

On behalf of: the Claimant
By: Sean Foster Martell
No: 2
Exhibit: "SFM1"

Date: 26 March 2024

QB-2021-003576

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

KING'S BENCH DIVISION

BETWEEN:

NATIONAL HIGHWAYS LIMITED

Claimant

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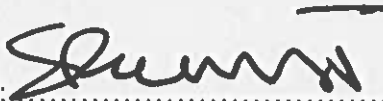
**(1) PERSONS UNKNOWN CAUSING THE BLOCKING OF, ENDANGERING,
OR PREVENTING THE FREE FLOW OF TRAFFIC ON THE M25
MOTORWAY, A2 A20 AND A2070 TRUNK ROADS AND M2 AND M20
MOTORWAY, A1(M), A3, A12, A13, A21, A23, A30, A414 AND A3113 TRUNK
ROADS AND THE M1, M3, M4, M4 SPUR, M11, M26, M23 AND M40
MOTORWAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTESTING
(2) MX CATHERINE RENNIE-NASH AND 9 OTHERS**

Defendants

EXHIBIT SFM2

This is the exhibit marked SFM2 referred to in the witness statement of Sean Foster Martell dated this 26th day of March 2024.

Signed:





BREAKING: INSULATE BRITAIN JOIN THE JUST STOP OIL COALITION. “WE NEED TO INSULATE BRITAIN. WE NEED TO JUST STOP OIL.”

[/ Press / By Insulate Britain Press](#)

15th February 2022, 9am

Insulate Britain announced today that we have joined Just Stop Oil – a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

While the government approves new oilfields, airports and coal mines and BP, Shell and other energy companies announce billions in profit, ordinary people are experiencing the worst cost of living crisis in living memory.

This crisis, which is driven by sharp increases in the cost of energy and food, will kill those in poverty. The standard of living for millions of us will decrease, for some people that may mean buying a £5 bottle of wine over a £10 one or forgoing that trip to the cinema, but for those of us already experiencing poverty this is gameover. It means no heating, no eating, no health, no home.

There is no doubt that cheap fossil fuels have generated enormous benefits for the economy and society over the last few hundred years, but fossil fuel extraction is proving to be more and more costly. The whole world, including the UK, must urgently end our reliance on fossil fuel energy. We cannot afford to burn all the reserves of oil and gas that have been discovered and maintain a habitable place to live in. We are facing catastrophic warming and the complete collapse of our society within a few decades.

We cannot transition away from oil towards clean energy as rapidly as we should unless the government insulates Britain and starts to make reducing energy demand and improving energy efficiency a focus for the entire nation. It is for that reason that we are entering into this coalition. If we do not work together, we will die together.

We need to Just Stop Oil. We need to Insulate Britain. We need free transport. So let's get on with the job and Just Do It!

ENDS

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[1] Insulate Britain understands that there will be a day of civil resistance on the M25 on Saturday 19th February at midday inspired by our campaign. The event named 'RAVE ON THE M25' has been arranged in response to public outrage at the Cost of Living Crisis and our government's seeming inability to lead with integrity and responsibility in times of crisis. We are aware some Insulate Britain Supporters will be in attendance. More info here: <https://fb.me/e/1mohQgaY1>

[2] As OFGEM announced energy prices would rise 54% last Thursday 5 people from Insulate Britain were sentenced to between 24 – 42 days in prison in the High Court for asking the government to ensure we can heat our homes using less energy last year. One of the 5, Ben Taylor received an additional sentence of 32 days despite already being in prison for nearly 3

months on a 6 month

sentence. <https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/price-cap-increase-ps693-april>

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[5] About Insulate Britain

Insulate Britain is a new campaign group that is calling on the UK government to put in place policy and funding for a national home insulation programme starting with all social housing.

We demand the Prime Minister and the government to [#getonwiththejob](#), face up to their responsibility and lead our country through the climate crisis.

We are ordinary British citizens with simple and achievable demands to [#INSULATEBRITAIN](#)

The UK government must immediately promise to fully fund and take responsibility for the insulation of all social housing in Britain.

We demand a national home insulation strategy that gives British people the justice they deserve: a future for our loved ones, lower energy bills and safer living conditions.

We are scared: our livelihoods are at risk and the futures of our children are uncertain

The Climate Crisis is a threat to all: we demand the government to act now.

Our Demands

1. That the UK government immediately promises to fully fund and take responsibility for the insulation of all social housing in Britain by 2025;
2. That the UK government immediately promises to produce within four months a legally binding national plan to fully fund and take responsibility for the full low-energy and low-carbon whole-house retrofit , with no externalised costs, of all homes in Britain by 2030 as part of a just transition to full decarbonisation of all parts of society and the economy.

Further information about Insulate Britain and our demands here: <https://www.insulatebritain.com/>

Technical Report on home energy efficiency here: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1jt5FI-kinEXoqZtPDrCvnAVQ2EFn8Aea/view>

Insulate Britain ‘Blue Lights’ policy: our policy is, and has always been to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with ‘blue lights’ on.

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We are in the Just Stop Oil Coalition! We are stronger together. Animal Rebellion will be joining Just Stop Oil to demand a just transition to sustainable solutions to the climate crisis. The world we live in is changing at an unprecedented rate as the effects of the climate crisis begin to impact more humans and animals. We are done with business as usual. We are ready for change. It's time to say no more to meat and dairy, it's time to say no more to fossil fuels and it's time to say YES to a world which is fair, just and kind to everyone. Next month is going to be HUGE and we need animal and climate justice to be at the heart of the action we will take.

We'll be on the streets in London alongside [Just Stop Oil](#) & [Extinction Rebellion UK](#) and all the other groups demanding change. Will you join us?

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Just Stop Oil campaigners stage noisy protest at Baftas

The group said they were demanding an 'end to new fossil fuel projects in the UK'.

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Activists during a protest by Just Stop Oil near the Royal Albert Hall, London during the Baftas (Tom Savage/PA) (PA Wire)



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A Just Stop Oil protest has taken place near the red carpet for the Bafta film awards.

Protesters at the **Royal Albert Hall** in **London** could be heard chanting “just stop oil” and banging drums while surrounded by police.

A statement from the organisation said that 30 young supporters of the campaign disrupted the event to “demand an end to new fossil fuel projects in the UK”.

The group wore T-shirts that said “Just Stop Oil” and “Just look up”, in reference to the 2021 film starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence which offers a satirical look at the climate change crisis.



Activists during a protest by Just Stop Oil near the Royal Albert Hall (Naomi Clarke/PA) (PA Wire)

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In a statement from the group, 23-year-old protester Claudia said: “I am here supporting Just Stop Oil because I am absolutely terrified about our future.

“Last year the UK Government’s former chief scientific adviser warned us that what we do within the next 3-4 years will determine the future of humanity.

“Yet our **Government**, knowing this, knowing that continuing to support the oil industry is a death sentence for us all, remains determined to drag us down this path of suffering and destruction. And the mainstream media doesn’t care.

“So we are asking those with power and influence to use it, to do what is necessary, and use their platform to demand the Government just stop oil. We have to act like our lives depend on it, because they do.”



Flares were let off near the red carpet (Tom Savage/PA) (PA Wire)

Dillon Parsons, 20, an aspiring filmmaker at the University for the Creative Arts, explained that he did not wish to disrupt the Baftas but felt he had “no choice” due to the “danger” of the climate crisis.

He added: “This is not a protest against the Baftas or the film industry, nor is it a publicity stunt. We couldn’t care less who wins what award. This is a cry for help from a generation who has the most to lose.”

Fatih Birol, executive director of the International Energy Agency, has previously said: “If governments are serious about the climate crisis, there can be no new investments in oil, gas and coal, from now – from this year.”

The Bafta ceremony at the Royal Albert Hall is being hosted by Hollywood actress Rebel Wilson, alongside stars such as Daniel Kaluuya, Emma Watson, Florence Pugh and **Tom Hiddleston** who will be presenting awards.

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The evening will also feature entertainment by Dame Shirley Bassey, performing a rendition of a Bond theme song to celebrate 60 years of the spy film franchise, and a video message from the Duke of Cambridge, who is the president of Bafta.

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Newsbeat

Just Stop Oil: Why protesters are tying themselves to goalposts

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By **Manish Pandey**

Newsbeat reporter

If you've been watching the football recently, you may have noticed there have been some pretty weird stoppages.

It's had nothing to do with VAR - or the actions of players.

Protesters have been running onto the pitch and attempting to tie, handcuff or glue themselves to the goalposts.

It's so far happened during four matches, with varying levels of success.

In the game between Everton and Newcastle on 17 March, the match had to be stopped while security attempted to remove 21-year-old Louis McKechnie - who was eventually cut free using a pair of bolt cutters and was led from the ground, to boos from the crowd, by police.

Merseyside Police have confirmed **he was arrested and charged** with pitch encroachment and aggravated trespass.

Who is responsible for these protests?

The group that has claimed responsibility is called Just Stop Oil.

They describe themselves as a "coalition of groups working together" to demand the government stop the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels like oil, gas and coal in the UK.

"We must urgently end our reliance on fossil fuels to avoid irreversible changes in the earth's climate system," their website says.

The group says it wants action both in the short and long-term to reduce demand for fossil fuel energy - such as home insulation and renewable energy.

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A protester attempting to attach themselves to a goalpost during the Arsenal and Liverpool game

If the tactics seem familiar, it's because - like other groups such as Extinction Rebellion and Insulate Britain - Just Stop Oil claim to be willing to use "non-violent civil resistance" to make their point in public spaces.

