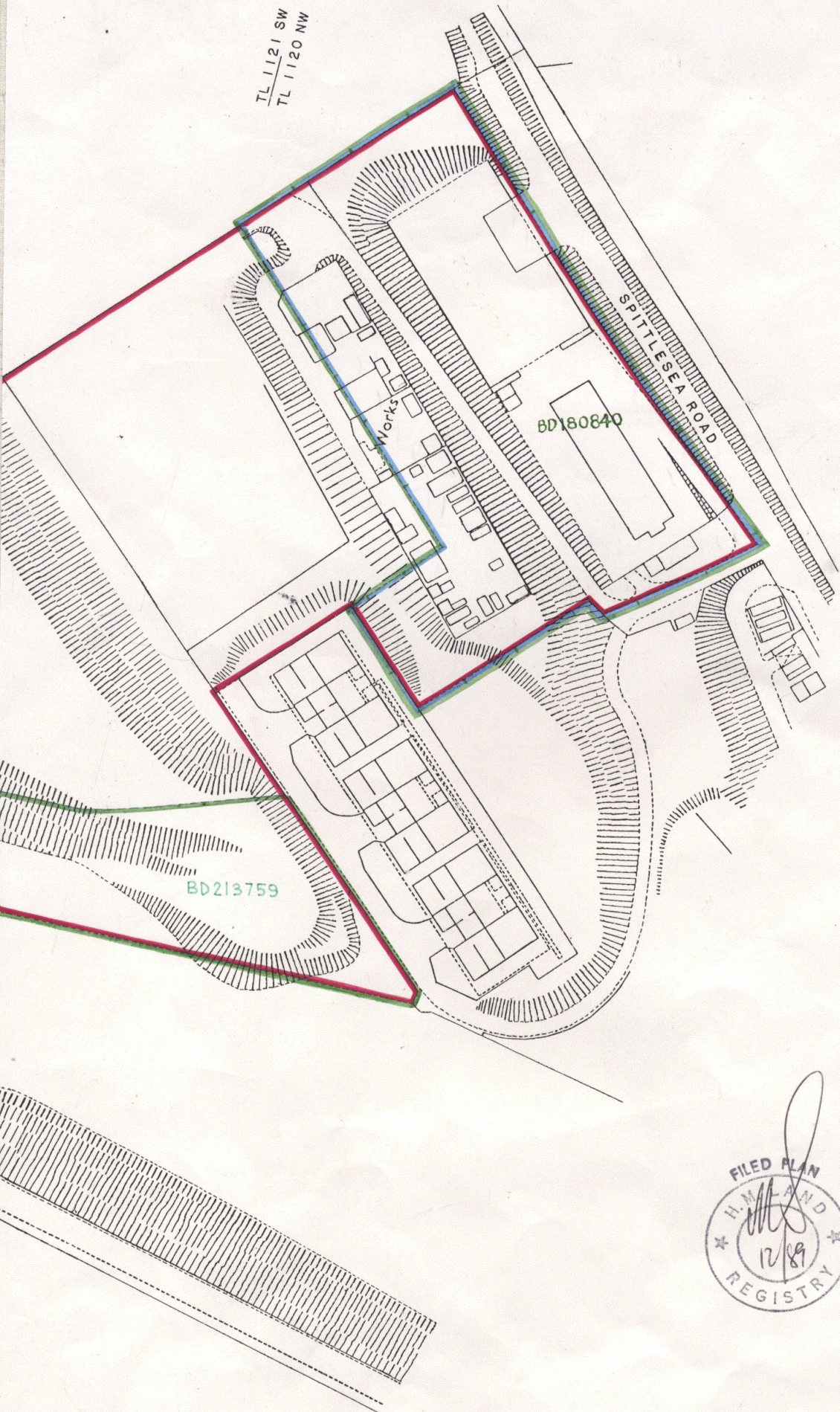
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ADMINISTRATIVE AREA **LUTON**

The boundaries shown by dotted lines have been plotted from the plans on the deeds. The title plan may be updated from later survey information



TL 1121 SW  
TL 1120 NW



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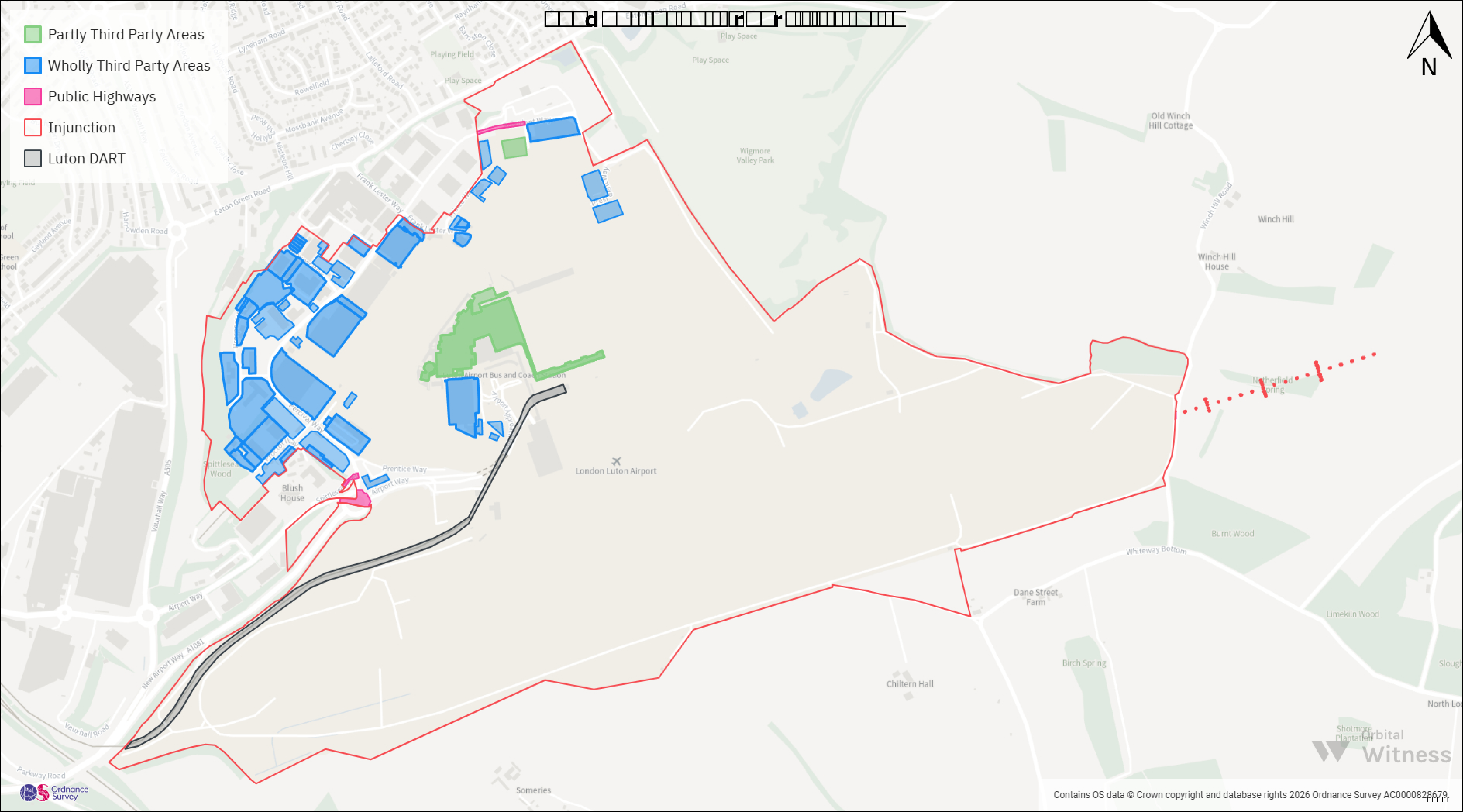
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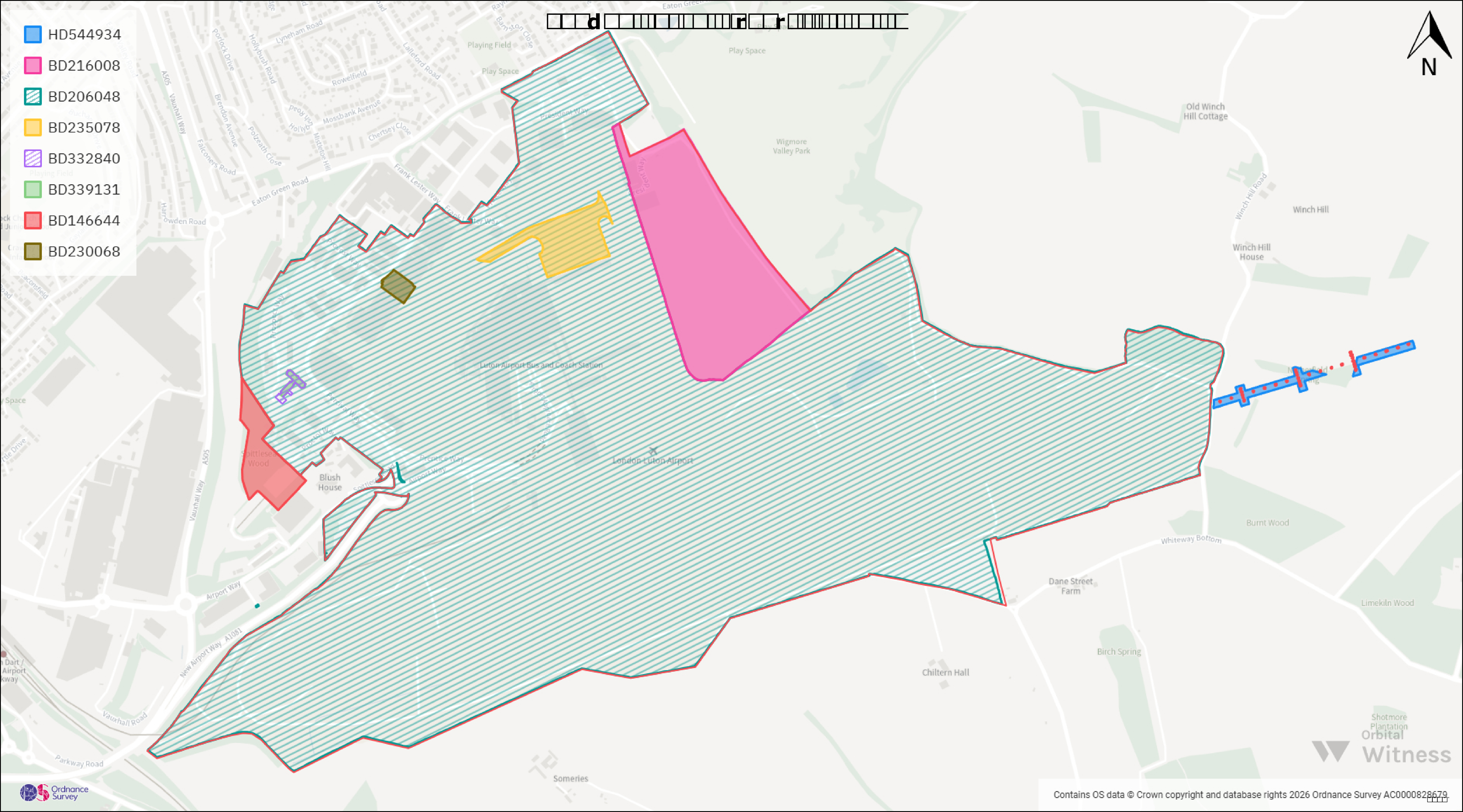
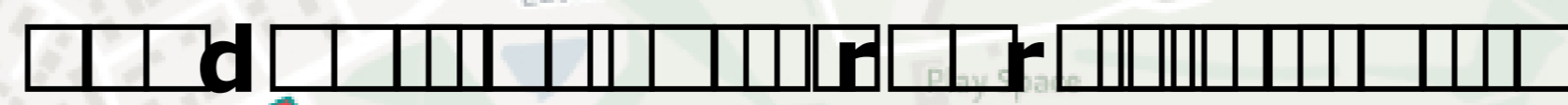
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- Partly Third Party Areas
- Wholly Third Party Areas
- Public Highways
- Injunction
- Luton DART



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- BD216008
- BD206048
- BD235078
- BD332840
- BD339131
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# Terrorism threat levels



## What are terrorism threat levels?

Terrorism threat levels indicate the likelihood of a terrorist attack in the UK. There are two published threat levels.

There are 5 categories at which the threat levels could be set:

- LOW - an attack is highly unlikely
- MODERATE - an attack is possible, but not likely
- SUBSTANTIAL - an attack is likely
- SEVERE - an attack is highly likely
- CRITICAL - an attack is highly likely in the near future

Members of the public should always remain alert to the danger of terrorism and report any suspicious activity to the police on 999 or the anti-terrorist hotline: 0800 789 321. If your information does not relate to an imminent threat, you can also [contact MI5](#).

## **Current national threat level**

The threat to the UK (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland) from all forms of terrorism is SEVERE.\*

## **Current Northern Ireland-related Terrorism in Northern Ireland threat level**

The threat to Northern Ireland from Northern Ireland-related terrorism is SUBSTANTIAL.

\*The national terrorism threat level covers all forms of terrorism aside from Northern Ireland-related terrorism in Northern Ireland.

## **Threat level change alerts**



To receive threat level updates, subscribe to our [threat level alert RSS feed](#). This will require an RSS reader or browser extension.

## **How are threat levels decided?**

The [Joint Terrorism Analysis Centre \(JTAC\)](#) is responsible for setting the threat level for the UK from terrorism, and the threat level from Northern Ireland Related Terrorism in Northern Ireland.

Both threat levels are kept under regular review.

In reaching an assessment on the appropriate threat level, several factors are considered.

These include:

- Available intelligence. This will often involve making judgements about the threat based on a range of information, which is often fragmentary, including the level and nature of current terrorist activity, comparison with events in other countries and previous attacks. Intelligence is only ever likely to reveal part of the picture.
- Terrorist capability. An examination of what is known about what a terrorist could do based on previous attacks or from intelligence.
- Terrorist intentions. Using intelligence and publicly available information to examine the overall aims of the terrorists and the ways they may achieve them including what sort of targets they would consider attacking.
- Timescale. The threat level expresses the likelihood of an attack in the near term. We know from past incidents that some attacks take years to plan, while others are put together more quickly. In the absence of specific intelligence, a judgement will need to be made about how close an attack might be to fruition.

## **What does this mean for you?**

Vigilance is vital regardless of the current national threat level. Sharing national threat levels with the general public keeps everyone informed. It explains the context for the various security measures (for example airport security or bag searches) which we may encounter.

Changes to threat levels in themselves do not necessarily require specific responses from the public. They are a tool for security practitioners and the police to use in determining what protective security response may be required. If you are a business/site looking for advice and guidance - or even a general member of the public - go to the [NPSA website](#) or [ProtectUK](#) for further support and guidance.

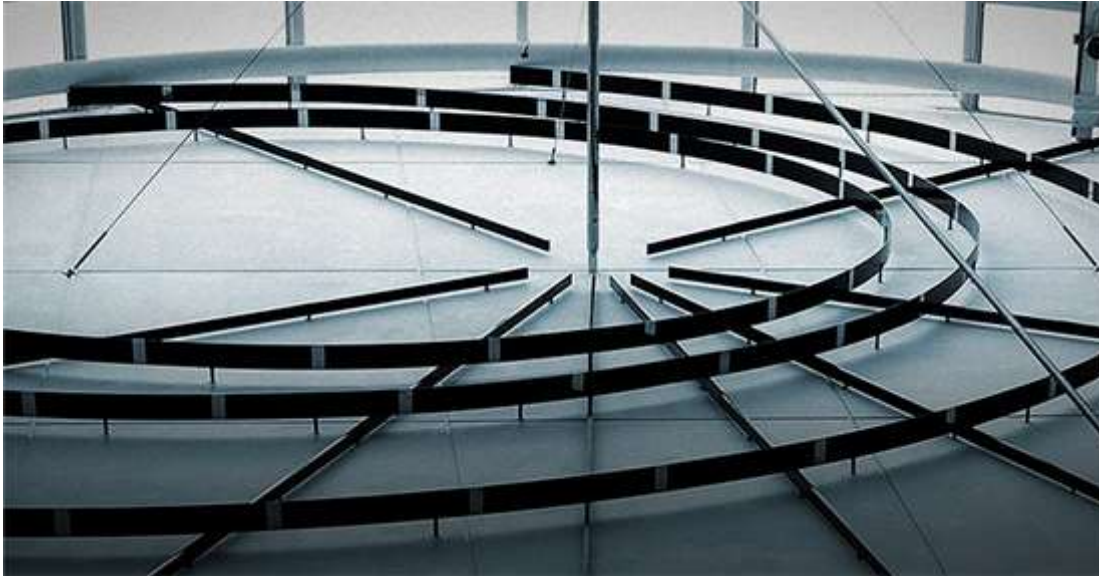
If you have information about possible terrorist activity, you can call the Anti-Terrorist Hotline confidentially on 0800 789 321.

For warnings about urgent threats (for example, a possible bomb threat) please call 999.

For more advice on what to look out for, take a look at [this page](#).

## **Are there threat levels for other countries?**

Advice about foreign travel, including the threat from terrorism in other countries, is published on the [FCDO website](#).



## Countering terrorism

MI5 is responsible for investigating all forms of terrorist threat to the UK. Our role is to identify, investigate and work with partners to disrupt all forms of terrorist threat in the UK and against UK interests overseas.

[Find out more](#)

## Threat level history

Since 2006, information about the national threat level has been published. In September 2010 the threat level for Northern Ireland-related terrorism began to be published.

In July 2019 changes were made to the terrorism threat level system, to reflect the threat posed by all forms of terrorism, irrespective of ideology.

## National Threat Level

Date	Threat Level
30 April 2026	SEVERE
9 February 2022	SUBSTANTIAL
15 November 2021	SEVERE
4 February 2021	SUBSTANTIAL
3 November 2020	SEVERE
4 November 2019	SUBSTANTIAL
23 July 2019	SEVERE

## Northern Irish Related Terrorism in Northern Ireland Threat Level

Date	Threat Level
6 March 2024	SUBSTANTIAL
28 March 2023	SEVERE
22 March 2022	SUBSTANTIAL
23 July 2019	SEVERE

## Threat levels prior to July 2019

Date	Threat from international terrorism	Threat from Northern Ireland-related terrorism	
		in Northern Ireland	in Great Britain
1 March 2018	SEVERE	SEVERE	MODERATE
17 September 2017	SEVERE	SEVERE	SUBSTANTIAL
15 September 2017	CRITICAL	SEVERE	SUBSTANTIAL
27 May 2017	SEVERE	SEVERE	SUBSTANTIAL
23 May 2017	CRITICAL	SEVERE	SUBSTANTIAL
11 May 2016	SEVERE	SEVERE	SUBSTANTIAL
29 August 2014	SEVERE	SEVERE	MODERATE
24 October 2012	SUBSTANTIAL	SEVERE	MODERATE
11 July 2011	SUBSTANTIAL	SEVERE	SUBSTANTIAL
24 September 2010	SEVERE	SEVERE (first published)	SUBSTANTIAL (first published)

Date	Threat from international terrorism	Threat from Northern Ireland-related terrorism	
		in Northern Ireland	in Great Britain
22 January 2010	SEVERE		
20 July 2009	SUBSTANTIAL		
4 July 2007	SEVERE		
30 June 2007	CRITICAL		
13 August 2006	SEVERE		
10 August 2006	CRITICAL		
1 August 2006	SEVERE (first published)		