That includes things such as strikes, boycotts, mass protests and disruption.

Some people have criticised those types of methods as being too extreme and creating **too much disruption** to people's lives.

After the protest during the Everton game, presenter Gary Lineker **said in a tweet** whether "you approve of this young man's methods or not, he's right, his future is perilous".

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What the people involved say

In videos and messages posted online, those involved in the action have spoken about their involvement.

Kai, 20, locked onto the goalpost at the Emirates Stadium during the Arsenal vs Liverpool match on 16 March.

"I don't want food to run out for me or my loved ones when severe weather events mess up our food supply. I don't want billions of people to be forced from their homes," he says.

"If we lose control of our climate, which is exactly where we're headed at the moment, then we put everything and everyone at risk.

"My generation won't have a future."



| One of the four protesters at the Tottenham Hotspur and West Ham match

Louis said "it's 2022 and it's time to look up, time to step up and not stand by".

"It's time to act like it's an emergency," he adds.

Christy, who attempted to disrupt the Wolves vs Leeds game on Friday, said "it's ordinary people who suffer most".

He added: "I trust the people and the people need to know how serious this is".

Speaking before the Tottenham vs West Ham match this weekend, Nathan, 22 from Coventry said: "Right now millions around the world are reduced to fighting for their lives - rather than watching football."

"We don't have to stand by and watch this happen. Ordinary people can say no, not in my name."

Sport is not the only thing the group has been involved in disrupting, with protesters pictured at the Bafta Awards.



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| Just Stop Oil protesters at the Bafta Awards

Just Stop Oil have not yet responded to Newsbeat's request for further comment.

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Young supporters of Just Stop Oil glue themselves to a Turner painting at Manchester Art Gallery

Press / July 1, 2022

Two young supporters of Just Stop Oil have glued themselves to the frame of a painting at the Manchester Art Gallery, as they call for the government to end new oil and gas and for art institutions to join them in civil resistance.

The painting is Tomson's Aeolian Harp (1809) by J.M.W. Turner. It depicts a view overlooking the River Thames from Richmond Hill.

Paul Bell 21, a physics graduate from Birmingham said

"The youth of the world have literally nothing to lose anymore, we are a generation sacrificed. There are millions in fuel and food poverty, our wildlife and landscapes are devastated and we face famine and war. Our government is accelerating the chaos by allowing new fossil fuel infrastructure, we will not stand by and let this creeping evil continue.

"No-one gets a free pass. By refusing to use its power and influence to help end this madness, the art establishment is complicit in genocide. Directors of art institutions should be calling on the government to stop all new oil and gas projects immediately."

Edred Whittingham, 24, a Student at Exeter University said:

"I would like to say to anyone and everyone who is reading this, you may think this action is outrageous or scandalous but what choice do I have? The Government is knowingly destroying the futures of young people and condemning billions of people all over the world to death by continuing to license new fossil fuel infrastructure.

"How far would you be willing to go to save the life of someone you love? What about the future of humanity? I cannot carry on living my life as if this is not happening. I am willing to do anything I can to wake people up and to stop this grotesque catastrophe from unfolding, even if it means sacrificing my liberty."

According to flood risk mapping carried out by Climate Central, the areas of London that are depicted in Turner's painting could be regularly underwater as early as 2030. [1][2]

Yesterday two young supporters of Just Stop Oil were arrested at the Courtauld Gallery in London after they glued themselves to the frame of Peach Trees in Blossom by Vincent Van Gogh. Louis McKechnie, 21, from Weymouth in Dorset and Emily Brocklebank, 24, from Leeds were held in custody overnight.

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Young supporters of Just Stop Oil glue themselves to a Van Gogh painting

Press / June 30, 2022

Two young supporters of Just Stop Oil have glued themselves to the frame of a Vincent Van Gogh painting at the Courtauld Gallery in London, as they call for the government to end new oil and gas and for art institutions to join them in civil resistance.

The painting is Peach Trees in Blossom (1889), a view of an open plain outside Arles, France in early spring.

Louis McKechnie, 21, from Weymouth in Dorset said:

“As a kid I used to love this painting, my dad took me to see it when we visited London. I still love this painting, but I love my friends and family more, I love nature more. I value the future survival of my generation more highly than my public reputation.”

"The scientists are saying we need to end fossil fuel licensing and the government is pouring sand in their ears. I'm not willing to be marched to my death by the fossil fuel companies and their government puppets.

"It is immoral for cultural institutions to stand by and watch whilst our society descends into collapse. Galleries should close. Directors of art institutions should be calling on the government to stop all new oil and gas projects immediately. We are either in resistance or we are complicit."

Emily Brocklebank, 24 a psychology student from Leeds said:

"I'm taking action today because I can't live in a bubble of normality when society is collapsing around us and people in the global south are suffering so much. Billionaires are getting richer whilst nurses queue at food banks, tens of millions of people across the world are starving and half the world's population is exposed to extreme danger from heatwaves, floods, fires and famine. Meanwhile the art establishment, the politicians and the fossil fuel companies look the other way.

"I love art, everywhere I go I visit all the galleries. Art is so important, it captures history and a moment in time, but artists and the art establishment are failing us by focusing on the wrong things. We need everyone to focus on the government's genocidal plans to allow fossil fuel companies to drill for more oil. This is one of the greatest injustices in history. We must resist."

The action comes amid warnings that the Provence region painted by Van Gogh may soon be experiencing drought. After a dry winter and Spring in which rainfall levels were 45% below historic averages followed by an extreme heatwave in May and June, France is running desperately low on water. As of June 15th, 124 water restriction orders were in place across a total of 39 of France's 96 mainland départements. Extreme weather, coupled with strikes and civil unrest has prompted the Foreign Office to issue warnings to holiday makers about potential evacuation orders. [1][2][3]

Yesterday 5 young supporters of Just Stop Oil were arrested at the Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum in Glasgow after they sprayed paint on the walls and floors of the gallery and glued themselves to the frame of a 19th Century landscape painting by Horatio McCulloch, "My heart's in the Highlands". They are expected to appear at the Glasgow Sheriff's Court this afternoon.

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Two Students Spray Paint Three London Universities As Part of 'Just Stop Oil' Campaign

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Just Stop Oil supporters invade the track at Silverstone disrupting the British Grand Prix

Press / July 3, 2022

Five Just Stop Oil supporters have disrupted the British Grand Prix at Silverstone by invading the track and sitting down. They are demanding that the government calls an immediate halt to new oil and gas projects in the UK and have said that they will continue to disrupt sports, cultural events and oil until this demand is met.

The track invasion occurred during a halt in the race after an accident on the first lap. The Just Stop Oil supporters were removed by track officials and police and expect to be arrested.

Louis Mckechnie, 21, Weymouth said

"I'm in resistance because I cannot stand by while our government licenses new oil and gas projects. Our addiction to oil has brought us to the brink of catastrophe. Millions of people face starvation globally as a

result of climate breakdown and the fossil fuelled war in Ukraine. Hungry people are rioting, economies are collapsing – this is what happens when you run out of food.

“Our government is knowingly destroying my future and condemning billions of people to death all over the world. They have failed us, we will die waiting for politicians to solve this crisis. We refuse to be spectators to genocide. I urge everyone to join the Just Stop Oil coalition and resist this government’s genocidal plans. Nonviolent civil resistance is the only thing that can save us now.”

Bethany Mogie, 40, from St Albans said

“This is the most frightening thing I have ever done, but I’m supporting the Just Stop Oil coalition because I’m even more terrified about what this government is doing to our children. They are behaving criminally and I refuse to stand by and watch. If we do not act with urgency to end our reliance on fossil fuels, climate collapse will be inevitable and unstoppable. We will lose everything. ”

Joshua Smith, 29, a bricklayer from Manchester said

“Burning oil and gas is directly responsible for the climate crisis. If Governments aren’t made to end new fossil fuel projects then children alive today will grow up in a collapsing world with devastating heat waves, crop failure and ultimately no food on the shelves of Tesco. That means you having to explain to your children why they are going to bed hungry each night .

“Successive governments have had 30 years to fix this, it’s obvious that our political system cannot deal with such a monumental crisis. Resistance is the only sane response to this situation and it’s the only thing that will work. ”

Alasdair Gibson, 21, a student from Aberdeen said

“No one is exempt from the devastating consequences of climate change. It’s not a problem for tomorrow, it’s a threat we face today. It’s already here. Hundreds of millions of people across the world are exposed to drought and famine. Every region of the earth is exposed to extreme temperatures. We are living on borrowed time.”

“Our government is failing to take the necessary steps to keep its citizen’s safe, which is why I believe that civil resistance is needed. Don’t be a bystander, get involved in the nonviolent fight for our future.”

Just Stop Oil supporters are being charged and imprisoned for telling the truth about the government’s genocidal pursuit of new oil and gas. We have made a conscious choice to resist the destruction of humanity and we are prepared to accept the consequences. It’s time to step up and take action. Join a zoom call – every Tuesday at 7pm. <https://juststopoil.org/zoom/>

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Breaking: Just Stop Oil disrupts service stations

Press / April 28, 2022

35 supporters of Just Stop Oil have blocked two service stations on the M25 in support of their demand that the UK government end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

Starting from 7am today, actions took place at the Cobham Services in Surrey and the Clacket Lane Services in Kent. At both locations, JustStop Oil supporters blocked the entrances to the petrol pump area by sitting in the road with banners. Some supporters also sabotaged the petrol pump by breaking the display glass and covering it with spray paint.

Nathan McGovern, 22 a student from Coventry taking action today said:

"The world's most vulnerable are dying from a fossil-fuelled nightmare right now, whilst our government proposes to drill for more oil and gas. I refuse to stand by and watch as heatwaves and drought murder people across the global South and families in the UK are forced to choose between eating and heating. If politicians and bureaucrats refuse to act then it falls on ordinary people to do what they will not."

Stephanie Golder, 34, a charity project coordinator from Essex taking action today said:

"I'm sick and tired of being treated like a criminal for standing up for what is right. The real criminals are those refusing to act on the climate emergency, it's truly genocidal for our government to give new licences for oil exploration.

"The poorest in this country need help with their energy bills now. But instead the government's energy strategy fails to mention energy saving measures such as insulation and instead prioritises a 'plan' which puts us on a fast-track for climate chaos."

Today's action is a significant escalation after 10 Just Stop Oil supporters were arrested yesterday outside Kingsbury oil terminal whilst standing peacefully on a grass verge with placards. They are due to appear at the Victoria Law Courts in Birmingham today charged with contempt of court in respect of an injunction granted to North Warwickshire Borough Council on 14th April.

Two young supporters of Just Stop Oil are also due to appear in court in Manchester today for breaking the Warwickshire injunction. They potentially face unlimited fines and up to 2 years in prison. [1]

Since April 1st when supporters of Just Stop Oil first began blocking oil terminals there have been over 1000 arrests. The supporters of Just Stop Oil will continue the disruption until the government makes a statement that it will end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

The Just Stop Oil Coalition is calling on all of those whose futures are being destroyed, who are facing poverty now, and who are outraged at yet another betrayal by this continuing dependence on oil and gas, to step up and take action. Join our zoom calls at 7pm. It's 2022 and the time to stand by has passed.

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[1] Jake Handling, 27, and Joshua Smith, 29 have a hearing at 10.30am on 28 April 2022 at Manchester Civil Justice Centre 1 Bridge Street West Manchester M60 9DJ

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Just Stop Oil declares M25 a site of civil resistance after UK temperatures pass 40C

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This is without doubt the most important moment in UK history. All time temperature records are being obliterated, thousands of people are expected to die from heatstroke and the liars and plotters who are vying to lead us are too busy fighting among themselves to even care. This is the moment when climate inaction is truly revealed in all its murderous glory for everyone to see: as an elite driven death project that will extinguish all life if we let it.

The criminals that have our democracy by the throat are currently overseeing the destruction of everything that is needed for society and the state to function. By continuing to allow and expand fossil fuel production they are sealing our fate. Europe will see heat waves surpassing 50°C in the near future and these will become more and more common. The Middle East and North Africa face 60°C heatwaves lasting months. It is clear that our society will collapse within the next two decades. Allowing this to happen is a crime without parallel in our history. It is the ultimate betrayal of the next generation. It is an act of mass genocide against billions of the poorest people in the poorest countries on earth. It is treason – plain and simple.[1][2]

As citizens, as humans, as sons and daughters and mothers and fathers we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. We will not stand by, we will do what is necessary. We will resist.

We are therefore declaring the M25 a site of civil resistance against our criminal government. We ask that no one travels on this motorway from Wednesday to Friday this week as we will be blocking the highway. We fully acknowledge the cost and disruption this will cause to the public and ask that they take their demands for compensation to the government which has caused this unprecedented threat to our lives and liberties.

We have a clear demand: that the UK government makes a statement that it will immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK. This is the necessary first step to ensuring a liveable future. The UK government's failure to take that step is a criminal dereliction of its fundamental duty: to protect and safeguard the lives of its citizens.

We are working in coalition with other groups to escalate civil resistance to force a government response. We are all in this together and we have all been betrayed. We need everyone now, to step up and take action. Join us on 23rd July for a march and sit down in Westminster along with thousands of ordinary people from the progressive labour movement, faith communities, charities, social institutions and environmental groups to help create mass civil resistance with [We All Want to Just Stop Oil](#).

Every person counts, every person can take us one step closer to winning the fight of our lives. Join a weekly Zoom call, Tuesdays at 7pm. Register here: <https://juststopoil.org/zoom/>

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About Just Stop Oil

Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

We must urgently end our reliance on fossil fuels to avoid irreversible changes in the earth's climate system. We cannot continue to burn fossil fuels in the belief that future developments in carbon capture and storage and other so-called "unicorn technologies" will allow us to suck vast quantities of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

The UK must begin this process immediately. It starts by calling a halt to any further fossil fuel projects on the UK Continental Shelf. That would give us eight years of fossil fuel production left in which to rapidly transition to a zero carbon economy.

Everyone knows we have to engage in massive changes. Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups demanding the no-brainer things be done immediately – actions that will reduce the demand for fossil fuel energy dramatically such as insulating our homes, rethinking how we travel, getting on with renewable energy and making sure no-one is left behind.

We either come together as humanity or we die. Youth know which they choose. They have already chosen. They are in the streets to demand a future. We are all in the streets to make sure they get it. It's as basic as that.

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Just Stop Oil supporters joined by Animal Rebellion on 8th day of disruption in London

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Just Stop Oil supporters blocked three major roads in central London this morning causing severe traffic disruption for the eighth day running as they demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licenses and consents. [1]

This morning, around 40 Just Stop Oil supporters established roadblocks on three roads adjacent to the A501, resulting in severe disruption on Marylebone Road. They are blocking the Edgware Road, Gloucester Place and Station Approach. The groups are sitting in the road, and a large number have glued themselves to the tarmac, making it more difficult for police officers to remove them.

Patrick Walker, 33, a local council worker from Newport said:

“Up until very recently I really thought the government would eventually take action to save us from the worst of the climate crisis. Then the IPCC warned us this year that we had to stop new fossil fuel extraction if we wanted a liveable future, only for governments to completely ignore them. I realised then the government wouldn’t listen and I had to take action if I wanted a future for my family.”

Felicity Rice, 41, a mother of two, ex GP, and local councillor from Dorset said:

“It’s fairly simple, the government needs to insulate homes and focus on renewable energy. What makes tackling climate change and fuel poverty complicated is the fact that current MPs have accepted thousands of pounds in sponsorship from fossil fuel companies.”

Jayne Wade, 40, a mother and copywriter from Bristol said:

“The UK government is calling mothers like me “extremists” for trying to protect the lives of our children. Yet the UN secretary general Antonio Guterres has said that the real extremists are the governments continuing to pursue fossil fuel extraction.

“Liz Truss is set to issue 100 new gas and oil licenses – and in doing so she is handing our children a death sentence. Nobody is talking about our kids having a bright future – the question is whether they’ll have a liveable one. And I didn’t bring my daughter into the world only for her life to be cut short by the actions of greedy oil giants and corrupt genocidal governments like ours. All I want is for my daughter to have a chance. All I want is for her to be safe. ”

Today’s action is the start of a second week of continuous disruption by supporters of Just Stop Oil. The road blockades, which had previously targeted roads in and around Westminster, have now moved into the wider London area, while mobile disruption continues to take place in and around Westminster.

Animal Rebellion will also be taking part in acts of non-violent civil resistance at several iconic locations in the centre of London.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

“We will continue in Civil Resistance because it is the right thing to do, and today, Animal Rebellion will also be non-violently resisting on the streets of London. We recognise that the need to end new oil and gas will also require us to transition away from high carbon animal agriculture, and that this must be done while supporting farmers and their communities.”

The actions are timed to coincide with the launch of a new round of oil and gas licensing in which over 100 new licences for oil and gas exploration are likely to be awarded and follow news that the government plans to fast track 5 new oil and gas projects, including the Cambo field, aiming to get the vast majority starting construction by the end of 2023. [2][3]

They also follow an energy price hike on October 1st which means almost 8 million households are expected to fall into fuel poverty by April 1st 2023. [4]

This is not a one day event, this is an act of resistance against a criminal government and their genocidal death project. Our supporters will be returning – today, tomorrow and the next day – and the next day after that – and every day until our demand is met: no new oil and gas in the UK.

We will not be intimidated by changes to the law, we will not be stopped by private injunctions sought to silence peaceful people. Our supporters understand that these are irrelevant when set against mass starvation, slaughter, the loss of our rights, freedoms and communities.