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## Incidents from July 2025

<u>Date of Event/press</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Brief details of event etc.</u>	<u>Link to source of informations</u>
02/07/2025	Sheffield	Protest by Extinction Rebellion outside Aviva offices - calling for the business to refuse to insure oil, gas and coal companies.	<a href="https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/opinion/aviva-employees-challenged-to-be-climate-heroes-5214141">https://www.thestar.co.uk/news/opinion/aviva-employees-challenged-to-be-climate-heroes-5214141</a>
03/07/2025	London	Extinction Rebellion supporters blockaded the entrance to the Energy Insurance London Conference.	<a href="https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/03/insurance-conference-blockade-heralds-nationwide-week-of-action/">https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/03/insurance-conference-blockade-heralds-nationwide-week-of-action/</a>
05/07/2025	UK Wide	Insure our Survival Campaign: a seven-day environmental / anti-fossil fuels protest as part of Extinction Rebellion's Summer of Action.	<a href="https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/02/insure-our-survival-campaign-wave-of-action-2025-anniversary/">https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/02/insure-our-survival-campaign-wave-of-action-2025-anniversary/</a>
05/07/2025	London Oxford Airport	Extinction Rebellion supporters marched to the airport to draw attention to the number of private jets carrying ultra-wealthy passengers.	<a href="https://www.thecooldown.com/green-business/oxid-airport-private-jet-flights-oxford-extinction-rebellion-carbon-footprint/">https://www.thecooldown.com/green-business/oxid-airport-private-jet-flights-oxford-extinction-rebellion-carbon-footprint/</a>
07/07/2025	Various, UK	Members of Extinction Rebellion protested outside of different branches of insurance brokers, Marsh, including in Penrith, Carlisle and Kendal as part of the national day of action against insurance businesses.	<a href="https://cwherald.com/news/extinction-rebellion-protest-outside-insurance-brokers/">https://cwherald.com/news/extinction-rebellion-protest-outside-insurance-brokers/</a>
09/07/2025	Inverness Airport	Protestors led by Extinction Rebellion Scotland protested outside the terminal to campaign against private jet company Blackbird Air.	<a href="https://xrsotland.org/2025/02/extinction-rebellion-scotland-and-scientist-rebellion-denmark-protest-private-jets-company-blackbird/">https://xrsotland.org/2025/02/extinction-rebellion-scotland-and-scientist-rebellion-denmark-protest-private-jets-company-blackbird/</a>
09/07/2025	London	Extinction Rebellion supporters disrupted the British Insurance Awards by blocking the red carpet. Two activists were detained after getting into the venue and planning to take to the stage to drop a banner.	<a href="https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/09/breaking-climate-activists-detained-at-the-oscars-of-the-insurance-industry/">https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/09/breaking-climate-activists-detained-at-the-oscars-of-the-insurance-industry/</a>
11/07/2025	Shrewsbury	Extinction Rebellion supporters targeted the offices of Marsh and Howden in an insurance-related protest relating to fossil fuels with protestors calling for the support of new projects to be ended.	<a href="https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/extinction-rebellion-target-howden-and-marsh-offices-in-shrewsbury/1455779.article">https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/extinction-rebellion-target-howden-and-marsh-offices-in-shrewsbury/1455779.article</a>
16/07/2025	London	Extinction Rebellion supporters targeted AIG as part of the Insure Our Survival campaign.	<a href="https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/16/rebels-target-insurance-hq-standing-in-solidarity-with-detained-kenyan-protesters/">https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/16/rebels-target-insurance-hq-standing-in-solidarity-with-detained-kenyan-protesters/</a>
21/07/2025	Reading	Two banners appeared above the A329 motorway reading "Your Planet Needs You" and "Tax The Rich". Extinction Rebellion claimed responsibility.	<a href="https://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/25330083.reading-extinction-rebellion-protest-a329-motorway/">https://www.readingchronicle.co.uk/news/25330083.reading-extinction-rebellion-protest-a329-motorway/</a>
21/07/2025	Oxford	Extinction Rebellion supporters staged a 'crime scene' at Barclays, protesting about the bank financing the fossil fuel industry.	<a href="https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/25331812.extinction-rebellion-protesters-die-demonstration/">https://www.thisisoxfordshire.co.uk/news/25331812.extinction-rebellion-protesters-die-demonstration/</a>
23/07/2025	London	Five Extinction Rebellion protestors dressed as scientists and occupied the lobby of Prudential Regulation Authority demanding capital requirements on fossil fuels in the insurance and banking sectors.	<a href="https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/23/scientists-for-xr-occupy-the-bank-of-england/">https://extinctionrebellion.uk/2025/07/23/scientists-for-xr-occupy-the-bank-of-england/</a>
26/07/2025	Edinburgh	Ten Greenpeace activists arrested after suspending themselves from a bridge outside Edinburgh. They dangled themselves 25m above the water line, stopping a tanker delivering for 24 hours	<a href="https://news.sky.com/story/ten-greenpeace-activists-arrested-after-suspending-themselves-from-bridge-outside-edinburgh-13402046">https://news.sky.com/story/ten-greenpeace-activists-arrested-after-suspending-themselves-from-bridge-outside-edinburgh-13402046</a>
28/07/2025	London	Fossil Free London activists dressed as robbers emblazoned with the Norwegian flag staged a "heist" at the Bank of England to highlight the "daylight robbery" that approval of the application for exploitation of the Rosebank oil field would entail.	<a href="https://www.morningstaronline.co.uk/article/bank-england-heist-ministers-face-fresh-anti-rosebank-oil-field-protests">https://www.morningstaronline.co.uk/article/bank-england-heist-ministers-face-fresh-anti-rosebank-oil-field-protests</a>
22/08/2025	UK Wide	"Shut The System" announced that it is embarking on a "Summer of Sabotage" targeting businesses it considers to be the largest contributors to climate destruction - cutting power to Carlcays' Barclaycard's Northampton Headquarters	<a href="https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/activists-cut-utilities-worlds-biggest-fossil-fuel-investors-declaring-summer-sabotage">https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/activists-cut-utilities-worlds-biggest-fossil-fuel-investors-declaring-summer-sabotage</a>
23/08/2026	Hertfordshire	Extinction Rebellion activists staged a protest against Howden Insurance and its involvement with fossil fuel projects.	<a href="https://www.whitimes.co.uk/news/25416588.welwyn-garden-city-extinction-rebellion-protest-howden/">https://www.whitimes.co.uk/news/25416588.welwyn-garden-city-extinction-rebellion-protest-howden/</a>
05/09/2025	London	Three climate protestors from Climate Resistance were carried out after disrupting the Reform UK party conference.	<a href="https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nigel Farage-reform-clacton-angela-rayner-b2821237.html">https://www.independent.co.uk/news/uk/home-news/nigel Farage-reform-clacton-angela-rayner-b2821237.html</a>
07/09/2025	UK Wide	Various protest groups staged protests across the country against Rosebank, the UK's largest untapped oil field.	<a href="https://www.thecanary.co/uk/news/2025/09/07/fossil-fuel-protests-starmer/">https://www.thecanary.co/uk/news/2025/09/07/fossil-fuel-protests-starmer/</a>
08/09/2025	London	Extinction Rebellion (XR) confirmed plans to target companies it says are enabling fossil fuel projects - including Axa and AIG.	<a href="https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/two-insurers-named-as-targets-in-next-extinction-rebellion-climate-protest-offensive/1456087.article">https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/two-insurers-named-as-targets-in-next-extinction-rebellion-climate-protest-offensive/1456087.article</a>
08/09/2025	London	Insure our Survival' activists staged protests at the London City offices of Axa and AIG blockig access and calling on insurers to stop underwriting fossil fuel risks.	<a href="https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/protesters-project-toxic-images-onto-insurers-city-offices/1456314.article">https://www.insurancetimes.co.uk/news/protesters-project-toxic-images-onto-insurers-city-offices/1456314.article</a>
15/09/2025	Reading	Extinction Rebellion activists "held a "die-in" at Barclays Bank in Reading, where protestors lay on the ground to simulate death, to link the funding of fossil fuels projects with climate change and global deaths	<a href="https://rdg.today/extinction-rebellion-protester-stage-die-in-at-barclays-bank-in-reading/">https://rdg.today/extinction-rebellion-protester-stage-die-in-at-barclays-bank-in-reading/</a>
16/09/2025	Ipswich	Extinction Rebellion activists took part in a global demonstration against large insurance companies calling on the companies to stop funding fossil fuels.	<a href="https://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/25466328.extinction-rebellion-holds-protest-ipswich-axa-offices/">https://www.ipswichstar.co.uk/news/25466328.extinction-rebellion-holds-protest-ipswich-axa-offices/</a>

18/09/2025	Stansted Airport	Two young people who spray-painted two private jets at Stansted Airport in June 2024 were found guilty of criminal damage at Chelmsford Crown Court. They had cut through the wire perimeter fence and sprayed paint onto two private jets as part of a Just Stop Oil protest, to demand the UK government to negotiate a treaty to phase out oil and gas by 2030.	<a href="https://juststopoil.org/2025/09/18/wash-it-off-private-jet-sprayers-found-guilty/">https://juststopoil.org/2025/09/18/wash-it-off-private-jet-sprayers-found-guilty/</a>
22/09/2025	Glasgow	Extinction Rebellion held a protest outside of AXA's office accusing it of "keeping killers safe" by insuring or investing in, amongst other things, fossil fuel projects.	<a href="https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/insurance-giant-accused-keeping-killers-safe-glasgow-protest">https://morningstaronline.co.uk/article/insurance-giant-accused-keeping-killers-safe-glasgow-protest</a>
05/11/2025	London	Fossil Free London campaigners disrupted BP panel event at Simmons & Simmons LLP.	<a href="#">Activists disrupt BP panel over hurricane-fuelling profits   Morning Star</a>
04/12/2025	London	Fossil Free London campaigners disrupted Oil Executive awards dinner in London with attendees including Shell, BP and Ithica Energy.	<a href="#">Campaigners disrupt Oil Executive awards dinner in London - Canary</a>
10/12/2025	Southampton	Climate activist group 'Cut the Ties to Fossil Fuels' staged a climate demonstration in Southampton, with one arrest made.	<a href="#">Arrest made as climate activists stage protest in Southampton</a>
15/01/2026	London / Manchester	Environmental and humanitarian protestors rallied at Zurich offices demanding it drops contracts with Shell, Chevron, Maersk and General Dynamics.	<a href="#">Protesters call on Zurich Insurance to drop deals with Shell and General Dynamics - Canary</a>
19/01/2026	London	Extinction Rebellion staged a protest outside Macquarie Group Headquarters to protest against expansion at Farnborough Airport. Two activists occupied the entrance to the building unfurling a banner that calls for a ban on private jets and urged the investment firm to sever its connection to fossil fuels.	<a href="https://www.reutersconnect.com/item/activists-stage-extinction-rebellion-protest-against-private-jet-expansion-in-london/dGFnOnJldXRlcnMuY29tLDIwMjY6bmV3c21sX01UMVnJUEEwMDBPRjIjXU1k">https://www.reutersconnect.com/item/activists-stage-extinction-rebellion-protest-against-private-jet-expansion-in-london/dGFnOnJldXRlcnMuY29tLDIwMjY6bmV3c21sX01UMVnJUEEwMDBPRjIjXU1k</a>
01/04/2026	London	Fossil Free London supporters protested outside US Embassy in London in response to the increase in oil company profits in the wake of the war in Iran.	<a href="https://www.thecanary.co/uk/news/2026/04/01/cut-ties-to-big-oil-to-stop-energy-crisis-sparked-by-trumps-war-on-iran-protest-footage/">https://www.thecanary.co/uk/news/2026/04/01/cut-ties-to-big-oil-to-stop-energy-crisis-sparked-by-trumps-war-on-iran-protest-footage/</a>
05/05/2026	London	Activists from Fossil Free London staged a protest outside Equinor's offices, piling life-sized body bags outside the building while one campaigner dressed as an oil executive stood on top of them.	<a href="https://fossilfreelondon.org/photocall-body-bags-piled-outside-equinor-as-q1-profit-spike-expected-from-iran-war/">https://fossilfreelondon.org/photocall-body-bags-piled-outside-equinor-as-q1-profit-spike-expected-from-iran-war/</a>
06/05/2026	York	Protestors, claiming to be associated with Boycott Bloody Insurance, protested outside Aviva's boardroom in York whilst they had their AGM.	<a href="#">Protesters take aim at Aviva as shareholder meetings face disruption</a>
06/05/2026	London	Fossil Free London protested outside Shell HQ ahead of quarterly profits which are due to be announced on 7 May 2026.	<a href="#">Fossil Free London pours fake blood outside Shell offices as it 'makes a killing' from the Iran war   Morning Star</a>
07/05/2026	London	Climate activists disrupted Barclays shareholder meeting.	<a href="#">Barclays shareholder meeting targeted by Palestine and climate activists   The Independent</a>
08/06/2026	Southend Airport	See Briefing Note referred to in accompanying Alex Wright Witness Statement	See Briefing Note referred to in accompanying Alex Wright Witness Statement

# Aviva employees challenged to be climate heroes.

Employees arriving for work at Aviva last Wednesday were met with a cheery group of Extinction Rebellion activists challenging them to become climate heroes.

They were handed leaflets explaining how their business could stop oil gas and coal companies from burning down the planet by refusing to insure them.

Heather, from [Extinction Rebellion](#), explained:

"[Insurance](#) is the weak spot that could stop the fossil fuel industry from exploiting more oil, gas and coal, driving the accelerating climate crisis. Without insurance, the fossil fuel industry would have to stop its planet-wrecking operations because it wouldn't be able to afford the financial costs if something went wrong. By effectively insuring the climate emergency, the insurance industry is helping to create the extreme weather that floods and overheats homes, workplaces and schools, threatens our food supply and is likely to lead to conflict and more places becoming uninhabitable. It also causes increasing disruption to nature."



Sean, who held a placard saying "Help. This is an urgent Nature and Climate Emergency", said, "The insurance industry could be climate heroes and use their 'superpower' to shut down the fossil fuel industry and help save our entire civilisation, and the biosphere that we rely on for life. We're here at [Aviva](#) today because they are insuring fossil fuel projects that are destroying all of our futures. We are pleased that Aviva has agreed to stop insuring new fossil fuel projects, but demand that they stop insuring oil, gas and coal projects."

The campaigners also visited AON on Napier Street, an insurance broker. Letters were sent to both companies.

XR's Insure Our Survival campaign has already made the insurance industry sit up, take notice and act. In February and October last year thousands of XR activists, acting alongside a global campaign coalition called Insure Our Future, staged a week-long series of actions across the world. Sheffield XR supported the lobby of the British Insurance and Brokers Association Conference in Manchester last May.

After repeated mass visits to the offices of insurers in the City of London and in towns and cities across the UK, giant global insurer Zurich announced that it would no longer insure new oil and gas projects.

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## Insurance conference blockade heralds nationwide week of action

July 03, 2025 by Extinction Rebellion

**Supporters of Extinction Rebellion’s Insure Our Survival campaign have this morning (Thursday 3 July) blockaded the main entrance to the Energy Insurance London conference [1] in Blackfriars with a five-metre banner. The blockaders have one simple demand for the delegates: stop insuring new fossil fuel projects.**

The protest comes at the start of a national wave of action against the insurance companies that are ensuring climate chaos by continuing to underwrite fossil fuels. [2]

This morning’s blockade has forced delegates to duck under the banner or walk around it to access the building. Samba drummers add to a jubilant and defiant atmosphere. XR supporters are inviting delegates, with flyers and business cards, to be “climate heroes” by joining a small but growing network [3] of insurance professionals helping to bring about a rapid transition away from fossil fuels.

The conference's main sponsor Axa became a climate leader back in 2017 when it became the first insurer to start ruling out support for coal, but its reputation has slipped in recent years as it has not kept pace with developments and has failed to rule out support for new oil and gas [4]. Most controversially, Axa is amongst the

insurers of Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) export terminals, which export fracked methane from the US Gulf Coast which is poisoning the groundwater of local communities. [5] If built, these terminals will export the equivalent of 239 coal plants' worth of greenhouse gas annually [6, 7].

The conference covers a range of sources of energy, but it's known as one of the oiliest events in the insurance calendar. One item on the agenda is a panel discussion entitled The Trump Effect and "Drill Baby, Drill", saying "the return of President Trump to the White House has certainly reinvigorated the energy conversation worldwide" [8].

Earlier this month, a groundbreaking report showed the real-world impact of climate campaigns focusing on the insurance industry. The independent research shows that after insurers adopt formal exclusion policies, the number of insured coal mines drops by 16%, insured coal volumes fall by 56% and affected mines are more likely to scale down or shut entirely. The research was conducted by University of Zurich and the SFI Swiss Finance Institute using Freedom of Information searches. [9, 10, 11]

Also this month new analysis of tactics and strategies available to climate protectors, authored by the Social Change Lab highlighted the unique potential for campaigning on insurance to bring about change. [12]

**One of the people blockading the entrance, Sue Hampton, 68, a grandma, Quaker and ex-teacher from Berkhamsted, said:** *"No matter how much we scale up renewable energy, that won't stop climate breakdown. We need to rapidly phase-out of coal, oil and gas if we are going to have any chance of staying within the Paris Agreement targets which were agreed by the whole world. Insurance companies have a special opportunity and responsibility to withdraw support from all fossil fuel projects now. A managed transition is still possible."*

**Another blockader, Alex Penson, 42, biologist from north London. said:** *"Coal, oil and gas projects are flooding and burning the world right now. We urge delegates to push for exclusion policies within their companies and connect with a growing network of insurance professionals doing this."*



## **Insure Our Survival Campaign Marks First Anniversary with Nationwide Wave of Action Targeting Fossil Fuel Insurers**

July 02, 2025 by Extinction Rebellion

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**For immediate release**

***This July, the Insure Our Survival (IOS) campaign marks one powerful year of mobilisation.***

Over the past 12 months, IOS has coordinated more than 150 actions, targeting 27 insurance firms in over 40 towns and cities. Now, the momentum is accelerating. From 2–14 July, a UK-wide Wave of Action will ramp up pressure on the insurers enabling climate destruction. Across the country, activists will expose the “dirty insurers” underwriting and brokering some of the world’s most devastating fossil fuel projects—including the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), Mozambique LNG, Arctic LNG 2, and Papua LNG.

Fossil fuel companies cannot operate without insurance. That makes insurers the hidden enablers of climate breakdown—profiting from disaster while claiming neutrality. But they’re no longer in the shadows. They are a critical weak link in the fossil fuel chain—and campaigners are stepping up to break it.

## **GLOBAL PROJECTS, LOCAL CONSEQUENCES**

EACOP is already displacing thousands in Uganda and Tanzania, violating human rights, threatening food and water supplies, and endangering protected ecosystems. LNG projects in Papua New Guinea, Mozambique, and the Russian Arctic are linked to militarisation, the destruction of Indigenous lands, and irreversible ecological damage [1, 2, 3, 4]. These are just a few of the 400+ carbon bombs currently in development [5].

But the impacts aren’t confined to distant places.

“By backing these fossil fuel projects, insurers are not only fuelling climate breakdown and human rights abuses—they’re also making life harder here in the UK,” said Lucy Porter, a spokesperson for Insure Our Survival.

“When extreme weather floods our homes, when food prices surge, and when small businesses can no longer afford insurance, we must ask: who is enabling this chaos? Insurers who continue to underwrite new oil, gas, and coal projects are complicit—not just in destruction abroad, but in rising suffering at home.”

## **LOCAL ACTION, GLOBAL RESISTANCE**

Throughout the Wave of Action, communities across the UK will organise creative and disruptive protests outside the offices of targeted insurers and brokers. From city centres to rural high streets, IOS is calling on people to make visible the connection between fossil fuel insurance and the cost of climate chaos.



“Insurance giants like Lloyd’s, Liberty Mutual, AIG, Tokio Marine, Brit, Chaucer, and brokers like Marsh have the power to stop destructive fossil fuel projects like EACOP—but instead, they choose to back industries driving climate collapse, human rights abuses, hunger, war, and displacement.

Right now, 11 climate activists in Uganda have been brutally detained for speaking out against EACOP’s new funders. While insurers protect the profits of the richest 1%, communities around the world are paying the price—facing deadly heatwaves, floods, droughts, and devastation.

How long must we raise the alarm before they act? It’s time they chose people over profit, justice over destruction, and life over collapse. We can’t escape to Mars. This is our only home—and we will not stop fighting for it.”

— *Nicholas Omonuk, End Fossil Occupy Uganda*

## **WHAT’S NEXT: A GLOBAL ESCALATION**

Following the UK Wave of Action, IOS will launch its international phase—escalating and expanding efforts worldwide. The campaign will work with global activists to confront dirty insurers and brokers in every region, turning scattered actions into a united front against the industry’s role in climate injustice.

“We don’t have 20 years to stop these projects. We barely have time to avoid irreversible collapse,” said Porter. “That’s why we’re escalating now—together, across borders, communities, and every dirty insurer’s threshold.”

## TAKE ACTION

- **Join the IOS Telegram** for updates, action support, and resources:  
<https://t.me/+wV2EEWPpMJtLMzQ0>
- **Visit the IOS website** and sign up to get involved:  
[InsureOurSurvival.org](https://insureoursurvival.org)
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[5] [Carbon bombs under the spotlight](#)

# London Oxford Airport: Extinction Rebellion to hold protest

Oxford Airport

Environmentalists at Extinction Rebellion will be protesting at London Oxford Airport near Kidlington against private jets.

The group claim it is the “most energy-intensive form of flying” at the airport formerly known as Kidlington Airport, claiming each jet will emit “substantially more carbon per passenger than commercial flights”.

Taking place on Saturday, July 5, protesters will assemble at 10am for a march from the west end of Kidlington High Street to the entrance of the airport.

They say the demonstration will be peaceful.

It comes after protesters from Palestine Action were widely condemned by national politicians after breaking into RAF Brize Norton overnight on Thursday, June 19 and sprayed red paint into the engines of two Airbus Voyager aircrafts and onto the runway.

This prompted Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer to condemn the actions of the protesters as “disgraceful”.

He added: “Our Armed Forces represent the very best of Britain and put their lives on the line for us every day. It is our responsibility to support those who defend us.”

Now another stunt is planned in the county by the Extinction Rebellion group.

A file image of Extinction Rebellion protesters. Image: PA Freya Chambers, an activist with Extinction Rebellion Oxford, said: “As global temperatures continue to rise, now is the time to drastically cut emissions – starting with luxury private flights.

“Instead, the UK is now being hailed as the private jet capital of Europe.

“Oxford Airport is a hub for private flights by the wealthy elite, while the local community pays the price in pollution and an accelerating climate crisis.”

She added: “According to Civil Aviation Authority data, 13,774 private flights went to or from Oxford Airport in 2024.

“This is an average of 38 private jets every single day. At least 28 per cent of those were empty of passengers.

"These private jets are used like taxis by the super-rich to make short, one-way journeys within the UK and Europe.

"Globally, almost half of all private flights in 2023 were shorter than 500 km - that's about the same as London to Edinburgh - and Oxford follows this trend."

A general view of London Oxford Airport. Picture: Richard Cave She said the group is calling for an end to private jet travel, and that the increase in air passenger duty for domestic private jet travel introduced by the government "is not enough".

"We need decisive action to decarbonise aviation, starting with stopping unnecessary private flights that only benefit the wealthy one per cent," she added.

Thames Valley Police and Oxford Airport have both been contacted for further comment on the planned protest.

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# Extinction Rebellion protest outside insurance brokers



Members of XR North Lakes are out on the streets of Penrith today, protesting outside the offices of insurance broker Marsh.

The placard-waving protestors are taking part in a national day of action against insurance businesses which they say are “enabling” the fossil fuel industry by insuring high profile global projects.

Protests also took place at the offices of Marsh Commercial in Carlisle and Kendal.

Allan Todd, former teacher and climate activist, of Keswick, said: “Marsh is one of a number of insurance brokers which continue to facilitate fossil-fuel projects that drive the climate and ecological crises.

“Our action today is also part of the wider Road to Belem campaign, run by the Climate Justice Coalition in the run-up to COP30. We need to act now to avert the worst impacts of climate change and make the planet as habitable as possible for future generations.”

This national week of action will be followed by an international wave of action in September, in solidarity with activists on the front line of the new oil and gas projects.



# EXTINCTION REBELLION SCOTLAND AND SCIENTIST REBELLION DENMARK PROTEST PRIVATE JETS COMPANY, BLACKBIRD

February 16, 2025

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Extinction Rebellion Scotland and Scientist Rebellion Denmark protested at Inverness Airport in Scotland and Billund Airport in Denmark. They were highlighting the contradictions between Blackbird Air's CEO Anders Povlsen private jets enterprise and his Wildland commitment to nature.



Credit: Siobhan Chalmers @\_schal

Protesters waved banners outside Inverness Airport in Scotland declaring 'Ban Private Jets' and 'Blackbird Nae mAir' accompanied by others dressed as "blackbirds". A huge banner was laid on the ground with words from the Wildland Ltd. company website "We're in a climate emergency. We need to step up and take action".

Watch Chris Packham's [message to the protest](#).

The protestors were calling for Anders Povlsen “to step up and take action”, close down Blackbird Air and invest in clean transportation.

The protests were connected by an innovative [two-way live link](#) displayed on monitors at both Inverness Airport and at the Blackbird HQ in Billund Airport Denmark.

XR Scotland and SR Denmark call into account the contradictory behaviours of a so-called “eco-billionaire”. One of the largest landowners in Scotland, Povlsen owns Blackbird Air, a luxury private jet business which is set to expand. At the same time Povlsen operates Wildland, a private enterprise which acknowledges the urgent need to act on the climate emergency.



Credit: Siobhan Chalmers @\_schal

The use of private jets has soared in recent years, with the resulting climate-heating emissions rising by 50%. Passengers in larger private jets caused more CO2 emissions in an hour than the average person did in a year. Aviation fuel remains untaxed while those using a car to get to work pay their taxes at the pumps.

The aviation industry is promoting Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) but the UK SAF mandate only requires that 2% of the UK's total jet fuel demand be met by SAF in 2025, increasing to 10% in 2030. SAF is always blended with fossil fuels as around 65% of so-called sustainable fuel is kerosene.

However, some airlines and countries are changing. The Danish company, Lego, is closing its private jet division this year. Amsterdam's Schiphol airport announced a ban on private jets in April 2023. Belgium has introduced new taxes on private jets and France is expected to follow.