Stand with our supporters in prison, with the 1700 murdered across the global, for protecting our futures. We will not die silently, it will be ordinary people, like you, your friends, colleagues and neighbours who do what our government cannot. It will take all of us. [5]

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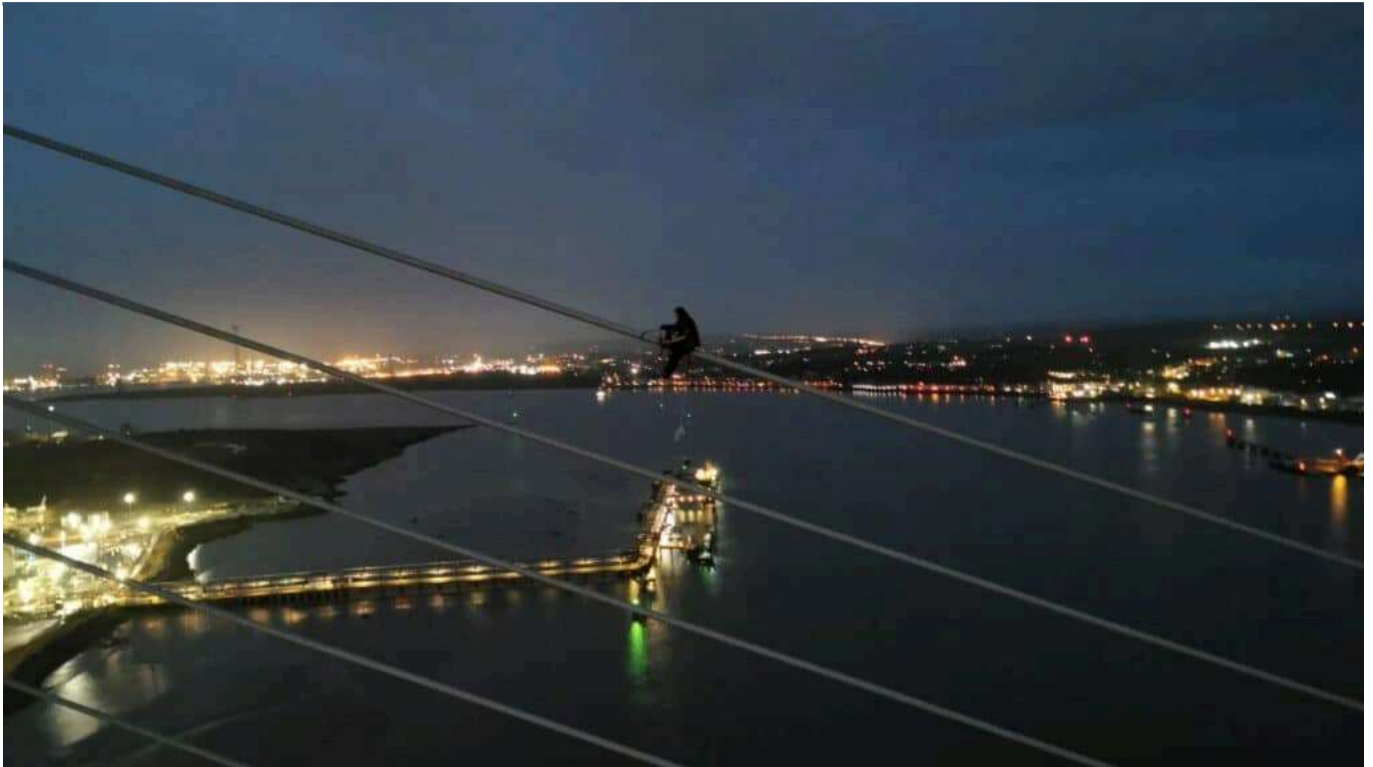
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Day 17: Just Stop Oil supporters defy gravity by climbing the QE2 Bridge forcing police to close the bridge

Press / October 17, 2022

Two [Just Stop Oil](#) supporters have climbed to the top of the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge forcing police to close the bridge to demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents. [1]

At approximately 5 am two climbers ascended the two 84m masts on the North side of the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge forcing the police to stop traffic from entering the bridge. It is expected that the bridge will remain shut for at least 24 hours. [2]

Morgan Trowland, 39, a bridge design engineer from London, said

"As a professional civil engineer, each year as I renew my registration, I commit to acting within our code of ethics, which requires me to safeguard human life and welfare and the environment. Our government has enacted suicidal laws to accelerate oil production: killing human life and destroying our environment. I can't challenge this madness in my desk job, designing bridges, so I'm taking direct action, occupying the QE2 bridge until the government stops all new oil."

Marcus, 33, a teacher from London said:

“Too many people in this country simply don’t know the scale and intensity of climate breakdown as the scientists describe it. The authorities are criminally failing to get this grim science communicated. During Covid the science was conveyed on a daily basis. Why isn’t the most existential threat that humanity has ever faced on the news every day?”

“Our political system is betraying the people of this country. More fossil fuel licenses means global genocide. Only direct action will now help to reach the social tipping point we so urgently need.”

Today’s actions follow over two weeks of continuous disruption by supporters of Just Stop Oil in which they have experienced over 450 arrests. On Sunday, there were 14 arrests of Just Stop Oil supporters, who blocked Park Lane and sprayed an Aston Martin dealership with orange paint. Since the campaign began on April 1st, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested over 1,700 times, with 5 currently in prison. [3]

This is not a one day event, expect us every day and anywhere. This is an act of resistance against a criminal government and their genocidal death project. Our supporters will be returning – today, tomorrow and the next day – and the next day after that – and every day until our demand is met: no new oil and gas in the UK.

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[4] A [recent report from Global Witness](#) says that more than 1,700 people have died while trying to prevent mining, oil drilling or logging on their lands.

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Animal Rebellion activist joins Just Stop Oil in protest on M25 gantry

Animal Rebellion supporters joined **Just Stop Oil** protesters to climb gantries above the **M25** on Wednesday, 9 November, on the third day of disruption on the motorway.

Essex Police said an officer was injured while responding to people trying to gain access to gantries, after a collision involving two lorries and a police motorbike occurred after a rolling roadblock was put in place between J26 and J27.

“Animal Rebellion stands in solidarity with Just Stop Oil and their campaign to demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents,” the group said.

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Just Stop Oil protesters jailed for Dartford Crossing protest

Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker scaled bridge over River Thames, forcing police to stop traffic

Helena Horton and agencies

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Two Just Stop Oil protesters who **scaled a bridge** on the Dartford Crossing, forcing police to close it to traffic, have been sentenced to more than two and a half years each for causing a public nuisance.

Morgan Trowland, 40, and Marcus Decker, 34, used ropes and other climbing equipment to scale the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge, which links the M25 between Essex and Kent across the River Thames, in October last year. The police closed the bridge to traffic, causing gridlock.

Trowland was sentenced to three years in prison, while Decker received two years and seven months. Spokespeople from the activist group said these were the longest sentences for peaceful climate protest in British history.

Judge Collery KC handed down the sentence, commenting that it was a strict punishment because he wanted to deter copycat actions. Both defendants were unanimously found guilty of causing a public nuisance.

Collery said: “You have to be punished for the chaos you caused and to deter others from copying you.” The judge said Trowland, who has six previous convictions relating to protests, had a “leading role”. Decker had one previous protest-related conviction.

He told the pair “[you] plainly believed you knew better than everyone else”, adding: “In short, to hell with everyone else.

“By your actions you caused this very important road to be closed for 40 hours,” the judge said, noting that the disruption affected “many tens of thousands, some very significantly”.

Lawyers for the men told the court they did not plan to take part in any similar climate actions in future, but the judge said he saw “no signs” the defendants were “any less committed to the causes you espouse than before”.

The prosecutor Adam King said the bridge was closed from 4am on 17 October last year to 9pm the following day, with jams forming as traffic was forced to use the tunnels under the Thames instead.

Other climate activists criticised the sentence. An Extinction Rebellion spokesperson told the Guardian: “This is absolutely devastating news. These men took incredibly courageous action to raise the alarm on the greatest crisis of our time and they should be celebrated for their bravery, not thrown in prison and brushed under the carpet.

“The majority of the UK public wants what they’re asking for, urgent and far-reaching action on the climate and ecological emergency, and this news today is a slap in the face to everyone in the UK and globally who are being impacted by climate change right now.”

Speaking outside the courtroom, Stephanie Golder, a JSO spokesperson, said: “Just Stop Oil will not be deterred by these draconian sentences. Where they imprison one of us, 10 more will take their place. When they imprison 10 of us, 100 will stand to take their place.”

The activists plan more actions from Monday next week, including “slow marches” to disrupt traffic around London.

Since the Just Stop Oil campaign began on 1 April 2022, more than 2,000 people have been arrested and 138 have spent time in prison. There are currently two Just Stop Oil and five Insulate Britain activists serving time in prison for actions taken with the campaigns.

Just Stop Oil activists glue themselves to court gates instead of attending own trial



WATCH: Just Stop Oil protesters block Royal Courts of Justice as they glue themselves to the gates Just Stop Oil



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Protesters blocked the entrance to the Royal Courts of Justice



Two Just Stop Oil protesters glued themselves to the Royal Courts of Justice - instead of attending their own injunction trial. 18 activists have appeared in the court over an alleged breach of a civil injunction taken out by National Highways in 2022.



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The High Court injunction was granted to prevent Just Stop Oil protesters disrupting the M25.



Two Just Stop Oil protesters have glued themselves to the Royal Courts of Justice X

The legislation means anyone fixing themselves to any object or structure on the motorway - and anyone assisting - can be held in contempt of court.

Those in breach could face imprisonment, an unlimited fine and seizure of assets.

Yesterday, 11 Just Stop Oil supporters signed a pledge committing them to take no further action.

Six other Just Stop Oil supporters - who were previously named on an injunction taken out against Insulate Britain supporters - were not offered an undertaking.

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Five of these members accepted the breach and will be sentenced today.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "Injunctions are private laws bought by corporations and government agencies.

"Typically they are used to protect someone from harassment, and are intended as a remedy not a punishment, but since the Insulate Britain campaign began, they've been increasingly used by the State and private companies to silence dissent by climate resisters.

"They are being used to circumnavigate the usual rule of law, where defendants appear before a high court judge with no jury.

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Eco-warriors Tez Burns, 35, and Callum Goode, 24 refused to accept the injunction breach Just Stop Oil

"They potentially expose defendants to 'double jeopardy' for the same action, where they may also be facing criminal charges.

"Typically injunctions result in astronomical legal costs which are applied to people named on an injunction, even if they have never broken it.

"Where defendants are offered an undertaking - which commits them to a certain action - and they choose to sign it, all costs are then divided equally amongst any remaining defendants.