**Dr Sarah Birkby from Extinction Rebellion Highlands and Islands and Moray said:**

'It is completely contradictory to state the importance of acting on the climate emergency and at the same time run a private jet company. The time when people, no matter how rich, could say one thing and do the exact opposite is over. As Wildland Ltd itself declares, we need people to step up and take action'.

**Dr Anthony Graham from Scientists for Extinction Rebellion stated:**

"The evidence is clear: our current emissions pathway is incompatible with a safe planet. Every tonne of CO<sub>2</sub> fuels climate change, yet private jets – used by the wealthiest 0.003% – emit disproportionate amounts, worsening both the climate crisis and inequality. Scientists for Extinction Rebellion urge action on luxury emissions, stressing that those with the most power must lead by example."

**Finlay Asher, a spokesperson for Safe Landing, a global community of aviation workers, said:**

"At Safe Landing, our aviation community are firmly of the position that there needs to be a rapid reduction in private jets in favour of cleaner and greener forms of travel. And as a Scottish aerospace engineer, I'd love to see Scotland lead the way and pioneer the genuinely sustainable future of flight. Rather than catering to carbon-intensive flying for an elite minority, Inverness Airport could instead become our green gateway for essential island air travel."

**Alex Cochrane from Extinction Rebellion Scotland said:**

"Private jets are the quickest way to burn fossil fuels and produce on average 10 times more CO<sub>2</sub> emissions per passenger than commercial flights. Though Blackbird Air states on their website 'Our private jets feature the latest safety innovations and energy-efficient engines', the aviation industry expects worldwide another 8,500 private jets will enter service by 2033 (including Blackbird), far outstripping any efficiency gains."



## Climate Activists Detained at the “Oscars of the Insurance Industry”

July 09, 2025 by Extinction Rebellion

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[Early images](#)

### ***“INSURING DISASTER, NOT SURVIVAL”***

LONDON 9th July — Climate activists with the Insure Our Survival campaign disrupted the “Oscars of the insurance industry” British Insurance Awards at the Royal Albert Hall tonight, calling out the industry for profiting from climate chaos and genocide in Gaza, while pushing ordinary people to the brink.

**Two activists were detained for several hours after getting into the venue and planning to take to the stage to drop a banner. Both have now been released and stand by their actions, saying: “Stop funding ecoside. Stop funding genocide.”**

As the insurance elite gathered to celebrate their accomplishments this year, activists outside held a die-in on the red carpet, making it hard for attendees to enter. They added a theatrical “F\*\*\*ing Up the Planet Awards” mocking the biggest insurers for backing oil pipelines, displacing communities, insuring arms exporters and ignoring the climate science.

“These companies talk about resilience, but they’re the ones insuring oil pipelines while dropping cover for flood-hit homes,” said Lucy Porter, a spokesperson for Insure Our Survival. “They’re not part of the solution — they’re complicit in the collapse.”



Photo credit: Denise Baker

The income made for those in the industry does not come without a cost, at home and abroad. Even in their own communities, we are seeing flooding and destruction of homes. 5.7 million properties in England are currently at risk of flooding [1]. In 2024 alone, the UK saw over £1.6 billion in insured flood losses, with thousands of families displaced [2]. In Yorkshire, Cumbria, and South Wales, some households now face £2,000+ annual flood insurance premiums — or have been refused coverage entirely [3]. Meanwhile, insurers continue to back new fossil fuel infrastructure that worsens

the crisis, including the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) and Arctic LNG 2 [4] [5].

AXA and Allianz have come under fire for financial and insurance ties to firms complicit in the Israeli occupation of Palestine, including companies supplying bulldozers, weapons, and surveillance tech used in home demolitions and military operations [6] [7].

**“They insure against the destruction of homes abroad, and then leave homes here unprotected,” said another campaign spokesperson. “Their business model is a disaster — so long as it doesn’t affect their balance sheets.”**

## **BRITISH INSURANCE AWARDS: A CELEBRATION OF CLIMATE HYPOCRISY**

While the British Insurance Awards claim to reward “innovation and responsibility,” many winners continue to underwrite fossil fuel expansion — a direct violation of international climate goals [8].

Insurers and brokers being called out include:

- Lloyd’s of London — still insuring coal, tar sands, and Arctic oil through its syndicates [9].
- Chubb, AIG — major underwriters of extreme oil and gas projects around the world [10].
- AXA — linked to fossil fuel underwriting and arms-related human rights concerns [6].
- Marsh McLennan — brokers fossil fuel deals including pipelines and coal plants [11].

Many insurers at the British Insurance Awards — including Allianz, Aviva, AXA, Zurich, AIG, RSA, Chubb, QBE, and Liberty Mutual — are not only complicit in climate chaos, but also profit from militarised violence.

They insure or invest in companies supplying military equipment to Israel, including:

- Boeing
- Lockheed Martin
- Elbit Systems
- Maersk (used in military logistics) [12][13][14]

## **INSURE PEOPLE, NOT POLLUTION**

This crisis is personal. Flooding, fires, and heatwaves are here, and insurers are abandoning households while enabling destruction abroad.

It's time to turn public anger into action.

- 👉 Join the campaign. Demand insurers drop fossil fuels.
- 👉 Expose their hypocrisy.
- 👉 Insure our survival — not collapse.

🔗 [[Insure our Survival website](#)]

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**About Extinction Rebellion**

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Time has almost entirely run out to address the climate and ecological crisis which is upon us, including the sixth mass species extinction, global pollution, and increasingly rapid climate change. If urgent and radical action isn't taken, we're heading towards 4 ° C warming, leading to societal collapse and mass loss of life. The younger generation, racially marginalised communities and the Global South are on the frontline. No one will escape the devastating impacts.

# Extinction Rebellion target Howden and Marsh offices in Shrewsbury

'We need insurers to stop making things worse and step up to be climate heroes,' says protester

Extinction Rebellion targeted the offices of brokers Marsh and Howden in Shrewsbury in an insurance-related protest.



The group went to Marsh's office in Abbey Foregate at 10am on 11 July 2025, before marching up Wyle Cop to visit Howden's branch on the High Street.

The protest was related to fossil fuels, with protesters calling for the support of new projects to be ended. It featured placards, banners and a Grim Reaper,

One protester said: "Here in Shrewsbury we're already feeling the effects of climate breakdown.

"Shropshire farmers are struggling with the current drought. Homes and businesses are suffering as once in a hundred year floods now happen annually.

“We need insurers to stop making things worse and step up to be climate heroes.”

## **Other protest**

The protest came amid supporters of Extinction Rebellion’s Insure our Survival campaign targeting the offices of insurance companies up and down the country in a national wave of action last week.

During the week, Marsh’s Manchester office in Belvedere, Booth Street, was also targeted, with protesters holding a large Stop Eacop (East African Crude Oil Pipeline) banner.

Eacop is a pipeline that is set to transport oil produced from Uganda’s Lake Albert oilfields to the port of Tanga in Tanzania.

One protester said: “We are already seeing the catastrophic effects of climate chaos on our TV screens.

“Instead of displacing poor people to pipe oil across Africa so that big oil can make even more money, we should be leaving it in the ground. Our message is simple – oil companies need to stop drilling and start paying.”



# Rebels target insurance HQ in solidarity with detained Ugandan protesters - Extinction Rebellion UK



## Rebels target insurance HQ in solidarity with detained Ugandan protesters

July 16, 2025 by Extinction Rebellion

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Extinction Rebellion rebels target AIG as part of a national wave of Insure Our Survival actions against insurance companies fanning the flames of climate risk.

At 12 noon today, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, protesters were at the offices of AIG in Fenchurch Street, London, demanding it does not insure the East Africa Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP).

**Two letters were delivered – one on behalf of local people directly affected by EACOP and another from the #StopEACOP campaign UK.**



Outside AIG, activists in red #StopEACOP suits held a die-in by an EACOP pipeline, and others waved fans declaring 'FANNING THE FLAMES OF CLIMATE RISK' while throwing documents entitled 'UNDERWRITING FOSSIL FUELS' and 'INVESTING IN FOSSIL FUELS' into a mock fire.

Zaki Mamdoo, Campaign Coordinator at StopEACOP said: "Activists and defenders outside AIG's offices today stand shoulder-to-shoulder with communities whose lands, livelihoods, and futures have been sacrificed for the EACOP, its associated projects and the repressive conditions that have followed. This demonstration is a reminder that the destruction we face is not accidental; it is the result of a global system that prioritises profit over people, and places corporate power above human life. The struggle for climate justice demands that ordinary people everywhere confront the institutions responsible for this harm because those causing it operate globally, and so must our resistance."

73-year-old retired lecturer and grandmother from Camden Dorothea Hackman said: "Insurance companies like AIG wield immense power and could bring an end to the fossil fuel era. Instead, they collude with short-term profiteering polluters and fan the flames of climate risk."

As a result of global pressure, including from Extinction Rebellion, Insure our Future and the StopEACOP campaign [1], 30 major insurers have pulled out of EACOP to date[2]. However, AIG has still to rule out insuring EACOP.

EACOP is a 'carbon bomb' [3], which would unleash 379 million tons of climate-heating pollution – more than 25 times the combined annual emissions of Uganda and Tanzania the host nations. [4] This will fuel extreme weather worldwide and intensify deadly flooding, landslides, heatwaves, and droughts that are already frequent even in the UK [5].

Insurers are complicit in the climate crisis as oil, gas, and coal industries are legally obliged to insure their operations.

In addition to profits from underwriting insurance, client premiums represent immense funds for insurance companies like AIG – globally, £27 trillion of assets are under management, with UK insurers having £1.8 trillion, and much of this is invested in fossil fuels. [6,7]

This is an unsustainable contradiction. While their investment and underwriting continue to give a lifeline to the fossil fuel companies, already over a third of weather-related claims are for climate-attributed losses.[8]

Meanwhile, climate change is doubling or even tripling the cost of home insurance for ordinary homeowners [9] and coverage is denied to many households impacted by climate change.[10]

Yet the size of the renewable energy insurance market is still under 30 per cent of the fossil fuel insurance market.[11] This mismatch of priorities is an obstacle to the urgently needed transition to clean energy. [12]

EACOP has already displaced thousands of families in Uganda and Tanzania and is threatening food and water security and violating human rights, while disturbing critical ecosystems including Lake Victoria and Murchison Falls National Park [13, 14].

TotalEnergies, the majority shareholder and investor of EACOP, is accused by the UN special rapporteur on environmental defenders of 'grave human rights violations against those opposing the projects and against the local communities, particularly in Kingfisher'. [15]

At time of writing, 11 activists, the KCB11, have been detained and refused bail for 84 days for attempting to deliver a letter to Kenya Commercial Bank in Kampala.

"It's hard to imagine a more vivid picture of corporate-state collusion than activists being led into a trap and arrested for trying to share their concerns about a fossil fuel project characterised by rights and environmental harms," said Brad Adams, Executive Director at Climate Rights International.[16]

These national days of action in July will be followed by a wave of international action in September, in solidarity with activists on the front line of new oil and gas projects.

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# Reading: Extinction Rebellion protest above A329 motorway

The Tax the Rich banner by Extinction Rebellion activists dropped above the A329M between Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell. *(Image: Extinction Rebellion)*

## **Two mystery banners were seen on a bridge over a busy motorway.**

The banners above the A329M bore the slogan 'Your Planet Needs You' while the other said 'Tax the Rich,' and both have since been claimed by Extinction Rebellion.

"Heatwaves are becoming fiercer and more frequent, and not addressing the climate crisis will be far more costly than tackling it," said an Extinction Rebellion spokesperson.

"There is also a growing call for the super-wealthy to be taxed. According to Oxfam, a 2% tax on extreme wealth over £10 million could raise £24 billion every year.

"78% of the British public say they support this. Money raised could supercharge the UK's efforts to tackle climate change."

Greenpeace has called for a one-off "National Renewal Tax" of 2.5% on individual wealth above £10m, to be paid annually over the five years of this parliamentary term, which could raise between £130bn and £183bn. This tax would be paid by 0.1% of the UK population.

The National Renewal Tax on the super-rich could raise between £26bn and £36.6bn on average each year.

"Funds raised would be 'more than enough' to pay for insulating homes, supporting vulnerable households with winter energy bills, providing free bus travel to under 25s, implementing a scrappage scheme for polluting vehicles, retraining works for green energy jobs, upgrading ports, and supporting farmers to clean up waters and return land to nature," the spokesperson said.

"According to a new report, the potential UK economic losses by 2040 due to stranded fossil-fuel assets is £113bn.

"Of the £88bn held in fossil fuel assets by UK pension funds, around £15.2bn is at risk of stranding by 2040.

"Yet BP and Shell are backing off from their 'green' promises, and other fossil fuel companies are still pushing ahead with projects."

A growing number of climate groups are campaigning for the introduction of a wealth tax.

The [Pay Up campaign](#) is calling on the government to bring in a series of wealth taxes as an alternative to spending cuts.

Climate groups say the revenue from the ultra-rich could fund investment, restore crumbling public services and help tackle the climate emergency. Opponents have raised concerns that such a move would result in the ultra-wealthy leaving the country.

However, experts say there is no evidence of a mass millionaire exodus from the UK, with the overall number of millionaires and billionaires having risen steadily over the past two decades.

At the same time, the government has little idea of how many billionaires pay tax.

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# Extinction Rebellion protesters 'die' during demonstration at bank



XR protesters 'die' during a demonstration at Barclays in Oxford (*Image: XR Oxford*)





## Scientists for XR occupy the Bank of England

July 23, 2025 by Extinction Rebellion

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Early on Wednesday 23rd of July, five scientists occupied the lobby of the Prudential Regulation Authority (PRA), part of the Bank of England.

Five scientists remained in the PRA's lobby from 8am until 9am, during the morning arrival of employees, demanding capital requirements on fossil fuels in the insurance and banking sectors. Three more offered flyers to staff inviting them

**to an international network of financial regulators working for an end to fossil fuels expansion projects. [[Signal link](#)]**

This protest took place during the second to last week of the PRA's public consultation on climate risk in insurance and banking, entitled 'Enhancing banks' and insurers' approaches to managing climate-related risks' [1]. The protestors argued that the PRA should be doing more to regulate these industries in a way that mitigates climate-related risks, by introducing capital requirements that would discourage providing financial and insurance support to the fossil fuel industry that is leading us ever deeper into climate catastrophe.

Capital requirements are the amount of liquid capital that must be held by a firm, reflective of the risk of their assets, in order to help protect the economy from collapse. Capital requirements on fossil fuels would deem these assets riskier and increase the mandatory amount to be held, thereby discouraging the holding of these assets.

The scientists taking part insist that climate and ecological breakdown must be central to discussions around mitigating economic breakdown – allowing insurance and banking sectors to continue to insure and loan to fossil fuel companies does not follow scientific consensus or economic logic. Signs were held with calls to action, “Climate tipping points = economic risk. Stop new fossil fuels, capital requirements now” and “Ecosystem collapse is financial collapse, capital requirements for fossil fuels now”.

Signs also quoted Günther Thallinger, Allianz SE board chairman from his March 2025 article 'Climate, Risk, Insurance: The Future of Capitalism' [2] stating “This is about saving the conditions under which markets, finance, and civilization itself can continue to operate. [...] There is only one path forward [...] burning less carbon or capturing it at the point of combustion.”

*“Those that work in insurance and at the PRA, like us scientists, know how dire the situation is,”* said Shana, Space Engineer and occupier of the lobby. *“To talk about ‘managing climate-risk’ in regard to banking and insurance operations whilst ignoring the fact that these same firms are enabling new oil and gas projects is baffling. They’re advising companies on how to manage a crisis that these same companies are actively contributing to – it’s like giving fire safety training to the person lighting the flames. Instead of just managing risk we need to actively be mitigating risk – something the PRA can do through capital requirements on fossil fuels for banks and insurers.”*

The PRA, in its latest paper on climate risks in the financial sector, admits that most banks and insurance companies are not properly analysing their climate related risks, and the industry requires work at a governance level to better understand climate risks including climate scenario analysis (eg. unprecedented, non linearity, tipping points) to

fully capture future risks [1]. A recent article in the Financial Times quotes senior Bank of England staff who resigned over the deprioritization of climate and nature risks [3].

Capital requirements on fossil fuels is not as radical an idea as it may seem – the European Insurance Authority (EIOPA) recommends capital requirements on fossil fuels “to accurately reflect the high risks of these assets” [4] and capital requirements are mentioned in the PRA consultation paper’s current iteration. However the PRA still states that no new capital requirements will be imposed on top of what is required now. This results in little financial incentive for banking and insurance firms to reduce their involvement in new oil and gas expansion projects, missing a vital opportunity to incentivise meaningful change in our financial sector.

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# Ten Greenpeace activists arrested after suspending themselves from bridge outside Edinburgh

The protesters dangled themselves 25m above the water line, stopping a tanker from delivering gas for 24 hours.

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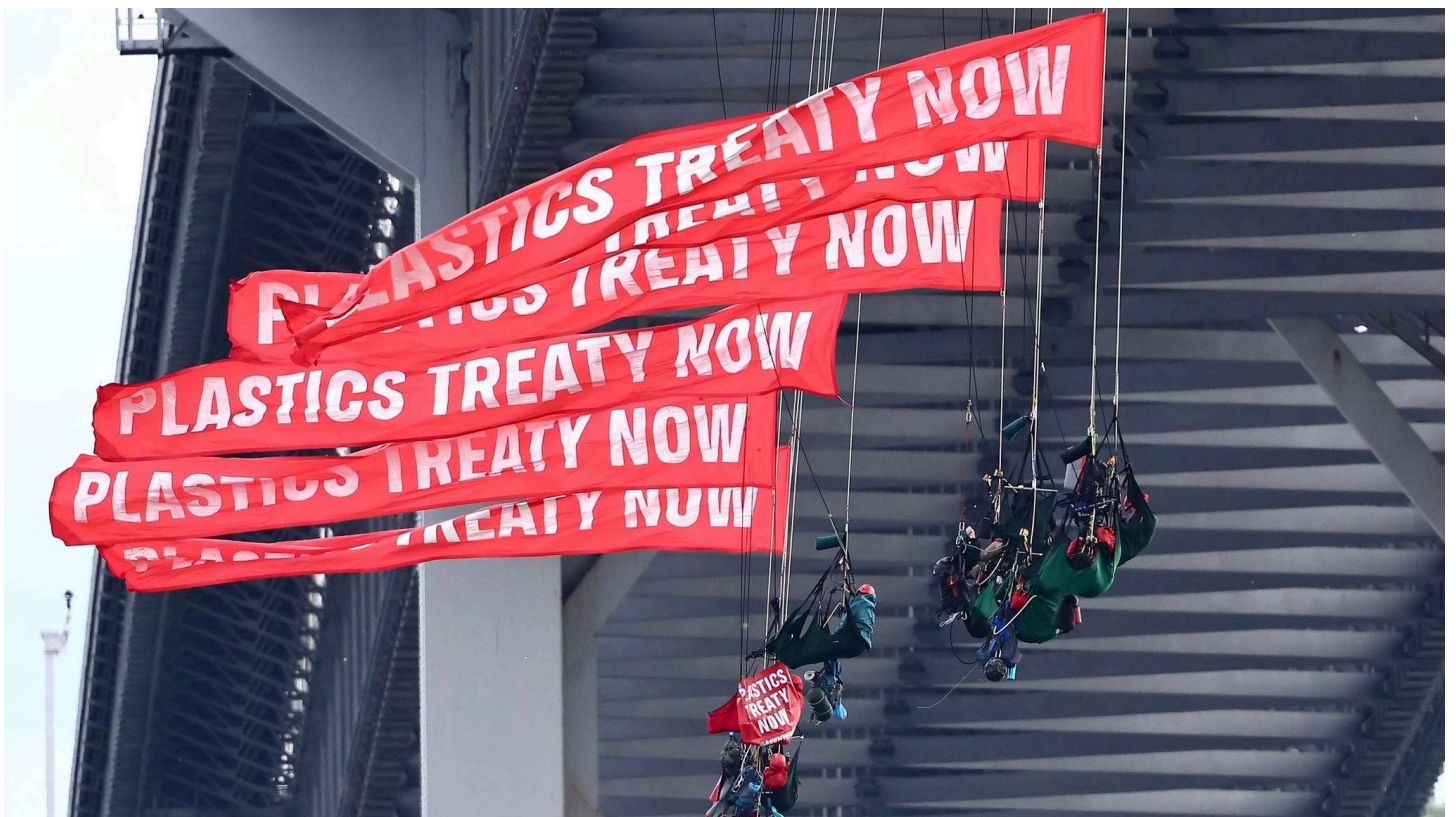


Protesters suspended themselves from the Forth Road Bridge. Pic: Greenpeace

**Ten Greenpeace activists have been arrested after suspending themselves from a bridge over a river to halt a tanker carrying fracked gas.**

The Forth Road Bridge outside Edinburgh was closed on Friday due to the demonstration, with Police Scotland alerted shortly after 1pm.

The protesters ended up dangling around 25m above the water level at high tide.



The group said its activists had prevented the tanker from delivering gas. Pic: Greenpeace

Greenpeace announced it had ended the demonstration on Saturday morning, saying it had "achieved what we set out to do".

The group said its activists had prevented the Ineos tanker from delivering the gas for a full 24 hours, because the vessel could only travel to the Ineos petrochemical plant at nearby Grangemouth during high tides.

Its specially trained activists began climbing down their ropes on Saturday morning.

Greenpeace said all 10 descended safely and were voluntarily transported to Port Edgar in South Queensferry, where it said they were arrested by officers from Police Scotland on suspicion of culpable and reckless conduct.

Police Scotland confirmed five men aged between 35 and 40, as well as five women aged between 25 and 42, had been arrested.

It said further inquiries were ongoing and the Forth Road Bridge remained closed to traffic as of Saturday morning.

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[Trump issues warning to leaders as he arrives in Scotland](#)

Amy Cameron, programme director at Greenpeace UK, said: "By blocking Ineos, we've drawn global attention to the company's bottomless appetite for plastic production, false solutions and profit for its billionaire boss Jim Ratcliffe."

Describing the "plastic pollution problem" as "massive", she added: "Less than 10% of plastic is currently recycled globally, and this is set to rise to just 17% by 2060, while the amount of plastic we're producing is set to triple.

"The only solution is to address the problem at source which means securing a strong global plastics treaty that imposes legally-binding caps on plastic production."

Greenpeace insists its protest was safe and caused "minimal disruption".

It stressed the climbers had spent weeks training for the demonstration and pointed out the Forth Road Bridge carries low volumes of bus, cycle and pedestrian traffic.

# Bank of England 'heist' as ministers face fresh anti-Rosebank oil field protests



Protesters outside the Bank of England. Photo: Fossil Free London

MINISTERS have faced a fresh protest against their possible renewal of permission for the Rosebank oil field, after the original decision was found to be unlawful in a landmark Supreme Court ruling last year.

Fossil Free London activists dressed as robbers emblazoned with the Norwegian flag staged a "heist" at the Bank of England on Monday evening to highlight the "daylight robbery" that approval of the application for exploitation of the oil field would entail.

Rosebank is the largest undeveloped oil field in the North Sea. If its development goes ahead, this would lead to the release of carbon emissions equal to those produced by all of the world's 28 low-income countries, the activists said.