"This is a divide and rule tactic being used to silence those speaking out about the criminality of politicians and business leaders."

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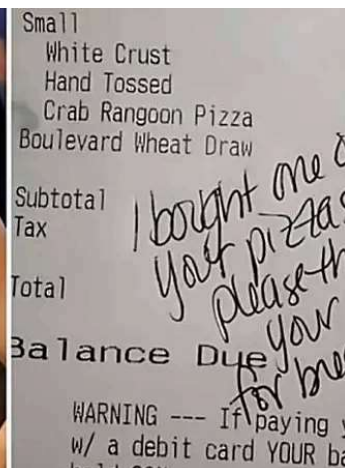
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World snooker championship disrupted by Just Stop Oil protesters in Sheffield

**First-round matches held up by graphic powder protest
Government urged to 'stop all new UK fossil fuel projects'**

Sean Ingle

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The [World Snooker Championship](#) is the latest high-profile sporting event to be disrupted by protesters after a Just Stop Oil activist poured a packet of orange powder paint over a table on Monday evening, forcing a 24-hour suspension in the match between Robert Milkins and Joe Perry.

Milkins was 11-0 up in the early stages of the opening frame when a man suddenly ran out of the crowd, jumped on to the table and began emptying the powder. It took 12 seconds for two security guards to get down the stairs of the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, and bundle the activist away, but the damage had long been done.

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A female protester simultaneously tried to glue herself to the other table during the match between Mark Allen and Fan Zhengyi, but was stopped by the quick-thinking response of the referee Olivier Marteel. Both protesters wore T-shirts in support of climate change activists [Just Stop Oil](#).

Play was suspended on both tables immediately after the incident as vacuum cleaners were brought into the arena - with the master of ceremonies, Rob Walker, among those helping to sweep up the mess.

Soon afterwards World [Snooker](#) ruled the table cloth was damaged beyond repair and would have to be replaced overnight. As a result the Milkins-Perry match will now resume on Tuesday evening at 7pm, with the venue being opened early on Thursday at 9.30am so the first-round tie can conclude.

The match between Allen and Fan resumed about 45 minutes later.

After the incident Just Stop Oil issued a statement: “At around 7:20pm, two Just Stop Oil supporters disrupted the World Snooker Championship at the Crucible Theatre in Sheffield, interrupting play.

“The pair proceeded to cover the tables in orange powder paint before being removed by security and arrested.



📷 A Just Stop Oil protester is led away after jumping on the table and throwing orange powder. Photograph: Mike Egerton/PA

Now militant animal rights activists close the M57 motorway near Aintree by gluing themselves to road after 'Animal Rising' protesters masquerading as fans stormed the Grand National

Animal rights activists who delayed the start of the [Grand National](#) earlier today have also blocked the M57 motorway in protest of the event by gluing themselves to the road.

Members of Animal Rising, previously known as Animal Rebellion, closed the road at the same time as others attempted to gain access to Aintree's grounds.

At the racecourse protesters masquerading as fans ran onto the racecourse and attempted to glue themselves to one of the jumps, as others tried to scale fences with ladders.

North West Motorway Police said on [Twitter](#): 'We have a number of people sat on the M57 at junction 2 northbound - motorway is closed.'

The force issued an update at just after 8pm saying the motorway had reopened, meaning it was closed for around three hours.

Merseyside Police has confirmed that 118 people have been arrested in relation to the Aintree disruption.





National Highways said traffic was stopped in both directions on the motorway - between junctions one and two - shortly before 5.15pm, but by 6pm the southbound carriageway was reopened and northbound traffic was being diverted via a slip road.

There were delays of more than an hour on the road, which runs from the M62 to Aintree.

Pictures showed protesters wearing pink T-shirts on the carriageway.

Dozens of members of the group also attempted to gain access to the racecourse, while several who masqueraded as racegoers rushed onto the course and attempted to glue or lock-on to the second jump.

Race officials and police officers swiftly arrested and removed those involved, and the race was in the end delayed by 12 minutes.

People were seen attempting to climb over fences and up ladders to gain access to the grounds, as well as breaking onto the grass ahead of the race - only for them to be carted off to the delight of spectators.

Merseyside Police Assistant Chief Constable Paul White said: 'Today, as you've seen, there's been a significant protest in relation to the running of the Grand National.

'This began earlier this morning, there's been a number of protests outside and then that resulted earlier on today at about 5pm with numerous people trying to incur onto the course, which we, in partnership with the event organisers, and members of the public as well, have managed in the main to stop and and ultimately the event took place - albeit with a slight delay.'

He said protesters tried to access the course from a number of points at the far side of the track.

He continued: 'There were significant numbers. What I can tell you is 118 people have been arrested today in relation to both criminal damage and public nuisance offences - and obviously we'll process them.'

He said the number included pre-emptive arrests before the race and arrests relating to the protest on the M57, where activists glued themselves to the carriageway.





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He added: 'The perimeter of the course is four to five kilometres long so you know, that is a significant resource required to try and cover every area of that.'

'We put a proportionate policing plan in place and, by and large, we were able to stop the vast majority entering onto the course, a small number did get onto the course, but, very quickly, they were removed, again in partnership with the event organiser, private security and police officers and staff.'

Campaign group Animal Aid said jump racing should be banned after runner Hill Sixteen suffered a broken neck at the first fence in the Grand National and was put down.

Horse Dark Raven died earlier on Saturday, and Envoye Special on Thursday, while the group said two other horses fell at the Grand National and were taken away in horse ambulances with life-threatening injuries.

The fate of another faller, Castle Robin, in an earlier race, remained unknown.

After the conclusion of the race, Animal Rising posted a video of one of the jumps on social media which showed a horse crashing into the ground at high speed, before lying there unmoving. This is believed to be of Hill Sixteen. Two jockeys were also unseated in the video, but appeared to be unhurt.

The organisation said: 'THIS IS WHAT WE WERE TRYING TO STOP FROM HAPPENING. Several horses fell during this race - how many will be killed due to their injuries? Absolutely heartbreaking chaos for horses that never got a choice in the matter. MAKE SURE THE GRAND NATIONAL NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN.'

Activists are protesting against horseracing over animal welfare concerns, as multiple horses often die at major meets such as Aintree each year.

The League Against Cruel Sports described the death toll at the Grand National Festival as 'bleak' following the deaths.

Animal Aid's horse racing consultant Dene Stansall said: 'Jump racing must be banned to prevent the brutal horrors seen today at Aintree and this week, from happening again.'

'Innocent race horses' lives taken from them in the name of entertainment and gambling. Aintree, the worst of all racecourses, is a disgrace and the Jockey Club and British racing should hang their heads in utter shame at what we have seen over the past three days.'

An Aintree Racecourse spokesperson said: 'We respect the right to peaceful protest but sincerely hope that Animal Rising reflect on whether their proposed actions are legitimate and responsible.'

'Their actions could endanger the horses they purport to protect, as well as jockeys, officials and themselves.'

'As you would expect, we are working closely with Merseyside Police to ensure we protect the safety and enjoyment of everyone, including all participants, human or equine, at the Grand National.'

Previous times the race was cancelled or delayed:

While the cancellation of races is an extremely rare occurrence, some have been known to be postponed since the Grand National first began in 1839.

The First World War:

During the First World War period, Aintree Racecourse was utilised by the War Office - meaning that the races did not go ahead as usual.

Instead, the event was moved to Gatwick Racecourse - now known as Gatwick Airport - during the years 1916, 1917 and 1918.

These races were known by different names, the first one was the Racecourse Association Steeplechase, whilst the latter two were given the title of the War National Steeplechase.

The Second World War:

Again, Aintree was commandeered during the Second World War.

However, this time the races were not hosted anywhere else like during the First World War and they were cancelled between 1941 and 1945.

The IRA bomb scare:

While thousands travelled to Aintree for the big event in 1997, Merseyside Police received a phone call at 2.52pm from the Provisional Irish Republican Army (IRA) informing them that a bomb had been planted at the Racecourse.

The call came three minutes after a call had been made informing police of another bomb in place at Aintree University Hospital in the Fazakerley district of the city.

More than 60,000 people were made to leave as police evacuated the area.

The event eventually took place two days later on April 7.

The 1993 Race That Never Was:

This is another example of a Grand National that was not technically cancelled but also did not take place on its scheduled date.

It took place on the 3rd of April in 1993 and was intended to be the 147th running of the race.

However, it was not able to count as an official running because a false start was declared, only for 30 of the 39 horses taking part to not realise and continued racing.

The reason it makes the list here is that the Jockey Club decided not to re-run the race at a later date, meaning that no race result is noted for the year 1993.

Source: Grand National Betting



Day 22: Just Stop Oil blocks roads in Islington to demand “No New Oil and Gas”

Press / October 22, 2022

Just Stop Oil supporters have stopped traffic at a key road junction at Islington Green to demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents. [1]

At 12:00pm today, around 20 Just Stop Oil supporters walked onto Upper Street and Islington Green and disrupted traffic by sitting in the road with banners. Some supporters glued onto the tarmac and others used locked ons.

Pia Baas, 28, from London said:

“I am taking action because it is my civic duty. I could no longer sit still and watch the world around me being torn apart, with millions suffering for the benefit of the few. Direct action is a necessity because marching and protests have achieved nothing. I have no future if we can’t grow food and find water to drink.”

everything people love about this country. The transition to renewable energy and genuine sustainability needs to happen now. I have absolute faith that we can make this happen if we join in civil resistance together. "

Sam Griffiths, 47, a dad and designer from London said:

"I started this when we hit 40°C for the first time ever in this country. It scared me and the lack of response from the media and Government scared me even more. I knew I had to step up and take action. I'm doing this for my boy. The Government's toxic policies are trashing his future and that of all our children. We need to stop all new fossil fuel licenses. The state is corrupt and is actively destroying our stable climate and with that our future. It's our duty to resist it and stand up for what is right."