Chanting "Rosebank Oil is a scam. Labour, do you give a damn?" the campaigners carried sacks labelled "UK taxpayer money" filled with fake cash from a makeshift vault and held placards reading "£1.5 billion for Norway, net loss for UK."

Fossil Free London director Robin Wells said: "It's plain and simple, Rosebank is daylight robbery."

“If allowed, Equinor, a Norwegian oil giant, will rob us blind, hoarding massive profits for themselves and leaving behind nothing but a trail of climate chaos and a net loss for us.

“The UK government needs to stop this carbon bomb and act in the interests of the general public — scrap Rosebank and invest in a just transition.”

In January, the Court of Session in Edinburgh found that a Supreme Court ruling that planning authorities should consider the full climate impact of burning oil from new wells should apply retrospectively to the former Tory government’s decision to approve the Rosebank and Jackdaw oil and gas fields.

The environmental assessments for these projects did not count the greenhouse gases that would be released when the fossil fuels produced by them were eventually burned.

The January ruling said that work on both fields could continue while the new information was gathered, but no oil and gas could be extracted unless fresh approval was granted.

Ministers later confirmed that they would consider the significance of a project’s environmental impact, “while taking into account and balancing relevant factors on a case-by-case basis, such as the potential economic impact and other implications of the project.”

No decisions are expected until the autumn.

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero was contacted for comment.



**Direct Action** / 18 August 2025

# Activists cut utilities to world's biggest fossil fuel investors declaring 'Summer of Sabotage'



**M** Shut the System activists cut the electricity to Barclays' Barclaycard's Northampton headquarters, August 18, 2025

**A**CTIVISTS sabotaged utilities infrastructure at the offices of major fossil fuel investors today, declaring the start of “disruption like never before” against fossil fuel finance.

Shut The System cut cables and superglued electrical service cabinets at JPMorganChase and Allianz in London, demanding they stop financing the climate emergency and genocide in Gaza.

At Barclaycard’s Northampton headquarters, activists cut the 5G communications mast serving the building.

The underground climate campaign said the action marked the launch of a period of sustained sabotage against financial institutions deemed “key culprits” in the climate crisis, running until the end of September.

It urged civilians to join a “Summer of Sabotage” by destroying the property and operating systems of institutions providing “critical support to deadly industries globally.”

JPMorgan is the world’s largest fossil fuel investor, while Barclays is the biggest in Europe, according to a June report by Reclaim Finance.

And Allianz is the sixth-largest fossil fuel insurer and insures Elbit Systems, an Israeli arms firm supplying the majority of weapons used in Gaza.

A Shut The System statement said: “We have been forced underground by draconian anti-protest laws.

“The British state has recently shown how much they are willing to suppress peaceful protest.

“History shows direct action and sabotage are highly effective so we cannot stop while the climate emergency wages on and we see the most hopeful path forward is to operate beyond the state’s reach.”

The group has pledged to escalate its actions in October if demands are ignored.

Earlier this year, it cut fibre optic cables at insurance firms in Leeds and Birmingham, disrupted internet access, and carried out nationwide graffiti

actions at Barclays branches during its annual general meeting.

JPMorgan, Allianz and Barclays were approached for comment.

# Extinction Rebellion 'unearth the truth' at Welwyn Garden City protest

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## Body

Extinction Rebellion claim to have "unearthed the truth" about a Welwyn Garden City insurance broker during a demonstration.

On Saturday, August 23, members of Hertfordshire Extinction Rebellion groups, dressed as oil workers and insurance executives, protested outside Howden Insurance in the town centre.

Extinction Rebellion members protest outside Howden, Welwyn Garden City. (Image: Derek Langley)

-The group called the protest due to its belief that Howden "supports the fossil fuel industry".

At the action on Saturday, an oil rig was set up outside the Howden branch, and members of the group dressed as oil workers allegedly "engaged" with Howden-s senior executives.

Phil from North Herts Extinction Rebellion said: "I hope people found our actions today both eye-opening and entertaining. Although there is widespread concern about the climate crisis among the public, the influence of the insurance companies on averting disaster may not be so well known.

"If a new oil or gas project can't get insurance they simply can't operate, so the insurance companies are in a uniquely powerful position.

"But companies like Howden are still actively supporting these industries, while at the same time home insurance premiums are doubling or even tripling to pay for the increased risks from extreme weather events like flooding and heatwaves. This is good business for them and a disaster for the rest of us."

(Image: Derek Langley)He added: "Many of us use Howden to insure our homes, cars, and even our pets. But they are secretly making millions by also acting as brokers for new oil, gas, and coal projects - despite dire warnings from scientists.

"We were asking Howden to do the right thing: pull the plug on insuring any new fossil fuel projects - this would send a powerful signal to the industry."

The demonstration was part of Extinction Rebellion's --Insure Our Survival" campaign, urges insurance companies to withdraw from insuring new fossil fuel operations which are believed to be worsening the climate crisis.

Insurance offices up and down the country have been targeted in a wave of nationwide actions, with activists demanding that key insurers stop backing destructive new fossil fuel projects and end their complicity in climate disaster and human rights abuses.

When contacted, Howden did not wish to comment.

(Image: Derek Langley)

## Classification

### Industry:

Insurance (92%), Insurance Overview (92%), Fossil Fuels (89%), Insurance Agencies & Brokerages (89%), Energy & Utilities (89%), Homeowners Insurance (78%), Property & Casualty Insurance (78%), Natural Gas Extraction (75%), Insurance Premiums (73%), Coal Industry (50%)

### Subject:

Protests & Demonstrations (91%), Negative News (90%), Environmental Activism (90%), Negative Misc News (90%), Fossils (89%), Negative Environmental News (89%), Climate Change (89%), Severe Weather (88%), Environmental Accidents & Disasters (79%), Activism (78%), Negative Personal News (78%), Executives (77%), Floods & Flooding (73%), Heat Waves (68%), Weather (68%), Extreme Temperatures (68%), Human Rights Violations (63%), Human Rights (60%)

# Climate protesters removed from Reform conference after heckling Nigel Farage

The protesters from Climate Resistance targeted the Reform leader to accuse him of working for super-rich donors.



*A protester is removed from an address by Reform UK leader Nigel Farage during the party's annual conference (Jacob King/PA) (PA Wire)*

Three climate protesters were carried out of the [Reform](#) UK party conference after shouting at [Nigel Farage](#) while he was on stage.

The protesters from Climate Resistance, a group calling for the government to tax the super-rich to fund public services and climate action, had planned to interrupt the Reform UK leader and [Clacton](#) MP during his keynote speech.

But he delivered it several hours earlier than originally planned after [Angela Rayner](#) resigned from the government.

They staged their protest as Mr Farage returned later to appear with special guest Preston Manning, the founder of Canada's now-defunct Reform party.

Climate Resistance targeted Mr Farage to accuse him of working for super-rich donors, such as property tycoon Nick Candy.

"You work for billionaires!" one shouted at Mr Farage.

Another said he was "paid by the super-rich to scapegoat migrants".

Mr Farage paused to say: "Off you go, mate...boring!"

One shouted "f\*\*\* the fascists" and "tax the rich" as security guards carried her out.

The audience chanted "out out out" and booed her.

Sam Simons, spokesperson for Climate Resistance, said: "Farage will go on national TV and say how he cares about the people in the UK, and then vote to keep us from getting our sick pay.

"This grifter will scapegoat anyone just so we don't talk about the oil barons and billionaire property tycoons who fund him.

"It's really about keeping everyone so divided and downtrodden that we won't even have time to think about taxing the super-rich."

Mr Simons added: "Meanwhile, the super-rich are fanning the flames of climate collapse with their lavish lifestyles, and exploiting people and the planet for profit.

"The top 10% in the UK hold more wealth than all the rest of us combined, and pollute far more than ordinary people.

"The majority of Britain wants a wealth tax. It's time to tax the super-rich and finally do what Reform never would: fund our schools, our hospitals, our climate and our futures."

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# Campaigners around the country fight to stop Rosebank



CAMPAIGNERS to stop Rosebank took to the streets across the country on Saturday, protesting outside the offices of oil giants and in Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer's backyard.

In Aberdeen, environmentalists joined forces with Scottish Palestine Solidarity Campaign (SPSC), protesting at the offices of Equinor and Ithaca to call for a ban on the development of the 300-million barrel field.

Speaking from the protest — one of almost 20 which took place around the country — Aberdeen SPSC activist, Kate Ramsden told the Star: "Rosebank isn't just an environmental disaster, Ithaca's involvement would generate hundreds of millions for Delek who are already literally fuelling the genocide in Gaza.

"Starmer needs to locate his conscience and stop Rosebank."

Four hundred miles away, campaign groups including Mothers Rise Up took that same message to the heart of Sir Keir's Holburn and St Pancras constituency.

Mothers Rise Up's Lorna Powell said: "Approving new fossil fuel projects like Rosebank in the context of an escalating, deadly climate crisis is simply unjustifiable."

The Department for Energy Security and Net Zero said its priority was to “deliver a fair, orderly and prosperous transition,” but could not comment on individual licences.



# Two insurers named as targets in next Extinction Rebellion climate protest offensive

Two insurers are in the sights of Extinction Rebellion's next coordinated climate protest campaign

Insurers operating in the UK have been warned to expect a fresh wave of coordinated climate protests in September.

Activist group Extinction Rebellion (XR) has confirmed plans to target companies it says are enabling fossil fuel projects and arms trading.



Its campaign – dubbed *Insure Our Survival* – is set to run from 8 to 22 September 2025, with large-scale demonstrations confirmed for London on 8 and 9 September and further actions planned nationwide.

XR said the campaign would include coordinated actions in Europe, the Americas, Africa and Asia, with groups in the Global North working alongside those in the Global South to “amplify frontline voices” opposing fossil fuel and arms financing.

## Targeted insurers

XR said the campaign will focus on international firms Axa and AIG, saying the call for action is an effort to draw attention to the broader insurance sector's role in underwriting high-carbon and defence projects.

The group claims fossil fuel and arms insurance represent just 2% to 3% of targeted firms' portfolios, arguing they could be removed without material financial harm.

Insurers have faced increasing scrutiny from climate campaigners in recent years, with several large players adopting restrictions on coal, oil and gas underwriting in response to public and shareholder pressure. However, XR maintains that such commitments remain inadequate to meet climate goals.

The September actions will form part of XR's ongoing global pressure campaign, which the group says will continue until targeted insurers commit to stopping fossil fuel and arms underwriting.



# Protesters project 'toxic' images onto insurers' City offices

'Axa and AIG present themselves as protecting homes and families, yet continue to underwrite projects that accelerate climate breakdown and fuel conflict,' says spokesperson

Activists staged protests at the City of London offices of Axa and AIG yesterday (8 September 2025), blocking access to the buildings and calling on insurers to stop underwriting fossil fuel and defence-related risks.



The demonstration formed part of a two-week wave of coordinated global actions led by campaign group Insure Our Survival, which is planning protests across more than 30 cities worldwide between 8 and 22 September. Demonstrations are also [scheduled in London for today](#).

According to organisers, the London blockade began around 8am outside Axa's offices, with campaigners dressed in suits and gas masks carrying placards urging a boycott of Axa and AIG. Activists also threw fake blood-stained £50 notes and projected images onto buildings as part of the action.

The campaigners accused both insurers of profiting from fossil fuel expansion and from companies linked to armed conflict. They argued that such underwriting activities account

for less than 2% of global insurance profits, suggesting that insurers could exit the sectors without significant financial impact.

Lucy Porter, UK spokesperson for Insure Our Survival, said: "Axa and AIG present themselves as protecting homes and families, yet continue to underwrite projects that accelerate climate breakdown and fuel conflict."

## Carbon boycott

Yesterday's London action followed a weekend of projection protests at Axa and AIG offices in London, Paris, Cologne, Johannesburg, Manchester, Glasgow, Auckland and Ipswich. Images of senior executives wearing gas masks were projected onto buildings, which campaigners said symbolised insurers' exposure to "toxic" industries.

Research cited by organisers alleged that Axa holds investments in fossil fuel firms linked to so-called "carbon bomb" projects, including coal, oil sands and shale operations. At the same time, AIG has been identified as one of the world's largest coal insurers with more than \$24bn (£17.73bn) invested in fossil fuel-related assets as of 2022.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) [previously occupied](#) AIG's office in London on October 30, 2024.

Speakers from climate and political groups, including Palestine-focused organisations, also scheduled addressed the demonstration throughout the day.

Insure Our Survival said it is also encouraging consumers and businesses to boycott other large insurers, including Allianz and Aviva.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) [previously protested at the Premiership rugby final](#) on June 14, 2025, to demand that the Rugby Football Union (RFU) end its sponsorship deal with Allianz.



# Extinction Rebellion protesters stage 'die in' at Barclays Bank in Reading



Protesters from Extinction Rebellion performed a 'die-in' at Barclays Bank in Reading to link fossil fuel funding to climate change and global deaths.

Extinction Rebellion says: "Around the world, millions of people are dying as a result of heatwaves, wildfires, torrential rain, drought, flooding and landslides, all caused by changes in our climate brought about by the constant increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

"Barclays Bank is still funding fossil fuel projects which contribute to climate change, thus indirectly contributing to the deaths of humans and wildlife.

"Analyses from the World Weather Attribution organisation show that extreme weather is becoming more likely due to climate change.

"Heatwaves are the deadliest type of extreme weather globally, contributing to at least 500,00 deaths a year, including some in the UK. Researchers from the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) and Imperial College London, estimate that high heat killed 2,300 people across 12 major cities as temperatures soared across Europe this summer. They attributed 1,500 of the deaths to climate breakdown, which is heating the planet and making the worst extremes even hotter."

Dr Ben Clarke, researcher at the Centre for Environmental Policy at Imperial College London, said: "Heatwaves don't leave a trail of destruction like wildfires or storms. Their impacts are mostly invisible but quietly devastating – a change of just 2 or 3C can mean the difference between life and death for thousands of people.' He warned that countries need to speed up the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy.

Greece, Turkey and Cyprus suffered devastating wildfires. Greece experienced a heatwave above 45C, drought and strong winds. At least 17 lives were lost, including 10 firefighters and rescue workers.

An intense two-week heatwave in Norway, Finland and Sweden was hotter, with temperatures of 30C and more, resulting in many more hospital admissions.

A new study, published in the medical journal JAMA, links more than 400 additional deaths to the wildfires in Los Angeles earlier this year. The study comes as hundreds of wildfires burn across the US and Canada.

Climate change not only increases the risk of wildfires around the world but also makes them particularly explosive. Relatively small blazes rapidly "blow up" so suddenly and with such ferocity that they become difficult to control.

Climate change also intensified heavy monsoon rain in Pakistan, which suffered its worst floods on record, killing hundreds of people.

In late June 2025, several days of heavy rainfall swept across Colombia and Venezuela, causing widespread flooding, overflowing rivers, and numerous landslides, one of which killed 27 people.

Moscow suffered its worst flooding since 1879, with some parts experiencing far more than the monthly average.

These extreme weather events will only continue to become worse if governments do not do more to reduce emissions from greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide and methane-

Extinction Rebellion will pose as dead bodies (a 'die-in') to remind people of how they say that Barclays continues to fund projects that are contributing to over-heating planet Earth. Extinction Rebellion also says that they also hope to encourage visitors to the branch to move their accounts from Barclays to other banks with much 'greener' credentials.



# Extinction Rebellion protestors spotted in Ipswich

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## Body

Extinction Rebellion protestors were seen outside a block of offices in Ipswich.

Local activists for the environmental movement in the Suffolk town and nearby Colchester are taking part in a coordinated global campaign targeting insurance giants AXA and AIG.

The campaign started on September 8 and will run until September 22.

It is calling for a boycott of the insurance giants and their sub-brand and is urging people to switch providers.

READ MORE: School pledges 'rapid' change after being issued with government warning

The protestors held up banners outside the entrance to the office block (Image: Newsquest)

On Monday morning, Extinction Rebellion Ipswich was protesting outside the AXA building at Brooke Lawrence House in Civic Drive.

The group held up banners which read: "We are all vulnerable. Stop insuring fossil fuels."

Blue and white tape saying "climate crime scene" was put up on the entrance steps to the office block.

They also handed out flyers to passers-by and AXA staff.

READ MORE: Hundreds of staff at housing association have data leaked in payroll breach

Tina, from Extinction Rebellion Ipswich, said: "Ipswich is on a tidal river, so people are already living with the risk of flooding, and this will only get worse as the climate gets hotter.

"New homes have just been built along the riverside. How long will it be before these become uninsurable?

"Knowing that AXA is not only profiting from these crises but exacerbating them while claiming to protect us is outrageous.

"As we have a large AXA office here in Ipswich, I thought it was important to join this global campaign to highlight this issue locally."

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# Wash It Off: Private jet sprayers found guilty



Two young people who spray-painted two private jets at Stansted Airport in June 2024 were found guilty of criminal damage at Chelmsford Crown Court today. They took action with Just Stop Oil to demand the UK government negotiate a treaty to phase out oil and gas by 2030. [1]

Jennifer Kowalski, 29, from Dumbarton, and Cole Macdonald, 23, from Brighton, had cut through the wire perimeter fence and sprayed paint from a fire extinguisher onto two private jets parked at Stansted Airport, just hours after Taylor Swift's plane had landed. [2]

After the 4 day trial the jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty. Sentencing will be on the 27th of October.

During the trial, the prosecution argued that extensive professional cleaning was required for the two planes after the action. The total cost of cleaning was assessed to be around £12,000.

The defendants told the jury they did not set out to cause damage. They explained that they had deliberately avoided spraying the engines and cockpits and believed the diluted

paint would wash off easily. They argued that they lacked the necessary criminal intent: they neither intended to cause damage nor realised that damage was a likely consequence of their actions.

In her defence Jennifer Kowalski explained that the action had been designed to target Taylor Swift's plane because of her personal interest in the famous singer and the immense influence that she carries. She said:

*"She's one of the most famous people in the world; she's talked about everywhere, she's the only singer ever to be named Time Magazine Person of the Year; she earned 2 billion dollars last year; reporters devote their lives to covering her; if we devoted that much energy to tackling climate change we could change things."*

*"I thought a lot about what she might say – if we could get her attention – if she saw this it might get a reaction from her, from a place of care from a fan, instead of from a place of apathy – she's famous for saying how much she loves her fans, and yet her fans are dying because of climate change."*

At trial, Judge Mill ruled that the damage was too serious for the rights to free expression and assembly under Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights to apply. As a result, the jury was not asked to consider whether a restriction on the defendants rights to protest was proportionate response in the light of the alleged damage, and that defence was blocked from the trial.

Following the verdict Cole MacDonald said:

*"We were released from remand the day before the general election that elected a left wing government and that under that government the country has slipped into fascism and has become continually more corrupt."*

Jennifer Kowalski said:

*"I broke into Stansted airport to spray paint Taylor Swift's private jet because this is a dangerous time – the era of global boiling. This era will not end when it's time for a new album – it's the era to end all others."*

*"When I look out people's windows, I see entire settlements swept off the map and thousands killed by climate disasters. On this reckless path 1 billion people will be displaced by 2050. When you strip people of their basic rights and cram them into perilous conditions violence inevitably ensues."*

*"But it's not too late to be brand new. I just think you are what you love. And I'll fight for the music and people I love. Won't you?"*

While two young people face an uncertain penalty for taking action targeting private jet use, it is estimated that 80% of the world's population has never taken a flight. Just 1% of people cause 50% of global aviation emissions and private jet users are responsible for up to 14 times as much carbon emissions compared with a commercial flight. A single flight in a private jet can easily emit as much carbon dioxide as the average annual carbon footprint for an EU citizen – 8.2 tonnes. Private aviation contributed at least 15.6 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> in direct emissions in 2023, or about 3.6 t CO<sub>2</sub> per flight. Almost half of all flights (47.4%) are

shorter than 500 km. Private aviation is concentrated in the USA, where 68.7% of the aircraft are registered. [3] [4] [5][6]

Scotland / 22 September 2025

# Insurance giant accused of 'keeping killers safe' at Glasgow protest



**M** Protesters outside AXA offices. Photo: Extinction Rebellion Scotland

## Stop Rosebank



Any day now, the UK government will face a major climate test. Equinor is expected to reapply to develop Rosebank: the biggest undeveloped oil field in the UK.

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# Activists disrupt BP panel over hurricane-fuelling profits



[Pic: Fossil Free London]

ACTIVISTS have disrupted a panel event featuring senior BP executive Stewart Macfarlane, as the oil giant announced quarterly profits of \$2.2 billion (£1.7bn), surpassing analysts' forecasts.

Campaigners from Fossil Free London interrupted the discussion on Tuesday evening, chanting: "As Hurricane Melissa tears down lives, do your profits help you sleep at night?" before being escorted out of the event hosted by the Association of International Energy Negotiators at Simmons & Simmons LLP's London office.

The protest came just days after Hurricane Melissa devastated Jamaica, with scientists warning that the climate crisis intensified the storm's impact.

BP has faced mounting criticism after scaling back its climate commitments.

Earlier this year, the company increased its annual investment in oil and gas to \$10bn (£8.2bn) while cutting more than \$5bn (£4.1bn) from its low-carbon spending plans.

A Global Witness analysis found that the rollback could cause around 72,000 additional heat-related deaths worldwide by the end of the century.

Fossil Free London director Robin Wells said the BP profits show that the company's "green mask has slipped to reveal the oily mouth behind," accusing the firm of fuelling global destruction while "CEOs and shareholders wine and dine in luxury."



# Campaigners disrupt Oil Executive awards dinner in London

To highlight damage caused by the oil and gas industry, campaigners from Fossil Free London interrupted the World Energy Council Assembly's dinner at the Hilton in Mayfair on 3 December.

[Oil and gas](#) executives had gathered to present and receive industry "achievement awards". Award nominees and attendees [included](#) Shell, BP, and Ithaca Energy.

Campaigners chanted "no awards for climate criminals", as they were dragged out of the building by security.

The protest comes after [devastating flooding](#) has killed at least 1,250 people across much of southeast Asia in recent days. Human-caused [climate breakdown](#) has [increased](#) the intensity of such extreme weather events.

## Oil damages

A report recently found that oil and gas giants are [responsible](#) for €25 trillion in climate damages. Now, survivors of Super Typhoon Odette in the Philippines are [suing](#) Shell for damages, in a legal first for holding big oil accountable for its role in climate destruction.

Robin Wells, Director of Fossil Free London said:

*Whilst executives drink champagne in tuxedos, the world floods outside. They pat themselves on the back for the 'deal of the year', whilst their projects sign death warrants for communities in the Global South and future generations everywhere.*

*How can it be that business as usual awards the fossil fuel corporations that depend on the systematic destruction of our life support systems? The science is clear: every new oil field is an act of violence. We crashed their party to remind them that history will not give them an award; it will put them on trial.*

Featured image via the Canary





## Arrest made as climate activists stage protest in Southampton

Story by Ross Marshall • 5mo • 1 min read



The protesters took to Threefield Lane in Southampton (Image: NQ)

A woman has been arrested during a climate protest in Southampton today.

Campaign group, Cut The Ties To Fossil Fuels, have taken to Threefield Lane in Southampton to stage a demonstration today.

The group were seen holding signs and banners, reading 'cut ties to carbon pollution' and it is understood that police arrested one of the protesters at the scene.

Hampshire police have been approached for more information on the arrest.

A police spokesperson said: "We were called at 12:41pm today (Wednesday 10 December), to reports of a protest at a business on Threefield Lane in Southampton.

"Officers are in attendance.

"Policing these events requires us to balance the rights of those lawfully protesting, and the rights of others to go about their lives without being subject to unacceptable disruption, whilst keeping the public safe.

"Our priority with protests is always public safety."

# Activists stage Extinction Rebellion protest against private jet expansion in London



Extinction Rebellion campaigners gather outside the Macquarie Group headquarters to protest the proposed expansion of Farnborough Airport. Two activists, dressed in airplane costumes, occupy the entrance canopy while unfurling a banner that calls for a ban on private jets and urges the investment firm to sever its connections to fossil fuels. The demonstration highlights the environmental impact of business aviation, as the Australian-based global financial services group faces criticism over its majority ownership of the airport and its plans to increase annual flight limits. (Photo by Joao Daniel Pereira/Sipa USA)

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# Cut ties to Big Oil to stop energy crisis sparked by Trump's war on Iran – protest footage

Outside the US Embassy in London on 1 April, two activists were tied by fuel hoses to a life-sized petrol pump in response to Donald Trump's war on Iran.

The protest criticised the increase in oil company profits in the wake of the war's destruction and trade disruption. The pump carried the label: "Oil Profit\$\$\$ for Oil Bosses".

Campaigners from Fossil Free London held signs saying "Stop Trump Tying us Into Fossil Fuels", "Break Free from Climate Crisis" and "Break Free from Big Oil".

[Thousands have died](#) to date across the region following US and Israeli attacks on Iran. Trump has recently stated his intention to "[take the oil in Iran](#)" following major attacks on [fossil fuel](#) infrastructure.

Meanwhile, oil dependency is increasing the cost of living once again for families in the UK as petrol prices rise. Whilst [fossil fuel companies stand to make a windfall of billions](#) on the back of the price shock.

One of Reform's major donors, Jeremy Hoskings, has seen his fossil fuel and energy hedge fund investments [rise by more than \\$25m](#) since the war began in Iran.

This comes as Trump and Reform are using the oil price spike to call for our government to approve [new UK oil and gas projects](#), like the [controversial Rosebank oil field](#). Despite the fact that drilling in the North Sea would not make the UK more energy secure. If production began, [Rosebank's oil would still go for export](#) – like 80% of all UK oil.

Robin Wells, director of Fossil Free London said:

*Right now we are seeing the horrors of Trump's war on Iran in the faces of dead schoolgirls and facing skyrocketing energy costs at home. And Big Oil cashes out big, with bumper profits.*

*We're protesting today to say that for as long as the UK stays tied up in fossil fuels, we'll see more oil wars, more extreme weather deaths and more instability.*

*The UK needs to cut ties with Trump and Big Oil. We need to break free from this knot of violence.*

*That starts with scrapping new UK oil and gas and rejecting Rosebank. Until then, being tied into Big Oil's big disaster leaves us paying the price.*

*Featured image via Fossil Free London*



# FØSSIL FREE LONDON

## PHOTOCALL: Body bags piled outside Equinor as Q1 profit spike expected from Iran war

**When:** 8.15am, Tuesday 5th May

**Where:** Equinor Offices, W2 6BD

**Details:** Activists from Fossil Free London will pile several life-sized body bags outside the offices of Rosebank co-owner Equinor, as one campaigner dressed as an oil executive stands on top of them.

The protest comes as the UK Government's decision on whether to approve or reject the Rosebank oil field approaches.

Equinor's quarterly profits are **also expected to jump** when announced on Wednesday 6th May, amidst the US-Iran war.

Photos can be used in coverage of Equinor's quarterly profit announcement.

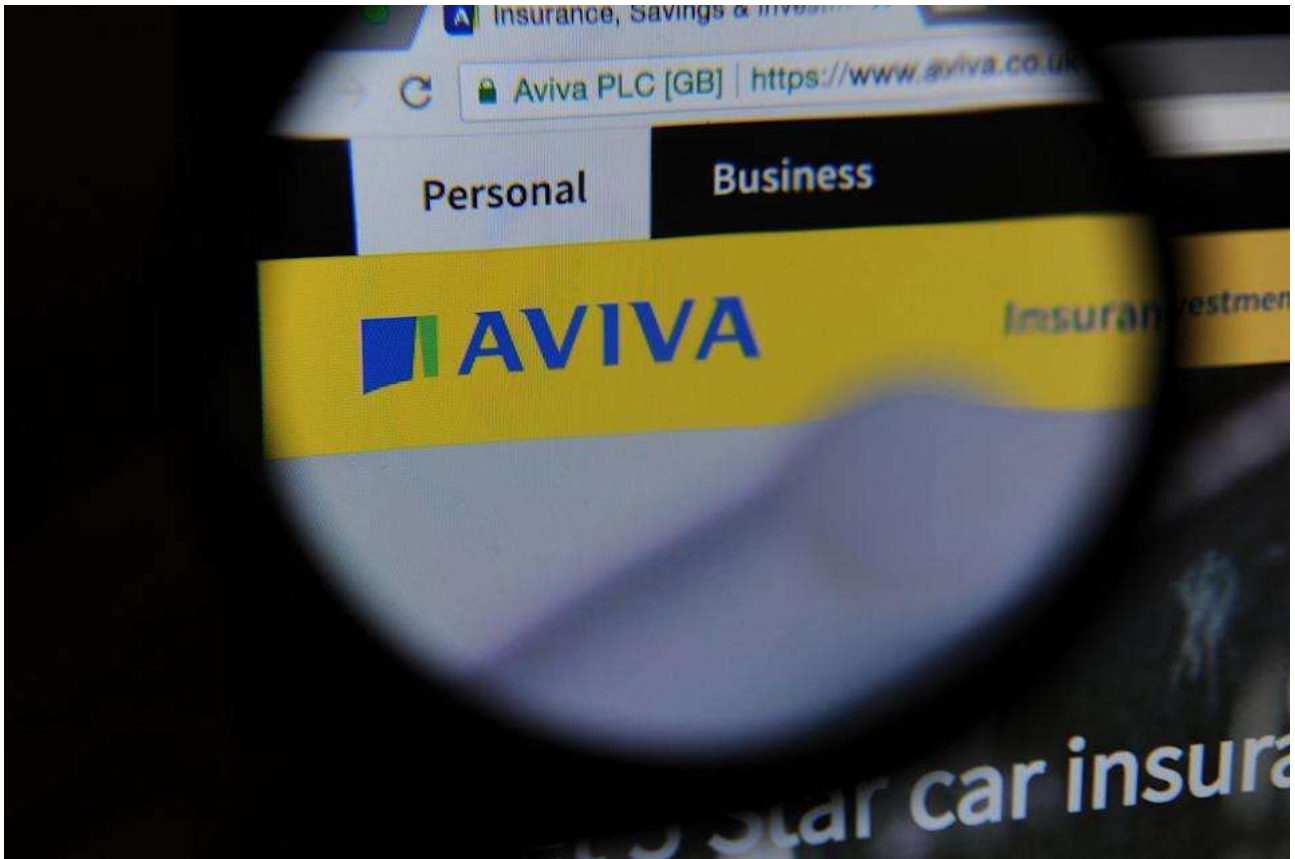
(We will also stage a stunt ahead of Shell's Q1 profit results on Wednesday the 6th at 8:15 a.m. outside Shell's HQ, we will send a separate photocall tomorrow.)

***For further information, to find us on the day, or to organise an interview please contact [campaigner@fossilfreelondon.org](mailto:campaigner@fossilfreelondon.org), or 020 3886 2590.***

### Notes:

1. For further information, please contact Rosie, 020 3886 2590, [campaigner@fossilfreelondon.org](mailto:campaigner@fossilfreelondon.org).
2. Fossil Free London is a grassroots climate group that protests Big Oil and campaigns for a London beyond fossil fuels.  
Instagram: [@fossilfreelondon](https://www.instagram.com/fossilfreelondon) Twitter: [@fossilfreeldn](https://twitter.com/fossilfreeldn).
3. Photos from other Fossil Free London actions are available [here](#) and can be used in your journalism at any time without prior permission. Please credit Fossil Free London.

# Protesters take aim at Aviva as shareholder meetings face disruption



*The tie-up will create a significant force in the motor insurance sector (Alamy/PA)*

Aviva's York offices were disrupted by protesters targeting the insurer's activities in the latest twist in a turbulent season for shareholder meetings.

It comes after NatWest's annual general meeting (AGM) was halted by activists accusing the bank of backtracking on climate commitments.

Campaign group Boycott Bloody Insurance claimed to be behind 12 people with shares in [Aviva](#) disrupting its [AGM](#) on Wednesday.

Several protesters shouting and chanting outside a boardroom were escorted or carried out of the building, delaying the start of the meeting.

The group claims Aviva underwrites or invests in companies profiting from immigration detention and surveillance, fossil fuel giants and weapons firms.

Andrew Taylor, a campaigner at Boycott Bloody Insurance said: "Aviva likes to present itself as an ethical business, but when you look at the companies it supports, that turns out to be a sham."

Aviva declined to comment on the protests.

Meanwhile, following a shareholder vote at the AGM, some 8.4% of votes were cast against the motion to approve Aviva's climate-related financial disclosures for 2025, while 5.5% of votes were against approving the pay policy for directors.

Aviva's chief executive Amanda Blanc took home a pay packet of £9.76 million last year.

The disruption comes a week after [NatWest](#) was forced to stop its AGM for about half-an-hour amid disruption during its chairman's opening speech.

[Protesters](#) were singing and making statements about NatWest's climate policies, while shareholder activists called on the banking group to address claims it had "reduced the ambition of its fossil fuel policy and climate targets".

Rick Haythornthwaite, NatWest's chairman, defended its policies and said the financing of oil and gas comprises 0.6% of the group's total lending.

Meanwhile, Barclays is expected to be targeted at its AGM in London on Thursday, with activist groups including the Palestine Solidarity Campaign and Campaign Against Arms Trade organising a protest outside the meeting.



# Fossil Free London pours fake blood outside Shell offices as it 'makes a killing' from the Iran war



Fossil Free London campaigners protest outside Shell's London headquarters against its giant profits from the Iran war [Pic: Fossil Free London]

FOSSIL Free London activists covered themselves in fake blood as they sat outside Shell's London headquarters wrapped in a fuel pump today.

They erected a banner that read "BLOOD MONEY: No new oil & gas" amid expectations the fossil fuel giant will announce bumper quarterly profits today thanks to the Iran war.

Fossil Free London spokesperson Robin Wells said: "In these past few years, as our world becomes more unstable and the realities of climate breakdown set in, it's never been clearer: Big Oil profits from, and locks in, mass death.

"And we're feeling this so rawly right now. As we see thousands slaughtered in Iran and weep alongside those mothers who will never hold their children again, Shell is making a killing."

More than 2,000 people have been killed by the US and Israel's war in Iran, which has sent oil prices soaring due to a blockade on the Strait of Hormuz.

# Barclays shareholder meeting targeted by Palestine and climate activists

Disruption broke out at the beginning of the shareholder meeting in Westminster on Thursday.



Protesters outside the Barclays AGM in Westminster (Rebecca Speare-Cole/PA) (PA Wire)

Barclays faced a chaotic annual shareholder meeting as Palestine and climate activists repeatedly confronted the lender's board over its ties to Israel and fossil fuel financing.

The UK's biggest bank has come under fire in recent years for its links to Israeli government bonds and defence firms producing equipment used in attacks in the Gaza Strip, as well as companies driving large amounts of planet-heating emissions.

Disruption broke out at the beginning of the shareholder meeting in Westminster on Thursday, with groups of people being pulled out by security.

Chairman Nigel Higgins' opening remarks were repeatedly interrupted as protesters stood up holding Palestinian flags and shouting comments such as "Free, free Palestine" and "Everyone here is profiting from genocide".

Mr Higgins responded that the board had “heard your point” and would take questions on the topic during the meeting’s Q&A section.

A few minutes later, climate protesters rose from their seats and started singing: “Stop, in the name of love, before you break this Earth.”

One shouted: “This bank is financing the climate and nature crisis that we have to stop. Softly-softly, slowly-slowly is not good enough. You are endangering life on Earth.”

As the meeting moved to shareholder questions, the board was repeatedly quizzed about its recent fossil fuel financing.

Shareholders accused executives of failing to act with enough urgency over the climate crisis and criticised the board for leaving a key industry climate group, the Net Zero Banking Alliance.

A representative from [ShareAction](#), which campaigns for responsible investment, called on the board to affirm that it will stick to its climate goals in light of its continued lending to oil and gas firms.

Mr Higgins said Barclays has “no intention of backtracking on its commitments” and remains on track to meet climate targets that it says are aligned with the UN Paris climate agreement to limit the worst impacts of global warming.

“I know this sometimes frustrates people who would like to see us move further, but we have got a big emphasis on consistency, not chopping, changing, going backwards, sideways,” he said.

On its oil and gas lending, Mr Higgins said the bank hit “quite demanding” targets for reducing financed emissions in the energy field and power sector early, although he also acknowledged that progress is “not going to be linear”.

In light of growing global energy demand and price shocks driven by the US-Israeli conflict with Iran, he said: “We feel we have to balance the planet with energy security, energy affordability and also ramping up our transition and sustainable financing activities.”

The board was also challenged about Barclays’ ties to the Israeli government after a UN report last year identified the bank as one of several firms implicated in profiting from a “genocidal economy” in Gaza.

Mr Higgins said the bank does not understand the “report”.

“We’ve read it and we don’t agree with the characterisation of the financial sector in it,” he said.

On its dealings with foreign governments, the chairman said the bank “tries to follow the policies set out by the British Government”, which continues to support Israel’s right to defend itself.

“These are deeply political and complicated questions and at one level, certainly, we take a steer from where our country’s Government is,” he said.

He added: "We do provide finance to a number of international defence companies who provide arms for the defence of this country, for the defence of Ukraine, and that is what the bank does."

Asked if the bank will commit to supporting the sovereignty of the Palestinian people in any future dealings with Israel and its associated companies, Mr Higgins said: "The thing we all wish and pray for is peace in the region and reconciliation and an end to the appalling human cost on all sides of whichever frontiers you're looking at."

"And all of the discussions around our policy, we shouldn't lose sight of that fact – that is by far and away the most important thing to wish for."

"But I'm afraid I'm not going to go into our financing policies on specific clients."

One shareholder shouted: "That's not going to happen, Mr Chairman, unless commercial companies and banks stop financing Israel."

City firms continue to face protests over their impact on people and planet, with NatWest's [AGM](#) halted last week by activists accusing the bank of backtracking on climate commitments.

Wednesday also saw the London offices of insurance giant Aviva targeted by activists claiming the company underwrites or invests in companies profiting from immigration detention and surveillance, fossil fuel giants and weapons firms.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
KING'S BENCH DIVISION  
B E T W E E N

- (1) LEEDS BRADFORD AIRPORT LIMITED
- (2) LONDON LUTON AIRPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED
- (3) NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED
- (4) NIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Claimants

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PERSONS UNKNOWN

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Defendants

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## About us

Just Stop Oil was a nonviolent civil resistance group in the UK. In 2022 we started taking action to demand the UK Government stop licensing all new oil, gas and coal projects. We have won on this.

### **Civil resistance works.**

Just Stop Oil ended its street campaign in 2025, whilst we continue to support our action takers through the courts and in prison.



## Two Just Stop Oil supporters found guilty for Heathrow paint spraying following retrial

Court & Prison, Press / May 14, 2026

Two Just Stop Oil Supporters who sprayed Heathrow departure boards with orange paint during the Oil Kills, international uprising to end fossil fuels in July 2024 have been found guilty in a retrial after the jury in an earlier trial failed to reach a majority decision. [1]

Phoebe Plummer and Jane Touil were appearing before Her Honour Judge Duncan at Isleworth Crown Court for the second time accused of criminal damage over £5,000 for their action on 30 July 2024 to demand a fossil fuel treaty to end oil and gas by 2030. [2] [3]

Following the verdict Jane Touil said:

*“Since I took action, global fossil fuel use and emissions have continued to rise. More than ever, we need a global fossil fuel treaty to help governments rapidly phase out fossil fuels.”*

*“What we do at this moment in history matters. But there is a difference between laws and morality. The courts apply the law made by powerful people. Morals come from within. It is our morals that give us our conscience. I have always tried to live according to my conscience.”*

Phoebe Plummer said:

*“The climate crisis is the greatest injustice that humanity has ever faced. We should all consider what to do at this time. No individual caused this crisis and no one is solely responsible for stopping it. But we can choose what we do to alleviate suffering. I feel compelled to act to be a responsible citizen, a loving aunt and a good person. It compels me to hope for a better future and one where my nephew grows up. I didn’t think the action would change government policy. But non violent civil resistance is a necessary part of tackling the climate crisis and I’m grateful and proud to have been part of that. ”*

Phoebe was remanded for 58 days and Jane for 14 days following the 2024 action in which the pair used fire extinguishers to spray diluted water-based paint in Terminal 5 including at the departure boards. The Crown alleged that the action caused £8,000 worth of damages and that three of the display screens needed to be replaced. [4]

At trial, Judge Duncan ruled out several legal defences for the action including those of ‘reasonable excuse’ under Articles 10 and 11 of the ECHR, ‘necessity’ and ‘self defence’ on the grounds that the threat from climate change was not proximate enough and the actions too far removed from the threat. The defendants were allowed to argue belief in consent : that they honestly believed the owners of Terminal 5 would have consented to the damage if they knew of its circumstances. However, evidence of the relevant circumstances was to be limited to the fact that it was a climate protest with all evidence about the scale and urgency of the climate crisis ruled ‘irrelevant and therefore inadmissible’.

In giving evidence, Jane Touil said:

*“I genuinely and sincerely believed that if the shareholders [of Heathrow] had a full understanding of the situation we are in they would have given their consent to our action.*

*“Most people believe there is something that is wrong with climate but not many people have access to the full situation because the fossil fuel industry has used their immense wealth to ensure that governments do not act and it is not reported in the mainstream media.*

*“So I don’t know if shareholders have a full understanding, but I know that if they did, they would be doing all in their power to stop fossil fuels because there will be no business as usual, no functioning society,*

In her evidence Phoebe Plummer said:

*"I want to make it very clear that this was not a protest against Heathrow, or anyone flying through Heathrow that day. It's true that the aviation industry is especially harmful to the climate in terms of emissions, though it is a small number of frequent fliers and private jet users who cause the vast majority of this harm, not families who save up for a holiday once a year.*

*"But this wasn't about getting people to stop flying...I made this individual change to live in line with my values, but honestly I know that it's pretty inconsequential. Even if we all woke up tomorrow and stopped flying and went vegan, it would be like mopping up a spill from an overflowing bath whilst leaving the tap on. All individual changes are like this when we are facing a systemic issue. If fossil fuels are extracted from the ground, then they will all be burnt, even if it's not on a flight that you're on. We need systemic change, that has always been Just Stop Oil's demand."*

*"My intention was not to cause damage. My intention was to take part in an act of nonviolent civil resistance, raising a serious alarm bell to the catastrophic future in store for us if we persist in our addiction to fossil fuels."*

In 2024 Just Stop Oil successfully won its original demand of 'no new oil and gas' and on March 27th 2025 announced an end to the campaign of action. However, our supporters will continue to tell the truth in court, to speak out for our political prisoners and to help build what comes next.

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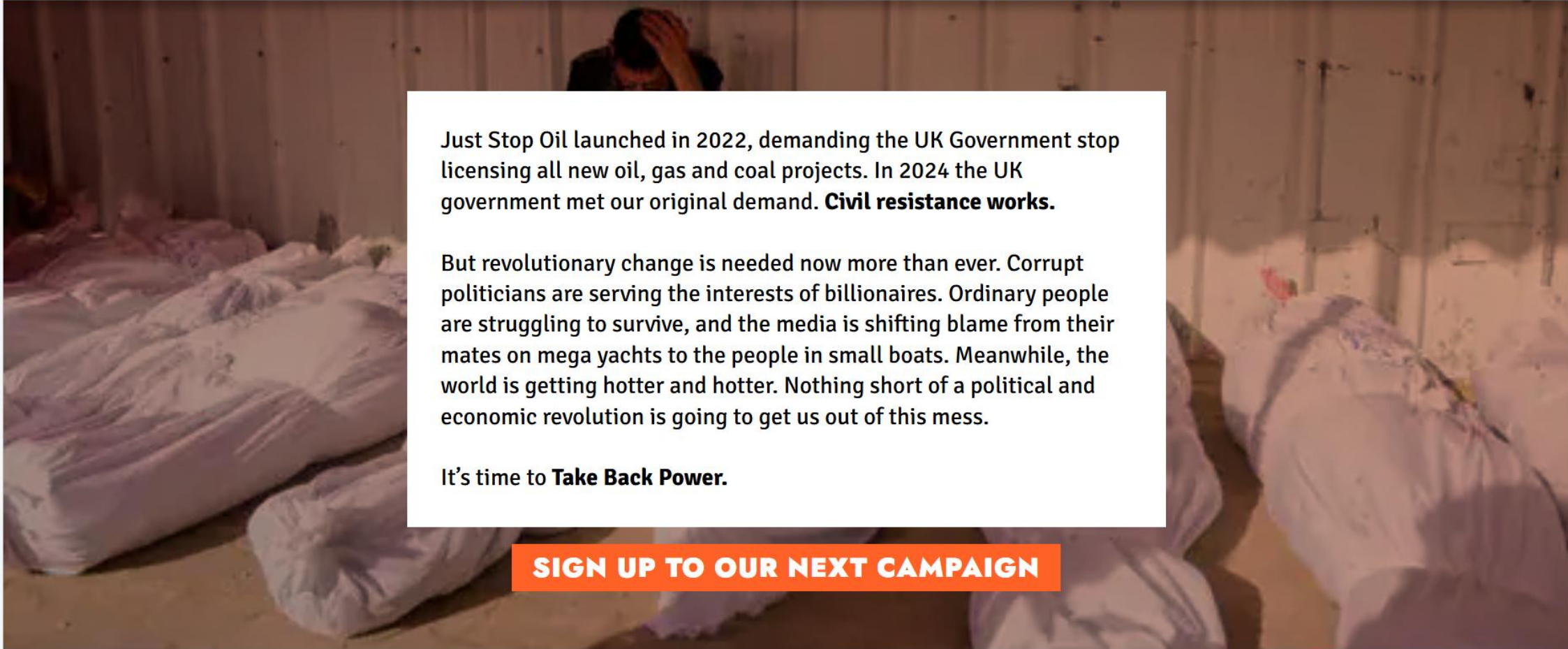
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A photograph of a person sitting on a bed in a room with white bedding. The person has their hand on their head, suggesting distress or frustration. The room appears to be a simple, possibly temporary, accommodation.