Just Stop Oil continues to peacefully resist Liz Truss's bankrupt plans to licence over 100 new oil and gas projects by 2025, and her abject failure to genuinely help people with their skyrocketing energy bills. These policy failures will cause misery for millions and must be abandoned. Almost 8 million households are expected to fall into fuel poverty by April 1st 2023. [2]

Today's roadblock follows over two weeks of continuous civil resistance by supporters of Just Stop Oil during which the police have made 554 arrests, including 15 on Thursday. Since the campaign began on April 1st, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested over 1,800 times, with 7 supporters currently in prison. [3]

This is not a one day event, expect us every day and anywhere. This is an act of resistance against a criminal government and their genocidal death project. Our supporters will be returning – today, tomorrow and the next day – and the next day after that – and every day until our demand is met: no new oil and gas in the UK.

We will not be intimidated by changes to the law, we will not be stopped by private injunctions sought to silence peaceful people. Our supporters understand that these are irrelevant when set against mass starvation, slaughter, the loss of our rights, freedoms and communities. [4]

Stand with our supporters in prison, with the 1,700 murdered across the global south, for protecting all our lives. We will not die silently, it will be ordinary people, like you, your friends, colleagues and neighbours who do what our government cannot. It will take all of us. [5]

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[2] <https://www.endfuelpoverty.org.uk/news/>

[3] There are now 7 Just Stop Oil supporters in prison on remand or serving sentences for taking action to demand that the government halts new oil and gas licences. They are Joshua Smith, Louis McKechnie, Simon Milner-Edwards, Margaret Reid, Michelle Charlesworth, Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker. Also in prison are Madelaine Budd for the 'Captain Tom' action, Scott Breen for taking action against the Southampton to Heathrow pipeline and Elliott Cuciurean for taking action against HS2

[4] A [recent report from Global Witness](#) says that more than 1,700 people have died while trying to prevent mining, oil drilling or logging on their lands.

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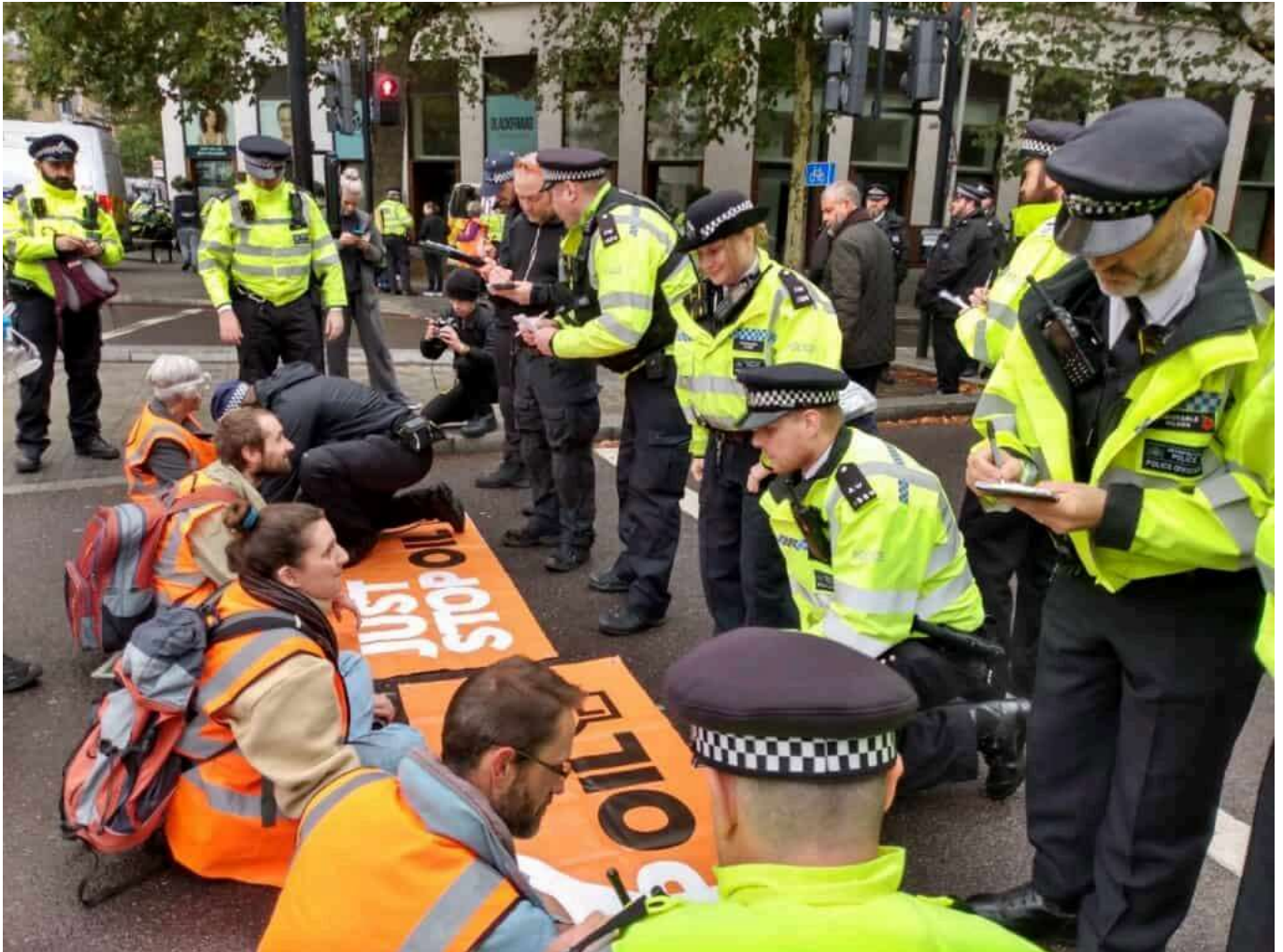
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A response to home secretary Suella Braverman

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We will not be intimidated by changes to the law, we will not be stopped by injunctions sought to silence nonviolent people. These are irrelevant when set against mass starvation, slaughter, the loss of our rights, freedoms and communities.

The Home Secretary is demonstrating that politics is broken. She claims that “this Government will not hesitate to act – and keep the law-abiding majority safe”. Yet the greatest threat to law and order is the climate crisis and the government she is part of is seeking to extend UK fossil fuel extraction, planning to make the lives of ordinary people worse, planning the deaths of millions. This is a criminal act.

The Secretary General of the United Nations, Antonio Guterres has called it ‘moral and economic madness. We have every right to disrupt, to disobey, to resist protecting the creativity and brilliance of humanity. The people protecting the rule of law, democracy, our freedoms and rights are those disrupting traffic, throwing soup, and blocking oil depots.

The time to stand by has passed, stand with us on the streets, with our supporters in prison, with the 1700 murdered across the global south for protecting our futures. Demand the government stops new oil and gas to start ending the harm.



By **SUELLA BRAVERMAN**
HOME SECRETARY

Eco-zealots are not just causing mayhem – they are risking lives

ENOUGH is enough. Getting in the way of ambulances, fire engines, and cars carrying babies to hospital isn't just illegal, it's monstrously selfish. Just Stop Oil is the latest campaign to engage in such guerrilla tactics, but they are part of an ignoble tradition that includes Extinction Rebellion and Insulate Britain.

We have seen so-called protesters stick themselves to trains, glue themselves to roads, dig dangerously unstable tunnels, interfere with newspaper distribution, vandalise property and mess with the fuel supply.

On Friday Just Stop Oil activists threw soup over Van Gogh's painting Sunflowers – one of the most celebrated works of art in the world. Who do they think they are?

This kind of behaviour is wrong no matter what the cause. There is widespread agreement that we need to protect our environment, but democracies reach decisions in a civilised manner.

It's hard to name a bigger sense of entitlement than the imagined right to bully everybody else.

I also expect the Metropolitan Police to do a better job of cracking down on these thugs and vandals – as does the public. If they think they're above the law, they're sorely mistaken.

We have given our police greater powers to tackle seriously disruptive protests through our Police,



SELFISH: Vandalising Van Gogh

Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, but that Act was watered down by the House of Lords.

The Government is taking further action because this cannot continue. The Public Order Bill, back

in the Commons this week, will put the safety and interests of the law-abiding majority first.

It empowers the police to take more proactive action to prevent the kind of disruption we've seen in the past couple of weeks. Time spent on that is time that the police could otherwise spend pursuing burglars, murderers, and rapists.

Those who glue themselves to the road – forcing the police to remove them – are wildly irresponsible, idiotic, and risking lives.

It's not just dangerous for those who do it, but also for the police removal teams.

So the Bill gives police the power to stop and search people for equipment used for such activities.

Just two police operations to deal with Extinction Rebellion activity in London cost £37 million, twice the annual budget of the violent crime taskforce. Meanwhile, HS2 estimates that protester action has

cost them more than £146 million. What a staggering waste of money. We need serious penalties in order to deter public disorder.

Serious Disruption Prevention Orders will target selfish, repeat disruptors. There is a range of new offences and powers relating to the dangerous practice of tunnelling.

The Bill will strengthen the security of our transport networks, oil terminals, and printing presses by creating new criminal offences of interfering with key national infrastructure or access to essential goods and services.