Just Stop Oil launched in 2022, demanding the UK Government stop licensing all new oil, gas and coal projects. In 2024 the UK government met our original demand. **Civil resistance works.**

But revolutionary change is needed now more than ever. Corrupt politicians are serving the interests of billionaires. Ordinary people are struggling to survive, and the media is shifting blame from their mates on mega yachts to the people in small boats. Meanwhile, the world is getting hotter and hotter. Nothing short of a political and economic revolution is going to get us out of this mess.

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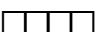
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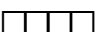


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Jane Touil, 60, has just been released from prison... more

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# 15 arrested last night at Wesminster Quaker meeting house



During a  
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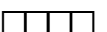
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@metpolice\_uk really demonstrating the state's fear of peaceful resistance.

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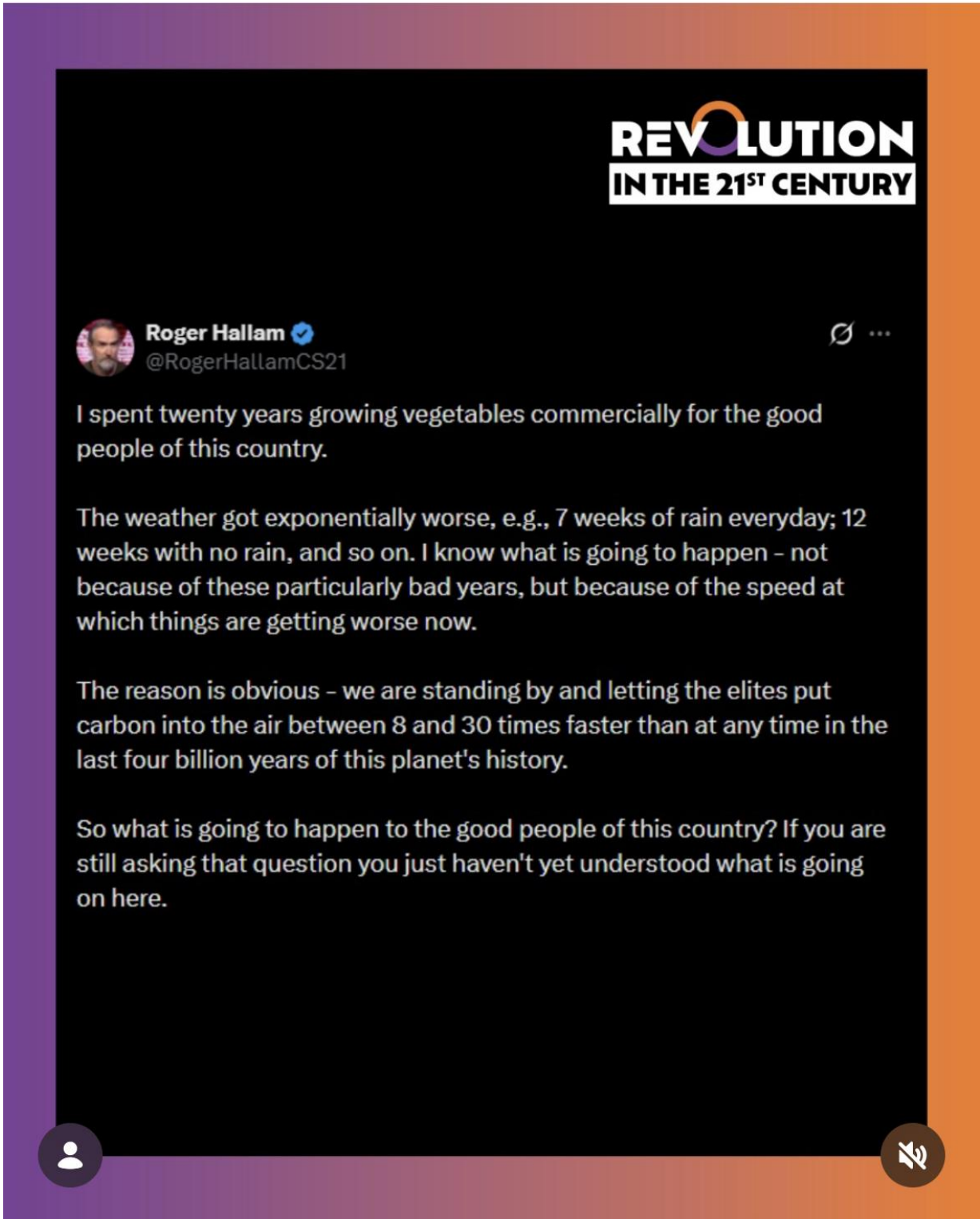




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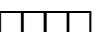


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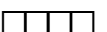
takeback.power Another Just Stop Oil jury trial has just been adjourned to 2027.

Fact 1. All Section 7 jury trials bar one for nonviolent civil resistance have been adjourned in the 2 years since the Public Order Act came into law.

Fact 2. Lammy is planning to try and rush through scrapping jury trials.

There is no justice in our "Justice" Secretary.

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**Just Stop Oil** @JustSt... · 17/04/2026

**SLOW MARCHERS FOUND NOT GUILTY BY A JURY**

Hey @SuellaBraverman, turns out juries don't like when you invent anti-protest laws designed to imprison people for 12 months just for marching.

Six Just Stop Oil supporters were a [Show more](#)



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**Just Stop Oil** @JustSt... · 07/04/2026



**BREAKING: JANE IS FREE!**

Jane Touil, 60, has just been released from prison after serving 4 months of a 20 month sentence for climbing a gantry over the M25 in 2022 to demand an end to new oil and gas. She is partially sighted.

She will serve the rest of her sente [Show more](#)



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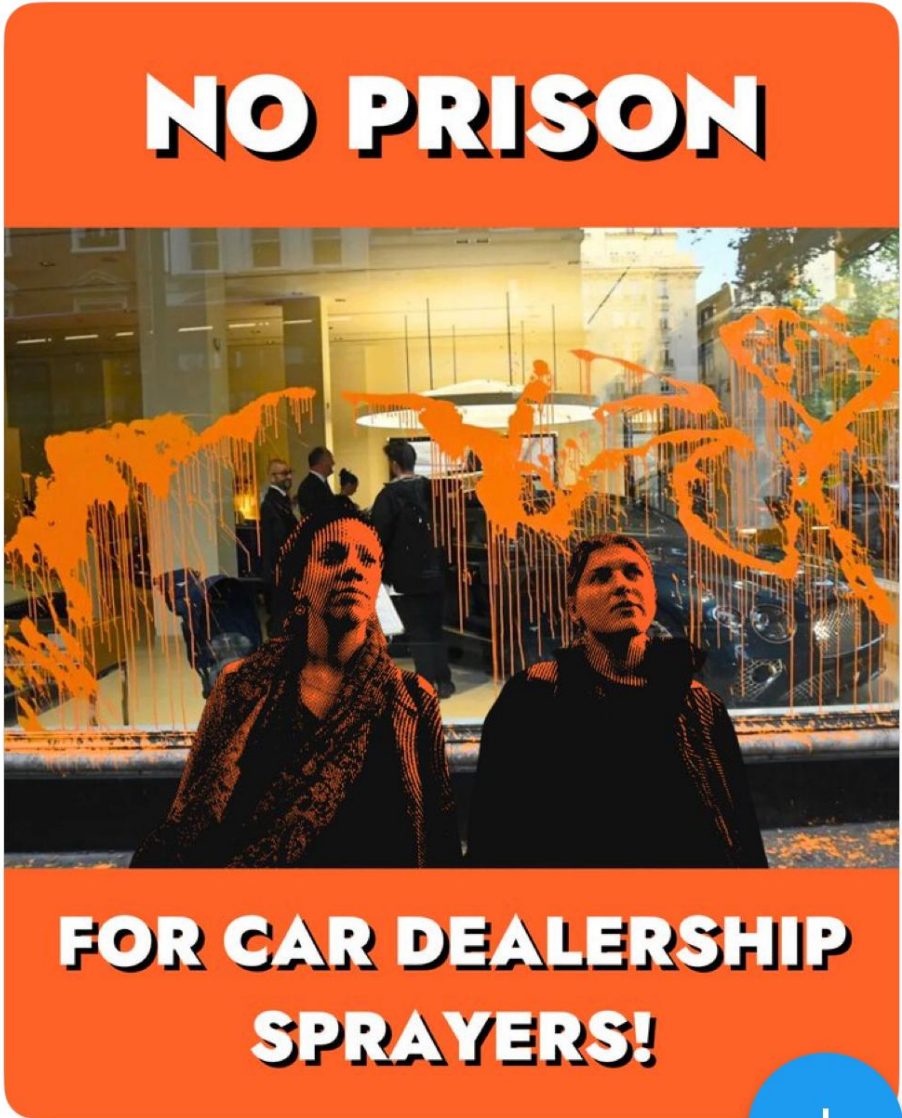


**Just Stop Oil** @JustSt... · 20/02/2026



**BREAKING: NO PRISON FOR CAR DEALERSHIP SPRAYERS**

In October 2022, Carmen and Emma sprayed orange paint over high end car dealerships including HR Owen, Jack Barclay and Ferrari Mayfair, demanding an end to new oil and gas licences [Show more](#)



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Southwark Crown Court today, two and a half years after slow marching on Waterloo Bridge to demand an end to new oil and gas licensing.

On 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023, Sheila Shatford, Julia Mercer, David Kilroy, Geraldine James, Rosalind Bird and Gregory Sculthorpe were among approximately 50 supporters who joined a slow march around the IMAX roundabout before heading north over Waterloo Bridge. They were arrested and charged with Section 7 of the Public Order Act 2023: interference with key national infrastructure: an offence which was used for the first time only two days beforehand, and which carries a maximum penalty of 12 months imprisonment, an unlimited fine, or both.

The six appeared before Judge Hiddleston at Southwark Crown Court this week in a trial which had been restarted after one of the original jury fell ill. The jury delivered their

During the five day trial, the Judge denied the defendants all legal defences including reasonable excuse and necessity, and ruled that agreed facts on climate were "irrelevant". The defendants were, however, given around 20 minutes each to talk about their motivations for taking action.

The jury were asked to consider whether the defendants had caused a significant delay to other road users, and if so whether that was their intention or they were reckless as to whether that would have been the result.

The police produced a compilation of video evidence showing the march which demonstrated some traffic buildup, but no evidence of a normal traffic flow at that location. Laura Stockdale, acting for Greg Sculthorpe, questioned whether the jury could be sure that this buildup was more than would normally occur on a weekday in central London.

She also suggested that the delays would have been less if the police had let the march continue to the other end of the Bridge and if they had not themselves closed the Southbound carriageway. DI Keven Pender for the Metropolitan Police responded that they could not be sure what the marchers were planning to do.

The defendants each emphasised their desire to draw attention to the climate crisis and the care and careful planning that was involved in undertaking a march. All denied that there was any intention to cause anything more than minor slowing of traffic.

In her defence evidence, Sheila Shatford spoke movingly of what inspired her to take action, including a childhood teacher whose family had been affected by the Aberfan disaster in which 116 children were killed. She said: "Only later did I understand that the slag heap belonged to the National Coal Board, and that warnings were given before the disaster, but none listened."

She went on to recount how she had learned about the climate emergency and said: "I realised that it's always the poorest and most vulnerable that are most affected and have the smallest voice. I read and found out the climate emergency was real - there is overwhelming evidence that it's happening now, and very soon we won't be able to stop it."

The 2023 Public Order Act was introduced specifically to target climate protest, and named groups such as Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil and Insulate Britain as the reason for its introduction. Although hundreds of Just Stop Oil supporters have been charged with the Section 7 offence and are awaiting trial, as a result of the backlog in courts, this was only the second case to be heard since May 2024.

The first person to be convicted of the offence was Stephen Gilling who was jailed for 6 months after pleading guilty in December 2023.

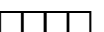


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# Taking back power or taking the mickey?

## The activists 'liberating' food from big stores

A new UK civil resistance group has called for 'mass shoplifting' to focus attention on inequality, but recent stunts have led to arrests



Eve Middleton was sitting on a picnic blanket in a park, sharing out vegan biscuits with six fellow activists, when she saw a squad of police bearing down on them. About 30 officers, she said, surrounded the seven young people, and one officer told them: "Don't run or you'll be cuffed."

Another officer focused on gathering evidence. "Whose Oreos are these?" they asked, seizing the biscuits.

"It was pretty farcical, but it's still frightening when you see that amount of officers running towards you. It's pretty scary," said student Bridie Leggatt, another of the seven.

The seven activists had gathered for a "nonviolence training event" – meeting in the park to enjoy the sunny weather.

Leggatt, 22, and Middleton, 25, were among 13 people arrested last weekend in Salford and London as part of a national police crackdown on a new civil resistance group called [Take Back Power](#).

A further 15 arrests had been made in March when police raided a "nonviolence training" event, this time at the Grade II-listed Quaker House in Westminster.

They were all held on suspicion of conspiracy to commit theft, police said, linked to Take Back Power's campaign of "mass shoplifting" in supermarkets across Britain in a protest against inequality.

On TikTok, the group's videos show activists of all ages "liberating" rice, pasta, beans, nappies, stock cubes and tinned fruit from supermarkets including Cornwall, London and Manchester.

They pile the goods into cardboard boxes branded with the message: "These things are going to those who need them." The items are then distributed at local food banks – if they manage to get past security.

Even by today's standards of shoplifting, when supermarket thefts have reached [record highs](#), the mass looting is quite brazen.

Steph Parker, an assistant chief constable at [Greater Manchester](#) police, said forces would take "robust action to disrupt this type of organised criminality and it will not be tolerated".

Middleton and her six comrades were held in custody for 24 hours before being released on Monday. For Middleton, like many of the activists, this is not her first encounter with the law.

Many of those involved with the group are seasoned activists – despite being in their early 20s – having taking part in actions with Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil, Animal Rising and other groups in recent years. Neither Middleton or Leggatt wanted to say how many times they had been arrested as they feared a telling off from their parents.

Take Back Power announced itself in December when activists [threw custard and apple crumble](#) at a case containing the crown jewels at the Tower of London.



Eight people were charged with criminal damage over the stunts, with four due to appear before Westminster magistrates court on Monday. The group said a total of 50 people had been arrested since December, with the majority detained while taking part in "nonviolence training" events.

On its website, activists are invited to join upcoming action in London "targeting the luxury lifestyle of the super-rich" by "occupying where they play and shop".

A spokesperson for Take Back Power, who would only give his name as James due to the risk of arrest, said the group planned further headline-grabbing stunts this year with the aim of focusing attention on Britain's deepening inequality.

James said the organisation, which wants to see higher taxes levied on the rich and a legally binding citizens' assembly, had no leader "as such". It has raised more than £65,000

in donations in the past four months, according to a fundraising page.

Another of those arrested last weekend, who would only give his name as Mark, said mass shoplifting would have “no real effect” on supermarkets who make billions of pounds in profit.

“Supermarkets are profiting off other people’s misery and we can’t put up with that,” said Middleton, pointing out that Tesco’s chief executive, Ken Murphy, was paid £9.2m last year, about 400 times that of the shop’s typical worker.

What about the effect on low-paid staff? Will they not risk losing their jobs if mass shoplifting has an effect on company profits?

“It shouldn’t be staff that get cut,” said Mark, 44, who works in education. “What should get cut are the obscene profits and salaries of the chief executives.”

The vegan picnic raided by police last weekend was in Salford’s Peel Park – named after Sir Robert Peel, the founder of modern law enforcement whose philosophy of “policing by consent” is a guiding principle of forces today, recognising that those in uniform operate on the basis of public trust rather than fear or force.



Yet the arrests of activists at a training event – rather than for a specific act – appears to run counter to that principle, said Middleton.

Parliament’s joint committee on human rights has condemned legislative changes in recent years that [it said \(pdf\)](#) have had “a chilling effect” on the right to protest in England and Wales.

Middleton said the arrests on suspicion of being involved in a conspiracy was part of a wider “repression” of civil resistance in Britain.

“Other groups were able to take part in training without everyone getting arrested,” she said. “For doing not as much, the risk of prison is a lot higher.”

James, the Take Back Power spokesperson, said the group planned to build up its action with the aim of pushing inequality to the top of the agenda by the next general election, which has to be held by August 2029.

Middleton believes the police crackdown is a sign that the authorities are scared.

“They can see that Take Back Power does speak to a lot of this country’s people [who are] fed up with inequality. They are scared of what it could become.”

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# Four taken into custody as Take Back Power 'crumble and custard' the Crown Jewels



Two supporters of Take Back Power have smothered dessert over the crown jewels. Take Back Power is a new nonviolent civil-resistance group, demanding that the UK government establish a permanent citizen's assembly- a House of the People, which has the power to tax extreme wealth and fix Britain. [1]

At around 09:50 this morning, two Take Back Power supporters covered the glass containing the crown jewels in custard and apple crumble. They then held a sign which read 'DEMOCRACY HAS CRUMBLLED- TAX THE RICH'. By around 10:30, the two action takers and two others had been taken into custody by police.

Today's action comes as all donations to Take Back Power will be doubled until midnight on Sunday the 7th December! You can donate and have your donation doubled [here](#). [2]

A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*"Since 2011, the poorest 10% of households have paid a combined tax rate of 44% on their income and wealth gains, while the richest paid 22%. Our political class, be it this government, Reform or Tory, serve the super-rich; they do not care about working people. That's why we must demand real democracy, with ordinary people at the heart of decision making, through a citizen-led assembly that has the power to tax the rich." [3]*

One of those taking action today is Miriam Cranch, 21, a retail worker from Leeds, who said:

*"Britain is broken because the super rich are pocketing billions, whilst working people struggle to get by."*

*"This wealth inequality is leading us towards civil unrest, and it doesn't have to be this way. Billionaires should not pay a lower tax rate on wealth they generate doing nothing, than those of us working jobs. It's time ordinary people get a say on how to tax wealth with a permanent House of the People."*

Also taking action today is Zahra Ali, 19, a student from London, who said:

*"Our country is crumbling before our eyes! We have homeless people dying on the very streets that King Charles passed on his way to the coronation, whilst there are more empty homes than unhoused people in this country."*

*"It's time the ultra rich pay their fair share. We demand a permanent House of the People. It's time to take back power, tax the rich and fix Britain! Join us at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net)."*

Take Back Power is demanding that the UK government establish a permanent House of the People- a citizen's assembly chosen by democratic lottery, that has the power to tax extreme wealth and fix Britain.

Until the government makes a meaningful statement in response to our demand, we will undertake nonviolent action to resist the super-rich, who are driving us towards social collapse. Donate or sign up to take action at [TakeBackPower.net](https://TakeBackPower.net).

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## What is Take Back Power and what does it want?



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### + What is Take Back Power's demand?

### + What is the House of the People?

### + What would the House of the People do?

### + Has an institution like this existed before?

### + Don't the super-rich already pay too much tax?

### + How rich are we talking about here?

### + How bad is inequality in the UK?

### + What sort of tax would you like to see?

### + Even if you tax the rich it won't be enough to fix Britain will it?

### + How would you spend the money raised?

### + Why does Take Back Power engage in disruptive direct action?

### + How is Take Back Power funded?

### + How can I get involved?

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- Why does Take Back Power engage in disruptive direct action?
Nobody likes disruption, least of all the people disrupting, however history shows us that disruption is a necessary part of social change. Disruptive direct action brought us livable working conditions, the weekend, universal suffrage, and civil rights for marginalised communities. More recently, it saw the demand of Just Stop Oil become government policy. The evidence is clear that though people may not like the messenger, or the method of delivery, they hear the message. Ultimately this leads to political pressure and eventual social change. You can read more about how this works <a href="#">here</a> .

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## **‘Inequality is shit’ — Take Back Power deliver crappy Christmas for the Ritz**

[December 3, 2025\(https://takebackpower.net/2025/12/03/\)](https://takebackpower.net/2025/12/03/)



Three supporters of Take Back Power have delivered a pile of shit to the Ritz. Take Back Power is a new nonviolent civil-resistance group, demanding that the UK government establish a permanent citizen’s assembly- a House of the People, which has the power to tax extreme wealth and fix Britain. [1]

At around 12:05 today, three Take Back Power supporters deposited a pile of manure below the Christmas tree at the iconic luxury hotel. The three were quickly removed from the lobby and then held signs outside the entrance which read: ‘INEQUALITY IS SHIT’ & ‘TAX THE RICH’.

A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*“The super-rich have more than doubled their wealth since the pandemic, while this Christmas, a third of UK children suffer and grow up in poverty. It’s time ordinary people – those most affected by inequality, get a say in deciding how to tax wealth through the means of a legally binding citizen’s assembly- a House of the People.” [2][3]*

One of those taking action today, Ellen Redwood-Brown, 23, an NHS worker, said:

*“The billionaires, corporations, and corrupt politicians running Britain don’t care about us. While working in the NHS I’ve seen people dying because they couldn’t get appointments whilst doctors are working 15 hour shifts.”*

*“The UK has 156 billionaires. We could take away 75% of that wealth to fix Britain and we’d still have 156 billionaires. We must let ordinary people decide how to tax the rich.” [4]*



Also taking action today is Tom Barber, 65, a former doctor, journalist and community worker from Nottingham, who said:

*“Power is concentrated in the hands of a small group of obscenely wealthy and ruthless individuals. They are hell-bent on enriching themselves, forcing the gap between the haves and the have-nots ever wider.”*

*“Everyday people must Take Back Power, compelling our government to create a permanent citizens’ assembly- a House of the People. Only then can we start making decisions for everyone’s benefit- taxing the rich, creating a fairer society and restoring our faith in our democracy.”*

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## Four taken into custody as Take Back Power ‘crumble and custard’ the Crown Jewels

December 6, 2025(<https://takebackpower.net/2025/12/06/>)



Two supporters of Take Back Power have smothered dessert over the crown jewels. Take Back Power is a new nonviolent civil-resistance group, demanding that the UK government establish a permanent citizen’s assembly- a House of the People, which has the power to tax extreme wealth and fix Britain. [1]

At around 09:50 this morning, two Take Back Power supporters covered the glass containing the crown jewels in custard and apple crumble. They then held a sign which read ‘DEMOCRACY HAS CRUMBLLED- TAX THE RICH’. By around 10:30, the two action takers and two others had been taken into custody by police.