A small number of people can bring gridlock – and misery.

New powers allowing Ministers to take out injunctions against the so-called protesters will scupper disruptive plans and prevent them from escalating into chaos.

This Government will not hesitate to act – and keep the law-abiding majority safe.

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Just Stop Oil supporters disrupt climate criminal MP

Press / March 15, 2024

Just Stop Oil supporters have disrupted Tory MP, Mark Jenkinson. They are demanding the UK government end all new oil, gas and coal projects licensed after 2021, and make a plan to stop oil use by 2030. [1]

At around 11:45 a group of around ten Just Stop Oil supporters gathered outside Jenkinson's office holding signs, some of which read: 'The Future is Not in Coal or Tory Lies', and 'Don't Listen to Jenkinson, Listen to the Science'. The supporters fastened a list of Mark Jenkinson's crimes to his office windows which were swiftly removed by a staff member. Mark Jenkinson however refused to speak with the constituents.

Jenkinson has been a vocal supporter of the Cumbrian Coal mine which received government approval in 2022. The government's own climate adviser Lord Deben has described the project as "indefensible" warning that its approval would damage the UK's leadership on the climate crisis, and "create another example of Britain saying one thing and doing another". [2]

One of those taking action today is Fiona Atkinson, 68, a retired teacher from Kendal, who said:

"As a grandma I feel for all the parents and grandparents in Cumbria who don't want this mine on their doorstep because they know the last thing any of us need right now is more filthy fossil fuels. Burning them kills eight million people a year and adds to the carbon that's overheating our only home.

Mark Jenkinson refuses to deal with the reality of climate breakdown even though it's clearly happening everywhere including right here in Cumbria. A new coal mine is a crime against humanity and going all out for it makes him a climate criminal. As an MP he is required to act in the public interest – it's time for him to realise that means no new coal."

Another taking action today is Margaret Reid, 53, a retail worker from Kendal, who said:

"Mark Jenkinson is a climate criminal and climate crisis denier right here on our own doorstep in Cumbria. He's consistently pursuing climate-wrecking policies which will bring misery to the very local communities that he's meant to protect.

I just can't listen to his lies and bluster any longer – and we simply can't afford to keep listening to people like him either, with climate breakdown happening all around us right now. It's time to call him out on the consequences of his actions. We're the sane ones here – he's the dangerous extremist."

Chris McDonald, chief executive of the Materials Processing Institute, which serves as the UK's national centre for steel research, said there was no demand from his industry for the West Cumbria mine. Stating *"There isn't anyone in the steel industry who's calling for the mine"*, he warned that *"British Steel have said they cannot use the coal from this mine because the sulphur levels are too high."* [3]

The government's advisory Climate Change Committee (UKCCC) points out that 85% of the coal produced in Whitehaven is likely to be exported.

As the world passes tipping points that threaten the breakdown of ordered civilization, world leaders, captured by the interests of oil lobbyists and big business, are failing to protect our communities. British citizens are sick of being led by liars and crooks. Until we stop Tory oil, gas and coal, supporters of Just Stop Oil will continue taking proportionate action to demand necessary change. Sign up for action at juststopoil.org.

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Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

[2] <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/explainers-56023895>

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EXCLUSIVE Revealed: The eco mob plot to ruin the summer holidays with activists planning to disrupt flights by glueing themselves to major airport runways

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Eco-zealots are plotting to ruin family holidays this summer by wreaking havoc at airports across the country.

An undercover investigation by The Mail on Sunday can reveal mobs of **Just Stop Oil** activists plan to storm terminal buildings to hold sit-ins, glue themselves to runways and even climb on to jets to paralyse the travel industry.

Tory MPs last night accused the group of harming their cause by 'targeting happiness with misery' and warned their cavalier plans could risk lives.

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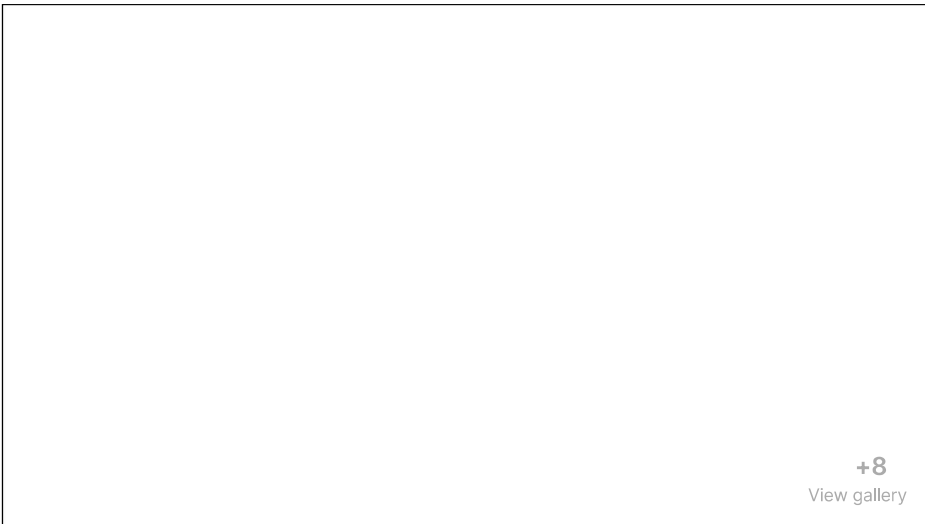
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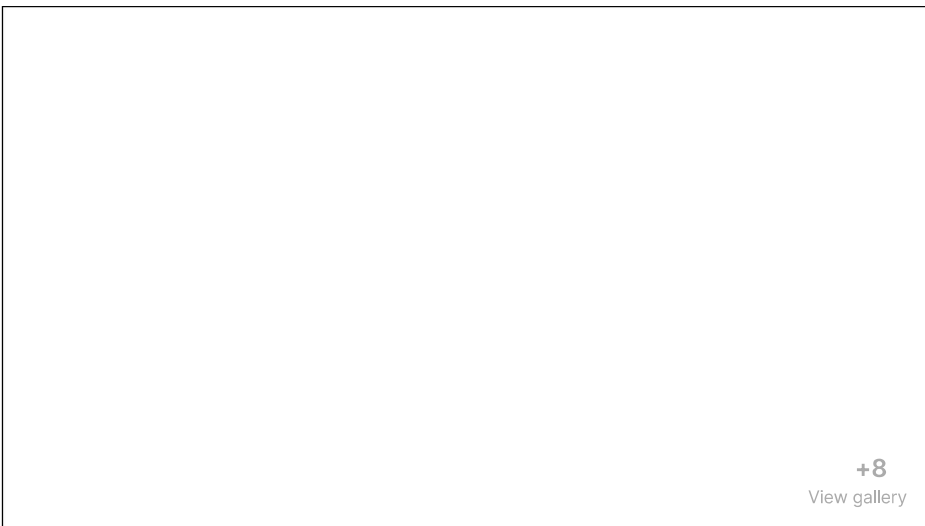
Blueprints for the summer of chaos – which aims to bring flights to a standstill day after day and destroy the holidays of 'ordinary people' – were unveiled at a strategy meeting of 100 hardcore campaigners in **Birmingham** last week.

At the meeting, which was attended by an undercover reporter, JSO co-founder Indigo Rumbelow was greeted by cheers as she told the audience: 'We are going to continue to resist. We're going to ratchet it up.'



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'We're going to take our non-violent, peaceful demonstrations to the centre of the carbon economy. We're going to be gathering at airports across the UK.'

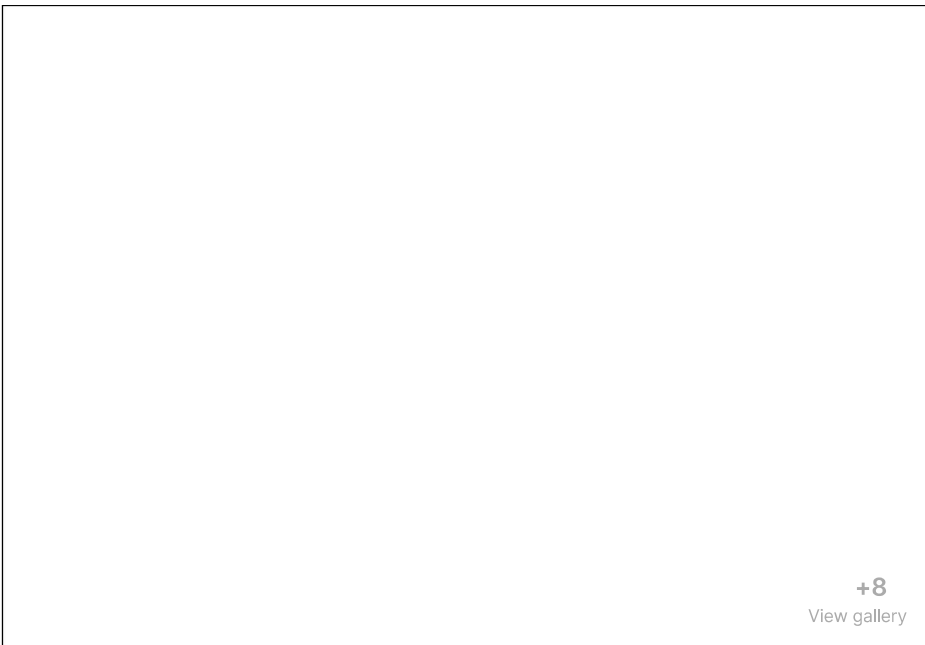
Ms Rumbelow, the 29-year-old daughter of a property developer, has previously been arrested for conspiracy to cause public nuisance during the King's Coronation and made headlines last year when **Sky News** host Mark Austin had to beg her to 'please stop shouting' during an interview.