Today's action comes as all donations to Take Back Power will be doubled until midnight on Sunday the 7th December! You can donate and have your donation doubled [here](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>)

A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*“Since 2011, the poorest 10% of households have paid a combined tax rate of 44% on their income and wealth gains, while the richest paid 22%. Our political class, be it this government, Reform or Tory, serve the super-rich; they do not care about working people. That’s why we must demand real democracy, with ordinary people at the heart of decision making, through a citizen-led assembly that has the power to tax the rich.” [3]*

One of those taking action today is Miriam Cranch, 21, a retail worker from Leeds, who said:

*“Britain is broken because the super rich are pocketing billions, whilst working people struggle to get by.”*

*“This wealth inequality is leading us towards civil unrest, and it doesn’t have to be this way. Billionaires should not pay a lower tax rate on wealth they generate doing nothing, than those of us working jobs. It’s time ordinary people get a say on how to tax wealth with a permanent House of the People.”*

Also taking action today is Zahra Ali, 19, a student from London, who said:

*“Our country is crumbling before our eyes! We have homeless people dying on the very streets that King Charles passed on his way to the coronation, whilst there are more empty homes than unhoused people in this country.”*

*“It’s time the ultra rich pay their fair share. We demand a permanent House of the People. It’s time to take back power, tax the rich and fix Britain! Join us at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>).”*

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## Take Back Power supporters call on Starmer to cut the corruption and resign by ‘locking-on’ at Parliament

February 6, 2026(<https://takebackpower.net/2026/02/06/>)



Two young people have called on Keir Starmer to cut out corruption and resign by ‘locking-on’ outside Parliament. They are supporters of Take Back Power, a nonviolent civil-resistance group, demanding that the UK government establish a ‘House of the People’- a permanent citizen-led assembly with the power to tax extreme wealth. [1]

At 9am this morning, two young people carrying a giant Keir Starmer papier mache head locked themselves in front of Carriage Gate, blocking access to Parliament. They could be seen holding placards which read “Cut the Corruption”. By around 10am police arrived at the scene and had cut through the papier mache head.

A spokesperson for Take Back Power said:

*"We're calling on Keir Starmer to resign. While Lord Mandelson is gone, the system that protected and empowered him remains. It's time to cut out the corruption at the heart of our democracy. While corporations and the super rich are splashing their cash to buy access to ministers and seats in the House of Lords, ordinary people are struggling to afford basic necessities."*

*"We need a radical overhaul so that democracy works for all of us, not just the privileged few. We have politicians in the pockets of billionaire pedophiles, they don't work for us. We need ordinary people in charge through a House of the People."*

One of those taking action today is Alice Jones, 20, a student from Manchester, who said:

*"It is absurd that we live in a country where 156 billionaires hoard wealth, splashing out on private jets, whilst ordinary people have to choose between heating their homes, or feeding their children; all while our country quickly descends into fascism."*

*"The politicians in our country are failing us. Ordinary people are being left to survive with the scraps: a crumbling NHS, extortionate food prices, and ever rising bills. The UK needs a permanent House of the People. It's time to take back power, tax the rich and fix Britain! Join us at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>)."*



(Left image credit to Jamie Lowe. Right image and main image credit to Will Colebourne.)

Also taking action is Bridie Leggatt, 22, who is also a student from Manchester, who said:

*"Spiralling wealth inequality is leading us to societal collapse. Our country is the sixth richest nation and yet it is home to 4 million children living in poverty. Our political system doesn't function fairly. We need ordinary people in the decision making seats deciding how to fix this; not corrupt politicians in the pockets of the super rich."*

*“There IS a solution to inequality, but our government simply won’t do what’s necessary. We cannot let political parties use scapegoated minorities to distract us from what is needed: a tax on the super rich.”*



(Image credit to Will Colebourne.)

Today’s action comes just days after the MET police began criminal investigations into Peter Mandelson, Starmer’s former ambassador to the US, over allegations that he passed market-sensitive information to the pedophile financier Jeffrey Epstein.

New allegations from recently released Epstein files also allege that Peter Mandelson’s husband accepted money from Jeffrey Epstein after his prison sentence over child sexual offences. [2]

But the corruption doesn’t end there, recent research by the Guardian showed that almost a third (266 out of 800) members of the House of Lords have given donations to political parties, some 115 of them before they were given peerages. [3]

Recent media reports have revealed that Labour government ministers have met with the arms industry, banks and big oil hundreds of times, while half the cabinet have taken cash from pro-Israel lobbyists. The Party even offered sponsorship deals for £55,000 to allow businesses to host lunches for ministers at the Labour conference. [4][5][6]

Meanwhile, inequality is spiralling out of control. Student nurses say they are sleeping in their cars, going to food banks and relying on lecturers to buy them food, while nearly half of Brits would struggle to pay for basic necessities if they lost their jobs. Given this, it is not surprising that faith in political institutions has collapsed, with 87 per cent of Britons across all parties having either not very much trust in politicians or none at all. [7][8][9]

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**ENDS**



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## **Police arrest 15 Take Back Power supporters at a nonviolence training event**

[March 5, 2026\(https://takebackpower.net/2026/03/05/\)](https://takebackpower.net/2026/03/05/)



15 Take Back Power supporters were arrested during a nonviolence training this evening being held in the Westminster Quaker Meeting House. Take Back Power is a nonviolent campaign demanding a tax on extreme wealth, to be decided by a 'House of the People.' [1]

At around 18:35 a number of police officers forced entry into the Westminster Quakers meeting house. They proceeded to arrest 15 people on suspicion of conspiracy to commit theft. Two of those arrested were acting as legal observers. During the raid an ambulance had to be called as one person

suffered a panic attack after being arrested. Those arrested were sent to Brixton and Walworth police stations where one person was subsequently bailed. 14 remain in custody. [2]

(<https://takebackpower.net>)

A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*“The police arrested fifteen ordinary people in a place of worship for discussing nonviolent civil disobedience. This draconian overreach shows what the state is willing to do to protect corporate profits and billionaires, while ordinary people struggle to put food on the table.*

*The state is scared of civil disobedience because it works. But when the super-rich have captured our politics, nonviolent civil disobedience is the only choice we have to take back our power. Now more than ever, we need everyone to join us: sign up at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net).”*

In their statement, the MET police referenced last year’s unprecedented raid on Westminster Quakers and the arrests of Youth Demand supporters meeting about the genocide in Gaza, which drew widespread condemnation from faith groups. One of the people arrested this evening had also been previously arrested during last year’s raid on Westminster Quakers. [3]

**ENDS**



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## Take Back Power supporters redistribute food from supermarkets to those most in need

March 14, 2026(<https://takebackpower.net/2026/03/14/>)



Take Back Power supporters have been redistributing food from supermarkets to local foodbanks across the country this morning. Take Back Power is a nonviolent civil-resistance group, demanding that the UK government establish a 'House of the People'- a permanent citizen-led assembly with the power to tax extreme wealth. [1]

From around 8:30 this morning, teams across four UK cities- Manchester, London, Exeter and Truro, entered supermarkets and began putting food and necessities into boxes emblazoned with 'These things are going to those that need them'. The Take Back Power supporters left the shops without paying for the produce and then redistributed these items to local food-bank drop off points.

In Exeter, a team of five supporters took five boxes of produce from Morrison's supermarket in Prince Charles Road, however were stopped by security who took away two of five boxes. The remaining three boxes were successfully

liberated and taken to a local food-bank drop off point.

~~Local~~ ~~Food~~ ~~Bank~~, in London, on liberating boxes of food, two supporters set up a stall outside Sainsburys in the Lewisham centre, to give the food back to the local community. Security staff arrived by around 9:40 and police arrived onsite at around 9:50. No arrests have been made as of yet and the supporters left at around 10am. (<https://takebackpower.net>)

In Manchester, three action takers filled boxes with food from Tesco, on Pars Wood Lane in Didsbury. All three left the store without incident and redistributed the food to a food-bank drop off point at a local Aldi.

In Truro, two supporters loaded boxes from the Sainsburys on Treyew Rd and left the produce at the foodbank drop-off point in the same store.

A spokesperson for Take Back Power said:

*“It is sickening that 6.5 million people in the UK are forced to turn to food banks every year and a third of children under five are living in homes where there is insufficient access to nutritious food. This is because our country is in crisis, with billionaires hoarding wealth, whilst ordinary people suffer. We need to tax extreme wealth to fix Britain, and we need ordinary people to decide how.”*



(Credit for image on the left and far right to The Canary)

One of those taking action today is Eve Middleton 25, from Manchester, who said:

*“I refuse to sit by while billionaires hoard wealth and capture our democracy. We can all see the impacts of inequality on our streets, in our schools and hospitals and in our own homes. Taxing the super rich is the first simple step to solving these crises. Yet our political system will not deliver a wealth tax, as it is rigged to*

benefit parasitic billionaires instead of the masses. It's time for ordinary people to be put at the heart of decision making, through a House of the People with powers to tax the rich and fix Britain.”

(<https://takebackpower.net>)



(Credit for image to The Canary)

Also taking action is Ruth Cook, 74, a company director from Somerset, who said:

“I’m taking this action and risking arrest because we have a terrible situation in this country. Families are struggling and children are going hungry, while the profits some companies make are obscene. The answer is to tax the super-rich. I’m taking this food and delivering it to a food bank collection point because we need to do something about this. We need to tax the super rich and give ordinary people a say in how our taxes are spent. Join us at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>).”



Today's action comes in the wake of the raid of a Quakers meeting house and the arrest of 15 people during a nonviolence training last week. One other was arrested at their home on Thursday and the houses of seven supporters have been raided by police in connection with these actions so far. (<https://takebackpower.net>)

This occurs as the UK remains in crisis. Last year, 14 million people in the UK faced the prospect of going hungry due to a lack of money. Whilst in 2024, 6.5 million people turned to food banks. [2]

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**ENDS**



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## Seven arrested at Nonviolence training event as Take Back Power supporters homes raided

April 19, 2026(<https://takebackpower.net/2026/04/19/>)



Seven people have been arrested at a nonviolence training event held in London. The training was held by Take Back Power, a nonviolent campaign demanding a tax on extreme wealth, to be decided by a 'House of the People.' [1]

At around 12:30 yesterday, dozens of officers raided Millman Street Community Centre in London. Officers arrived in three vans, arresting six people under suspicion of 'conspiracy to commit theft.' One of those arrested was an undercover Daily Mail journalist.

At around 15:20 on Saturday the home of Take Back Power supporter was also raided. The supporter wasn't home and on learning there was a warrant for their arrest they handed themselves in. The police subsequently raided their home for a second time at around 2am this morning.

This weekend's raids occur as Take Back Power supporters joined a counter demonstration in Manchester yesterday, opposing Britain First, a far-right demonstration which was marching in the city. Groups opposing fascist demonstrators were kettled, beaten with truncheons and pepper-sprayed by police.

A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*“Once again the police are raiding homes and community centres, arresting people for simply learning about nonviolence. Meanwhile, police protect fascists marching in Manchester and kettle and beat counter-protestors instead. Such is the state of civil liberties in the UK in 2026. The government and police care more about protecting the interests of corporations and billionaires than protecting the people of this country. We’ve got to make politics work for ordinary people. We need a House of the People with powers to tax the billionaires destroying this country. If you want to help us make it happen sign up at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>).”*



On Saturday, police also attended and shut down a nonviolence training being held in Falmouth, no arrests were made, however the event was cancelled.

Today’s raids continue the escalating repression being imposed on nonviolent campaigns. Police have so far shut down four nonviolence trainings held by Take Back Power, in some instances raiding places of worship.

These raids echo the widely unpopular and unprecedented raid in 2025 on Westminster Quakers where Youth Demand supporters were meeting to discuss the genocide in Gaza, which drew widespread condemnation from faith groups.

[2]

**ENDS**



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## “Nigel for Sale”- Take Back Power takes action at Sotheby’s

April 27, 2026(<https://takebackpower.net/2026/04/27/>)



Two Take Back Power supporters have taken action at Sotheby’s auction house. Take Back Power is a nonviolent campaign demanding a tax on extreme wealth, to be decided by a ‘House of the People.’ [1]

At around 11:15 this morning, two Take Back Power supporters covered a painting at Sotheby’s Orientalist art pre-auction exhibition, with a picture of Nigel Farage’s face. The image read “*Nigel for sale: £100,000- bought by Sotheby’s*”. The painting covered is King Wilhelm I’s Arabian Stallion ‘Tursi’ by Friedrich Nerly, which is expected to sell for between £80,000- £120,000.

By around 11:35 the action takers had been removed from the building by security, however police didn’t arrive on the scene. At around mid-day, the action takers attempted to hand themselves in at Charing Cross police station. Thus far, no arrests have been made.

Sotheby's describes itself as *the 'world's premier destination for art and luxury'*. Best known for its fine art auctions, it also has a luxury real estate company — Sotheby's realty which has donated £100,000 to Reform. [2]

(<https://takebackpower.net>)

A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*“Reform claims to be on the side of working people. If that were true, why would the ‘world’s premier destination for art and luxury’, be giving them a donation of £100,000 in exchange for yet more tax breaks on the super rich if they get into power?”*

*“Reform is another party of the same corrupt corporations and super-rich who are destroying our country, putting the burden of fixing Britain onto working people. In order to fix Britain we need a mass redistribution of wealth and power away from the 1%, back to working people. Help us fix Britain at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>).”*



One of those taking action today is Elvis, a delivery driver from Bolton, who said:

*“I’m taking action with Take Back Power in order to highlight corruption and inequality in the UK. Sotheby’s have donated 100,000 to Reform plc, in exchange for more tax breaks for the super wealthy if they get elected.”*

*“Meanwhile millions of families still struggle to put food on the table every single day. We can make a change if we all come together and build a system that’s fairer and more representative of the British people. To find out more go to [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>).”*

Also taking action today is Jimmy, 74, a retired NGO worker, from London who said:

*“There was a time when the super-rich would be taxed at a much higher rate than ordinary working people, and we had a functioning health system and affordable housing. Nowadays corporations and billionaires pay next to no tax through using loopholes and offshore accounts.”*

*“Reform wants to give even more tax breaks to the super wealthy who are already breaking Britain. We need ordinary people at the heart of deciding how to tax extreme wealth to begin fixing Britain. This is why we are calling for a permanent citizen’s assembly, with the power to tax extreme wealth- a **House of the People.**”*  
(<https://takebackpower.net>)

Reform is backed primarily by the super-rich and corporations. This includes donations from crypto-billionaire Christopher Harborne, Claudia Harmsworth, wife of the owner of the Daily Mail- Lord Rothermere, and London’s leading luxury interior designers- Interior Architecture Landscape. [2]

We need to Take Back our Power from the super-rich, which is why Take Back Power is demanding that the UK government establish a permanent House of the People- a citizen’s assembly chosen by democratic lottery, that has the power to tax extreme wealth and fix Britain.

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## Take Back Power ‘take over’ the playgrounds of the super-rich

April 30, 2026(<https://takebackpower.net/2026/04/30/>)



Take Back Power supporters have been ‘taking over’ the playgrounds of the super-rich this morning. Take Back Power is a nonviolent campaign, demanding a tax on extreme wealth, to be decided by a ‘House of the People.’ [1]

At around 10 this morning, 22 Take Back Power supporters occupied a Ferrari dealership in Berkeley Square, they could be heard chanting “WE DEMAND EQUALITY!” and “THE BILLIONAIRES HAVE GOT TO GO!”. By around 10:30 the group left the store.

At around 11:30, the group reconvened at Burlington Arcade- the world’s first modern shopping mall, which positions itself as an ‘elegant and exclusive upmarket shopping venue’. The group could be seen holding signs which read “HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE” and “4 MILLION KIDS IN POVERTY”, which were quickly seized by door staff.

By around 12:20, the group had moved on to the food hall at the luxury department store, Harrod's. Security was much more reactive, dragging Take Back Power supporters from the building.

(<https://takebackpower.net>)  
A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*“This country is in crisis and everyone knows it! The people to blame are the corporations and super-rich who are extracting every last penny from working people, and then using their ownership of the media to distract people into blaming the poor and migrants. Nothing short of a massive transfer of wealth and power away from the 1% and back to working people can hope to fix Britain. Join us at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>).”*



One of those taking action today is Robert Pembroke, 43, a builder and dad from Devon, who said:

*It's time ordinary people take back our power from the super-rich. Inequality is spiralling out of control, 50 families in the UK hold more wealth than 50% of the country. Around the world, it's even worse with eight men holding more wealth than 50% of the world's population!”*

*“It is obscene to allow this, people are dying. We need ordinary people, taking part in a permanent citizens' assembly- a **House of the People** deciding how to tackle this. To find out more go to [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>).”*



Also taking action today is Ana Heyatawin, 63, a grandmother from Somerset, who said:



*“Inequality, which is being imposed on ordinary people by big business, billionaires and the politicians who work for them, is killing people right now. More than a third of people in the UK now don’t earn enough to buy life’s essentials.”*

*“We need ordinary people at the heart of deciding how to tax extreme wealth to begin fixing this mess. This is why we are calling for a permanent citizen’s assembly, with the power to tax extreme wealth- a **House of the People.**”*

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## Take Back Power supporters redistribute essential items whilst occupying high-end stores and hotels

May 1, 2026(<https://takebackpower.net/2026/05/01/>)



Take Back Power supporters have been occupying the playgrounds of the wealthy this morning, and have liberated items from a superstore to redistribute them back to the communities that need them. Take Back Power is a nonviolent campaign, demanding a tax on extreme wealth, to be decided by a **'House of the People.'** [1]

At around 9 this morning, three Take Back Power supporters entered the Tesco Extra on Acre Lane in Brixton, and took essential items from the shelves and left without paying. The action takers then donated the items at a local food-bank

drop-off point. At around 10am, all three attempted to hand themselves in at Brixton Police Station. So far none have been arrested.

At 11:45, around a further 18 Take Back Power supporters occupied the luxury department store Liberty, on Regent Street in London. They could be seen holding signs which read '3 MILLION HOUSEHOLDS SKIPPING MEALS' and 'TAX THE SUPER-RICH NOW.'

At around 1pm, this group then reconvened, disrupting access to the luxury hotel, Claridges. The group could be heard chanting "WE DEMAND EQUALITY!" and 'HOW DO WE TAX THE SUPER RICH?- A HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE!' as security attempted to move the supporters away from the door.

A Take Back Power spokesperson said:

*"Take Back Power is calling for an emergency '**House of the People**' to deal with the cost of living crisis. When politicians are too busy lining their pockets to fix our problems, we need the people most impacted to have a seat at the table. A **House of the People** selected by democratic lottery, like a jury, is a no-brainer solution to cut out the corruption and decide how to redistribute wealth."*



One of those taking action redistributing food today is Moshe Dixon, 25, from Dundee said:

*"My mother came from poverty and fought tooth and nail to give me a better future. Like so many mothers she was promised that hard work would be rewarded, yet we are living in a country where so many families can't make ends meet despite working multiple jobs."*

*"6.5 million people had to turn to foodbanks in 2024. Meanwhile the CEO of Tesco is taking home 430 times the pay of the average Tesco employee, and the rich are paying a smaller share of tax than working people. We need an assembly of ordinary people coming together to decide how to tax extreme wealth in order to fix our broken country. Join us at [takebackpower.net](https://takebackpower.net) (<https://takebackpower.net>)."*



Also taking action today occupying high-end stores and hotels, is Hannah McDonald, 20, a student from Liverpool, who said:

*“Fourteen million people last year were faced with the prospect of going hungry, in this, the 6th richest nation on earth! Now we have a cost of living tsunami on the way and the government is nowhere to be seen.”*

*“This is broken Britain. We need a **House of the People**— an assembly with real power, where ordinary mums, nurses, posties & cleaners, get a real say in how to take back our power from the super rich, and redistribute that wealth and power back to working people.”*

Today’s actions come as the UK braces for food shortages and soaring prices as a result of the war in Iran, as rising fuel, fertiliser and commodity prices begin to feed into business costs. [2]

It’s time we take on the super-rich who are profiteering from a world in crisis. This is why Take Back Power is demanding that the UK government establish an emergency **House of the People**— a citizen’s assembly chosen by democratic lottery, that has the power to tax extreme wealth and fix Britain.

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- (2) LONDON LUTON AIRPORT OPERATIONS LIMITED
- (3) NEWCASTLE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT LIMITED
- (4) NIAL SERVICES LIMITED

Claimants

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AS MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE AMENDED CLAIM FORM

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**Look what you made me do.**



Two young people received suspended sentences today for spray-painting two private jets at Stansted Airport in June 2024 to demand the UK government negotiate a treaty to phase out oil and gas by 2030. [1]

They were found guilty of criminal damage at Chelmsford Crown Court in September. Jennifer Kowalski, 29, from Dumbarton received a 5 month custodial sentence suspended for 12 months, Cole Macdonald, 23, from Brighton was handed a six week custodial sentence suspended for 8 months plus 20 days rehabilitative activity. The two had cut through the wire perimeter fence at Stansted and sprayed paint from a fire extinguisher onto two private jets parked at Stansted Airport, just hours after Taylor Swift's plane had landed. [2]

At trial, the prosecution claimed the planes required extensive professional cleaning costing about £12,000. Judge Mill ruled the damage too serious for the defendants to rely on their rights to free expression and assembly under Articles 10 and 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights. The jury was therefore not allowed to consider whether restricting those rights was a proportionate response to the alleged damage. [3]

After their arrest both were held for 11 days on remand, until released on bail. Cole then spent 39 weeks on curfewed tag (this equals a four month custodial sentence) While tagged Cole was arrested five times for breach of bail, approximately once every two months. Once she was being held in police custody, another time she was in hospital seeking treatment for back pain after informing the monitoring service. None of the five arrests resulted in breaching bail being proven.

Before sentencing Jennifer Kowalski, 29, a former sustainability manager from Dumbarton, said:

*"Whilst Taylor and her fans have been celebrating her eras, we have entered a new one – the era of global boiling. This is an era that will not end with a rebrand; it will end all others. As a former Swiftie, I know what Taylor stands to lose, because there is no folklore without human culture, no music on a dead planet.*

*"The court system can take our freedom, our autonomy, our dignity, and deny us basic rights. But they can never take my convictions, to fight for a future for us all. Whatever happens in a court room, that is who I am today, and they can never change that."*

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said

*This trial, the saga of mismanaged draconian bail conditions and the sentences demonstrates, again, the establishment will protect the wealthy and privileged while punishing those seeking to protect us and defend our freedoms and natural justice.*

In just seven months of 2022, Taylor Swift's private jet logged 170 flights – 15.9 full days in the air, averaging 80 minutes and 139 miles per trip. Yard, the sustainability marketing firm that compiled the data, estimated her total carbon emissions at 8,293.54 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>, more than 1,100 times that of an ordinary person over an entire year. [4]

A study published in Nature and reported by National Geographic found that private aviation generated at least 15.6 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> in 2023, with an average of 3.6 tonnes emitted per flight. Almost half of all private-jet journeys were under 500 kilometres,

and around one in five covered less than 200 kilometres, distances that could often be travelled by rail or road. The researchers noted that some aircraft models can emit more carbon in a single hour than an average person produces in an entire year. [5] [6]

The music industry, and even artists of Taylor Swift's stature, are not shielded from the accelerating climate collapse. In November 2023, 23-year-old Ana Clara Benevides collapsed and later died from heat exhaustion while attending Swift's concert in Rio de Janeiro during a record-breaking heatwave that pushed temperatures above 40°C. [7]

In recent months, the musician Steve Miller cancelled his entire North American tour citing the growing threat of extreme weather, describing the decision as unavoidable in light of intensifying heat, floods and wildfires. Artists and organisers are already facing rising costs, cancellations and safety risks as performances are disrupted by record temperatures and severe storms. Extreme weather, driven by fossil fuel combustion, is already endangering lives and reshaping the conditions in which global entertainment operates. [8]

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# Two Just Stop Oil supporters found guilty for Heathrow paint spraying following retrial

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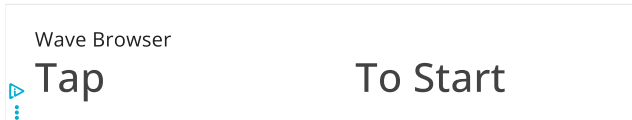


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Two [Just Stop Oil supporters](#) who [sprayed Heathrow departure boards with orange paint](#) during the Oil Kills international uprising to end fossil fuels in July 2024 have been found guilty in a retrial after the jury in an earlier trial failed to reach a majority decision.

Phoebe Plummer and Jane Touil were appearing before Judge Duncan at Isleworth Crown Court for the second time on a charge of criminal damage over £5,000 for [their action on 30 July 2024 to demand a fossil fuel treaty to end oil and gas by 2030](#).

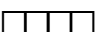
The jury took four-and-a-half hours to reach a majority verdict of 10-2. Following the verdict, Touil said:



*Since I took action, global fossil fuel use and emissions have continued to rise. More than ever, we need a global fossil fuel treaty to help governments rapidly phase out fossil fuels.*

*What we do at this moment in history matters. But there is a difference between laws and morality. The courts apply the law made by powerful people. Morals come from within. It is our morals that give us our conscience. I have always tried to live according to my conscience.*

Plummer said:



*The climate crisis is the greatest injustice that humanity has ever faced. We should all consider what to do at this time. No individual caused this crisis and no one is solely responsible for stopping it. But we can choose what we do to alleviate suffering.*

*I feel compelled to act to be a responsible citizen, a loving aunt and a good person. It compels me to hope for a better future and one where my nephew grows up.*

*I didn't think the action would change government policy. But non violent civil resistance is a necessary part of tackling the climate crisis and I'm grateful and proud to have been part of that.*

Plummer was remanded for 58 days and Touil for 14 days following the 2024 action in which the pair used fire extinguishers to spray diluted water-based paint in Heathrow Terminal 5 including at the departure boards. The Crown alleged that the action caused £8,000 worth of damages and that three of the display screens needed to be replaced.

## Judge ruled out various defences for Heathrow action

At trial, Judge Duncan ruled out several legal defences for the action including those of 'reasonable excuse' under Articles 10 and 11 of the ECHR, 'necessity' and 'self defence' on the grounds that the threat from climate change was not proximate enough and the actions too far removed from the threat.

The defendants were allowed to argue belief in consent: that they honestly believed the owners of Heathrow would have consented to the damage if they knew of its circumstances. However, evidence of the relevant circumstances was to be limited to the fact that it was a climate protest with all evidence about the scale and urgency of the climate crisis ruled 'irrelevant and therefore inadmissible'.

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In giving evidence, Touil said:

*I genuinely and sincerely believed that if the shareholders [of Heathrow] had a full understanding of the situation we are in they would have given their consent to our action.*

*Most people believe there is something that is wrong with climate but not many people have access to the full situation because the fossil fuel industry has used their immense wealth to ensure that governments do not act and it is not reported in the mainstream media.*

*So I don't know if shareholders have a full understanding, but I know that if they did, they would be doing all in their power to stop fossil fuels because there will be no business as usual, no functioning society, half the population could be wiped out along with 50% of global GDP. I think shareholders want to protect their investment but they also want a future for their kids.*

In her evidence Plummer said:

*I want to make it very clear that this was not a protest against Heathrow, or anyone flying through Heathrow that day. It's true that the aviation industry is especially harmful to the climate in terms of emissions, though it is a small number of frequent fliers and private jet users who cause the vast majority of this harm, not families who save up for a holiday once a year.*

*But this wasn't about getting people to stop flying. I made this individual change to live in line with my values, but honestly I know that it's pretty inconsequential. Even if we all woke up tomorrow and stopped flying and went vegan, it would be like mopping up a spill from an overflowing bath whilst leaving the tap on.*

*All individual changes are like this when we are facing a systemic issue. If fossil fuels are extracted from the ground, then they will all be burnt, even if it's not on a flight that you're on. We need*

systemic change, that has always been Just Stop Oil's demand.

My intention was not to cause damage. My intention was to take part in an act of nonviolent civil resistance, raising a serious alarm bell to the catastrophic future in store for us if we persist in our addiction to fossil fuels.

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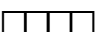
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# Just Stop Oil activists who sprayed Stonehenge with orange powder cleared of criminal damage

They cited human rights law in their defence

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Three **Just Stop Oil activists** who took part in a protest in which **Stonehenge** was sprayed with orange powder have been found not guilty of criminal damage and causing a public nuisance.

It follows a trial at **Salisbury Crown Court** where they cited **human rights law** in their defence.

Then-Oxford University student Niamh Lynch, 23, and Rajan Naidu, 74, had been accused of using two colour blasters filled with cornflour, talc and an orange dye to spray the monument.

Salisbury Crown Court was told the pair – along with a third activist, Luke Watson, 36 – targeted Stonehenge as part of an ongoing fossil fuel protest by the Just Stop Oil group the day before the 2024 summer solstice.

About 15,000 people were due to gather and celebrate at the monument.

Naidu and Lynch had crossed the boundary ropes and trespassed into the area around the monument before launching the attack.



Just Stop Oil protesters sit down after an orange substance was sprayed on Stonehenge (PA Media)

Watson had bought the equipment used in the attack and had driven his co-accused to Stonehenge that morning.

Prosecutors alleged the protest had been “carefully planned” and was filmed by other Just Stop Oil supporters with footage released publicly afterwards.

Simon Jones, prosecuting, said: “Putting it simply, we say they were all in it together.

“The prosecution say that this is an act of blatant and clear vandalism. The intention is undoubtedly to make a statement.”

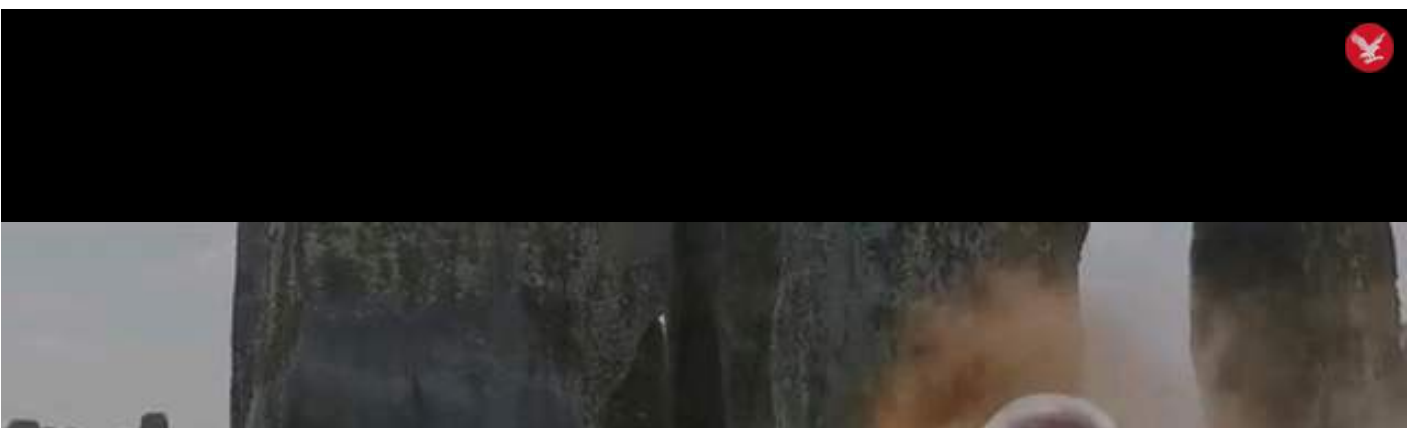
After the attack, Naidu and Lynch, who were both wearing white Just Stop Oil T-shirts, sat down in silence in front of the stones until they were arrested.

The court heard the stones were promptly cleaned. The costs of removing the powder totalled £620.

Mr Jones added: “Stonehenge is arguably the best recognised and architecturally sophisticated prehistoric stone circle in the world, built around 5,000 years ago.

“The site in Wiltshire is visited by members of the public from all over the world, providing both an education and spiritual experience.

“The stones are a protected ancient monument.”





Judge Paul Dugdale told the jury in his legal directions they had to assess where the “balance lies” in the case and whether a conviction would be a “proportionate interference” with the defendants’ rights.

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“In any society there will be those whose opinions we agree with and those whose opinions we disagree,” he said.

“The essence of a free society and freedom of speech is that everyone’s entitled to express their opinion even when we disagree with what they say.

“If individuals disagree with what our government is doing on certain matters, they are entitled to protest about the government’s actions or inactions.

“All of this is the essence of our free society. It’s how our society has developed over the centuries, and the reality is we are very fortunate to live in a free society.

“There are times when protecting the right to freedom of speech and freedom to protest can mean that activity that would otherwise be unlawful would be regarded as lawful by the court to protect those rights.”

The jury found Naidu, of Gosford Street, Birmingham; Lynch, of Norfolk Road, Turvey, Bedford; and Watson, of The Street, Manuden, Essex, each not guilty of the two charges after deliberating for six hours.

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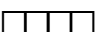
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## Three Just Stop Oil supporters walk free after trial for M25 gantry action

Court & Prison, Press / September 11, 2025

Three Just Stop Oil supporters were found not guilty of public nuisance at Guildford Crown Court today, after peacefully climbing gantries on the M25 in 2022, to demand an end to new fossil fuel projects.[1]

Sam Holland, Rachel Payne and Isabel Rock took action on the M25 on 9th November 2022. They were

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During the trial the prosecution emphasised that this was a planned and coordinated action that resulted in significant delays to the travelling public, that all three defendants were trespassing in a place that was forbidden to the public and that they had taken considerable risks with public safety. Giving evidence National Highways Ltd claimed that traffic was delayed by between 4 and 5 hours and that between 9,000 and 30,000 vehicles were impacted. None of the defendants denied the indictment, but they argued that they had a reasonable excuse for their actions.

Sam Holland argued that he had wanted to prevent harm. He had read academic papers which pointed to catastrophic consequences for humanity from burning fossil fuels, including food system collapse.

Rachel Payne explained that she took action because she was fearful for her children and grandchildren about government inaction on the climate crisis. She highlighted the government breaking its 2015 climate agreements by offering new fossil fuel licences.

Isabel Rock said that she felt a duty to look after people younger than herself and that the climate crisis is going to touch every single part of their lives. Taking action was something she weighed up very seriously and that as a self employed person, she knew how hard it was for people to earn money and to get by. However she felt that if they could see some of these agreed facts about the seriousness of the climate crisis, she hoped they would understand.

The Judge, Recorder L Harris, ruled that it was for the jury to decide whether or not the supporters had a reasonable excuse for their actions.

In their closing speeches, all the defendants were able to refer to the agreed facts in the case, which included several key facts relating to the climate crisis.

In his closing speech, Sam Holland said:

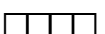
*"We brought evidence on the largest evil committed in human history: the continued drilling and burning of oil and gas in full knowledge that large parts of humanity will be killed. The prosecution has said that these are beliefs. They are not beliefs. This is not a cause. This is not another 'issue'. This is billions of deaths. Not according to me, according to the world's leading scientists. These are the facts. If we hit 3C of warming by 2050, there could be four billion human deaths. Half of the world's current population.*

*"What was the UK government doing? It was issuing over 100 new licences for companies to explore and drill oil and gas in the North Sea. In the knowledge of everything I've just said, which is public knowledge and has been known for decades, the government was still wanting to drill. Unimaginable evil. We all talked about how we had extensively tried other methods for making change. Signing petitions, emailing MPs, going on conventional marches... So we had to turn to disruptive action."*

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*"I thank the members of the Jury deeply for their 'common sense' verdict — they were actually permitted to hear the several climate related agreed facts, which were read out to them, about the severe threats the present emergency poses to our world and they listened!*

*I thank the prosecution for agreeing to those facts following earlier trials I attended in which the 'whole truth' was repeatedly denied to the Jury. I thank the Judge for allowing them to decide that we "more likely than not" had a reasonable excuse for what we did.*

*In my statement to the police, I urgently expressed my fears for my family and world and my hopes for an 'eco-U- turn'. With this acquittal, I feel this may be closer to being made possible. The tide may well be turning if the agreed facts on climate, allowed in this trial, can become widely known and acted upon internationally."*

In 2024 Just Stop Oil successfully won its original demand of 'no new oil and gas' and on March 27th 2025 announced an end to the campaign of action. However, our supporters will continue to tell the truth in court, to speak out for our political prisoners and to help build what comes next.

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# Eight JSO supporters acquitted of public nuisance after petrol station action



**M** JSO activists blocking a service station on the M25 in August 2022. Photo: Just Stop Oil



**E**IGHT Just Stop Oil activists have been cleared of causing a public nuisance after disrupting Britain’s largest petrol station.

Michael Davies, Charles Laurie, Phoebe Frewer, Sophie Sharples, Tez Burns, Peter Lay, Gareth Harper and Emma Ireland took action at Cobham motorway services in Surrey in August 2022.

As part of a wider campaign targeting petrol stations along the M25, the activists were among a group of 35 who also took action at Clacket Lane services in Kent and Thurrock services in Essex.

At Guildford Crown Court on Wednesday, all eight defendants were found not guilty of intentionally or recklessly causing a public nuisance by blocking the entrance to Cobham services.

However, Mx Burns and Mr Lay were found guilty of causing criminal damage, while Mr Laurie was found guilty of possession of a hammer with intent to damage property after two petrol pumps were damaged.

Following the verdict, Ms Ireland said: “I am grateful to the judge and the prosecution for allowing the agreed facts on the climate crisis to have played a part in this trial and for allowing us to speak to our motivations without fear of being found in contempt of court.

“The prosecution spoke about common sense and I was reminded that, in 2022, I felt that common sense would have been for the Conservative government to stop issuing new oil and gas licences, to show a commitment to reducing carbon emissions and, in turn, to offer some protection to humanity from the gravest predictions of climate collapse.”



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## Hung jury in latest Just Stop Oil gantry case

Court & Prison, Press / July 21, 2025

A Just Stop Oil supporter faces retrial after a jury was unable to reach a verdict in relation to her participation in the M25 gantry climbing actions in November 2022 demanding an end to new oil and gas licencing. [1]

A 12-member jury at Southwark Crown Court was unable to reach a verdict in the case of a Just Stop Oil supporter charged with the new statutory offence of 'causing a public nuisance' under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022, following more than 9 hours of deliberations over three days.

Theresa Norton, 66, a former councillor and carer, took part in a Just Stop Oil action on the M25 in November 2022, during which she climbed a gantry near junction 1b on 7 November, to demand an end to all new oil and gas projects – a demand that has since been adopted as official government policy. She did

The CPS has now been allowed 7 days by Judge Tomlinson to determine whether it will pursue a retrial.

In her evidence to the Jury, Norton said:

*"I acted on my conscience. My despair turned into action into hope. Sadly, conscience is not a legal defence. Therefore, you'll be directed to ignore this evidence, all that I've said, and come to your verdict only on the evidence as presented by the prosecution. This leaves you with no choice, no agency, you have become part of the machinery of state. Accepting of the cognitive dissonance that can happily see a government declare such statements as seen in the Agreed Facts, whilst simultaneously issuing 130 new oil and gas licences, planning for extra runways at airports, building more roads, refusing to implement plans to insulate our badly designed cold and draughty homes, continuing with subsidies to fossil fuel companies to the tune of millions of pounds a week and delaying investment for sustainable green energy, because the fossil fuel lobby is powerful and generous with donations to influential think tanks.*

*The climate crisis was only getting worse in 2021. Talks by eminent climate scientists were telling us to act, do something. In 2022, a third of Pakistan was under flood water- 1700 dead, 13,000 injured, 8 million displaced. Portugal, Germany and France had rampant wildfires. In July there were wildfires in UK and 40 degrees in London for the first time. London Fire Brigade had its busiest day since WW2.*

*Civil resistance is a communicative act. It communicates that something is very wrong and needs to change. It is not trying to seize power in a violent armed revolution. It is nonviolent and peaceful. Facts, information and science do not motivate people to change. Tell a smoker that smoking kills and they'll carry on. Facts are not what powers the human heart. That's why just talking about science will not save us and quoting all the statistics in the world will not move us to change. You have to bring emotions into it. Nonviolent direct action has a history of effecting change. We've been vindicated. That oil and gas will stay in the sea. But I stand here because I maintain the courage of my convictions. I believe that when we see clearly through that state machinery, it is only our collective conscience that can truly be relied upon."*

During the trial, the Crown prosecution acknowledged the findings of the 2020 Net Zero Interim report, which stated:

*"Climate change is an existential threat to humanity. Without global action to limit greenhouse gas emissions, the climate will change catastrophically with almost unimaginable consequences for societies across the world."* [3]

Additionally, the prosecution agreed upon the established scientific consensus that warming exceeding 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels poses 'catastrophic' and 'irreversible' risks to humanity. It was further accepted that the average global temperature rise for the year ending 2024 was 1.65 degrees Celsius, with projections indicating that warming would permanently surpass 1.5 degrees Celsius before 2030.

Just Stop Oil continues to stand by those prosecuted for peaceful resistance against fossil fuel expansion in the face of rapidly accelerating climate collapse.

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April 26th 2025 was the last Just Stop Oil action, but our supporters will continue to tell the truth in the courts, speak out for our political prisoners, and call out the UK's oppressive anti-protest laws.

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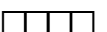
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# Palestine Action activists cleared of aggravated burglary at Israeli defence firm site

None of the six activists were convicted of any offence over break-in at Elbit Systems factory near Bristol in 2024

**Haroon Siddique** *Legal affairs correspondent*

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Six [Palestine Action](#) activists have been cleared of committing aggravated burglary over a break-in at an Israeli defence firm's UK site.

Charlotte Head, Samuel Corner, Leona Kamio, Fatema Rajwani, Zoe Rogers and Jordan Devlin were accused of threatening unlawful violence and [using sledgehammers](#) as weapons after a prison van was driven into Elbit Systems' factory in Filton, near Bristol, on 6 August 2024.

But after a trial at Woolwich crown court, south London, none were convicted of any offence.

All six were acquitted of aggravated burglary, which carries a maximum sentence of life imprisonment, and jurors found Rajwani, Rogers and Devlin not guilty of violent disorder.

The jury deliberated for 36 hours and 34 minutes but could not reach verdicts for charges of criminal damage against any of the six defendants. This was in spite of all of the defendants, except Devlin, telling jurors they had entered the factory without permission and damaged Elbit's equipment including computers and drones.

Additionally, no verdict was reached in the allegation that Corner, 23, inflicted grievous bodily harm on police sergeant Kate Evans, or on the charges of violent disorder against Head, Corner and Kamio.

Before the verdicts on Wednesday, Mr Justice Johnson told the jurors he was not going to ask them to deliberate further, because “you believe that you can go no further than you have got to already”.

The activists hugged one another in the dock as a dozen of their supporters cheered from the public gallery above.

Deanna Heer KC, prosecuting, had told the jury that the defendants were all armed with sledgehammers, which she said were not only intended to be used to damage property but also as weapons “to be used if necessary to threaten and damage people”.


Heer alleged security guards were sworn at, had sledgehammers swung at them and were whipped, while one was sprayed with a foam fire extinguisher.

Rajiv Menon KC, representing Head, said any violence by the defendants was clearly unplanned, that the defendants had not expected security guards to enter the factory and were “completely out of their depth”.

**He compared Head to the suffragettes**, while describing Elbit Systems, of which Elbit Systems UK is a subsidiary, as a “dreadful company [that] has played a critical role in the killing of tens of thousands of Palestinians”.

The defence also argued that the security team had used excessive force and pointed to missing CCTV footage.

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During the trial one juror asked the judge whether it would count as a lawful excuse if a defendant believed they were performing a life-saving action by destroying weapons used to kill civilians in an illegal genocide. Johnson said it would not, but Menon reminded the jurors of their absolute right to acquit.

Heer and Johnson both told the jurors, before they began deliberating, that they should disregard their views on the conflict in the Middle East.

After the verdicts, Rogers’ mother, Clare, said: “Our loved one’s action against Elbit Systems and the state’s brutal response have exposed the true values of the government. The government is determined to do business with Israel and protect its weapons industry at any cost.

“Our loved ones dared to poke this beast - and no expense has been spared in policing, prosecuting and imprisoning them without trial. Imagine if the government had put the same amount of money, resources and political will into preventing a genocide.”

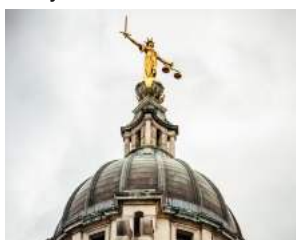
A spokesperson for Defend Our Juries, which has organised rallies opposing the ban on Palestine Action, **which took effect on 5 July last year**, said the verdicts were “a huge blow to government ministers” who had “tried to portray Palestine Action as a violent group to justify banning it under badly drafted terrorism legislation”.

Amnesty International also said it showed how disproportionate the proscription decision was.

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# Climate campaigners react to 'mixed' CLUED outcome as Leeds Bradford Airport night flights debate rumbles on



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## Leeds City Council are being urged to reconsider part of the ruling

Climate campaigners have reacted to a “mixed decision” on the future of Leeds Bradford Airport’s night flights restrictions.

The Group for Action on Leeds Bradford Airport (GALBA) say they are pleased that Leeds City Council has ruled that Leeds Bradford Airport cannot fly an unlimited number of planes at night. This is the result of the council’s decision to award a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use or Development (CLEUD) to the airport.

However, the climate campaigners say they strongly disagree with the City Council's view that LBA is allowed to fly an additional 941 planes per year at night.

Urging them to reconsider that part of the ruling, GALBA has sent a legal letter to the council and is exploring options to potentially challenge the ruling.



GALBA are unhappy that LBA is allowed to fly an additional 941 planes per year at night. | Simon Hulme

“Obviously, it’s disappointing that the council has allowed the CLEUD but it’s a mixed decision,” said Nick Hodgkinson, Chair of GALBA. “The good news is that they did not allow unlimited night time flying at LBA. That’s what the airport wanted and they failed.

“However, the council has allowed the airport to fly an additional 941 planes at night every year. We believe that part of the decision is legally incorrect and our lawyers have written to the council today, asking them to put it right.

“In practice, LBA will try to fly all of those additional planes during the summer months, causing a big increase in noise and pollution. That would be bad news for local people, the air we breathe and the climate we all depend on.”

GALBA has called into question Leeds City Council’s interpretation of the way that planning conditions 6 and 7 work after receiving updated legal advice.

Condition 6 lists all the types of aircraft that are lawfully allowed to fly at night. The council’s decision has ruled that the aircraft covered by the CLEUD are now lawfully allowed to fly at night, and therefore they are part of Condition 6.

Meanwhile, Condition 7 places limits on the total number of night flights that can be made by all the types of aircraft listed in Condition 6. The limits are 2,800 in summer and 1,200 in winter. These limits apply to all the aircraft covered by Condition 6, including those now approved by the CLEUD.