Outlining a blueprint for causing travel chaos, she advocated:

- Cutting through fences and gluing themselves to runway tarmac;
- Cycling in circles on runways;
- Climbing on to planes to prevent them from taking off;
- Staging sit-ins at terminals 'day after day' to stop passengers getting inside airports.

Miss Rumbelow told the crowd: 'We're going to be saying to the Government: 'If you're not going to stop the oil, we're going to be doing it for you.'"

She cited similar protests to use as inspiration for their action, including Hong Kong students 'gathering in sit-ins in the entrances to airports, closing and disrupting them, day after day' during their protests against Chinese rule in 2019.



Protestors cause travel chaos at an airport (stock photo)

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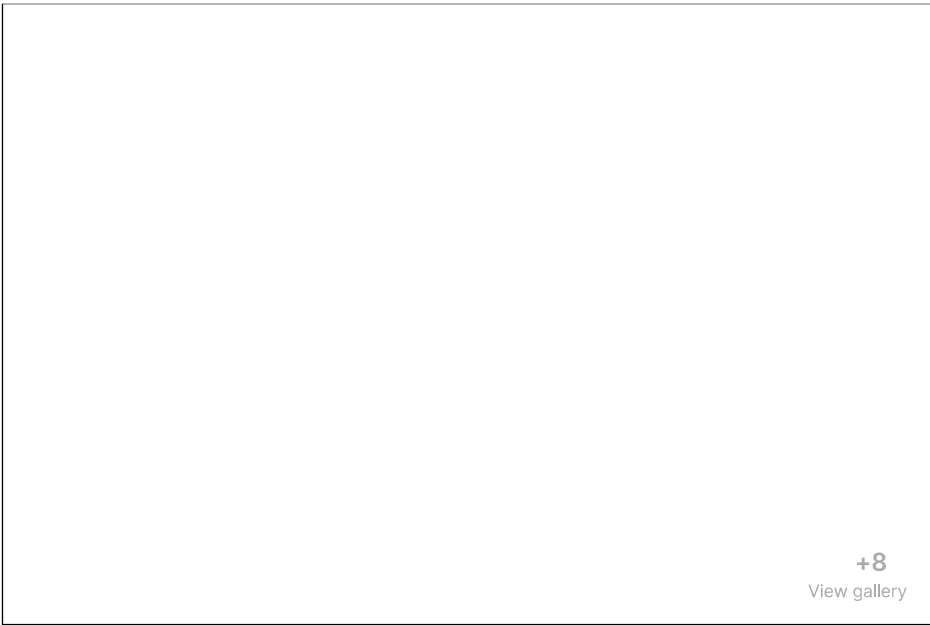


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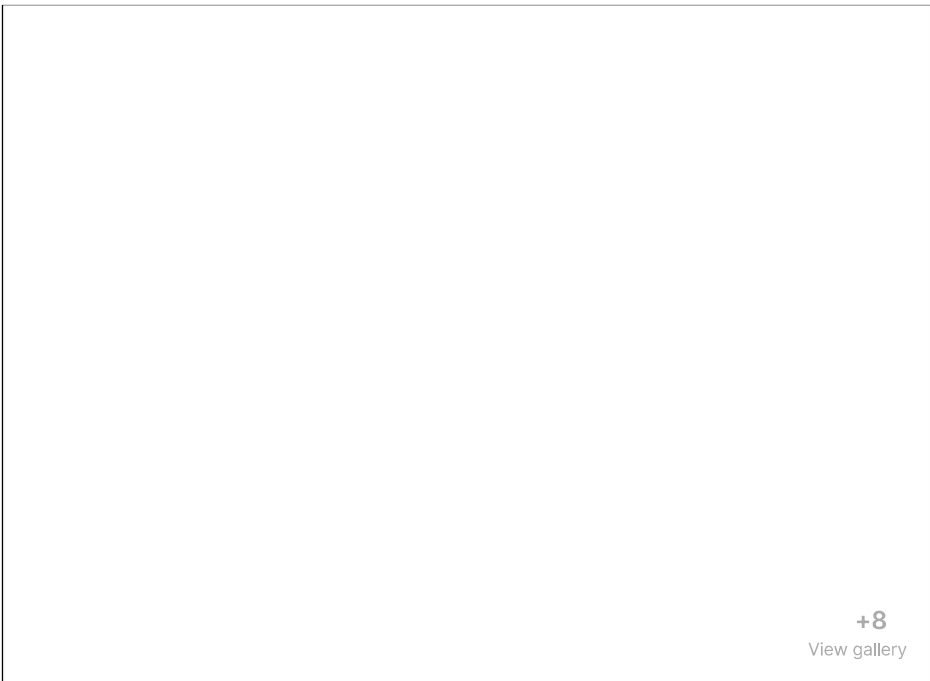


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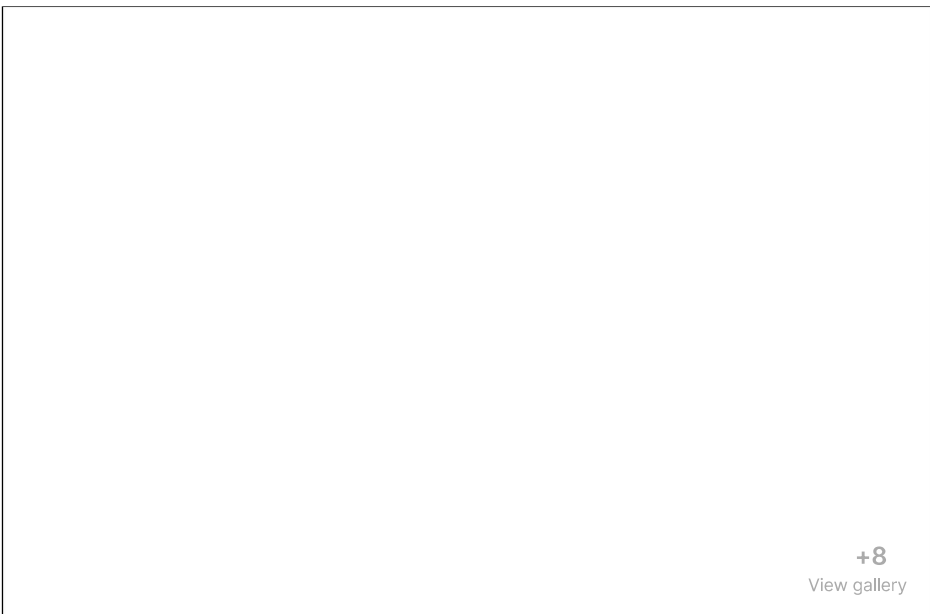
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She said a blind friend of hers was jailed after he 'stood on top of a plane, disrupting tens of flights', and also hailed German eco-activists who 'went on to runways, gluing their hands to the ground'.

'So, close your eyes for a moment, be imaginative, and think about what we could do together,' Ms Rumbelow said. 'We can make this happen at scale this summer.'

Previous protests by the group have included halting traffic on busy roads, targeting an Ashes Test match at Lords and vandalising paintings at the National Gallery.

Ms Rumbelow said: 'We've all in this room disrupted ordinary people in the roads... disrupted ordinary people seeing cultural events, theatre, art shows, football games.'

'The plan... could involve disrupting people on their holidays as well as business flights. It's not comfortable to disrupt ordinary people, but it's completely necessary because without that disruption we don't get anywhere.'

She concluded: 'Hope to see you in the summer on the runway.'

The Mail on Sunday recently exposed the activists' sinister plan to target MPs outside their homes. Last year, the MoS thwarted the plot by Animal Rebellion extremists to halt the Grand National at Aintree by storming the racetrack.

The latest plot is part of an overhaul of the structure of Just Stop Oil (JSO), with the formation of a new organisation called 'Umbrella' under which JSO will be one of four wings. It will also include a youth wing called Youth Demand, a political wing – Assemble – and one for socio-economic issues called Robin Hood.

Speaking about Youth Demand, JSO member Sam revealed: 'We're going to bring the fight to the politicians and the political parties.'

'High-profile actions are going to be happening in March against politicians... and in April we've got this four-day action phase. I'm not going to say the details because we want them to be nice and unprepared waiting for us.'

Private jets and newspapers could be targets under the Robin Hood actions.

One activist, Mel, said: 'Ideas are maybe mass actions at financial institutions, maybe hitting places where billionaires go

Who will pay if my flight is cancelled?

Airlines have to compensate passengers if a flight is cancelled or delayed by more than three hours – but only if they are responsible.

And unfortunately, in the case of activists targeting an airport, they would unlikely to be considered at fault, says consumer champion Martyn James. In some cases the airline will still be required to get passengers to their destination – though this will depend on what the activists do.

If Just Stop Oil force cancellations by gluing themselves to runways or scaling planes, then under the law airlines are obliged to get travellers on the next available flight.

If, however, campaigners block terminals and stop passengers being able to board planes and the flight simply leaves without them, airlines are not responsible.

The other alternative is to claim for the lost holiday on insurance but this will be more complex because of the variety of policies.

Many policies won't cover you for not getting to the airport on time – which could be an issue if activists block entrances or roads leading to them.

But Mr James said it would be 'outrageous' if they did refuse to pay out in such a scenario.

'Insurance policies are here to cover you for situations like this,' he said.

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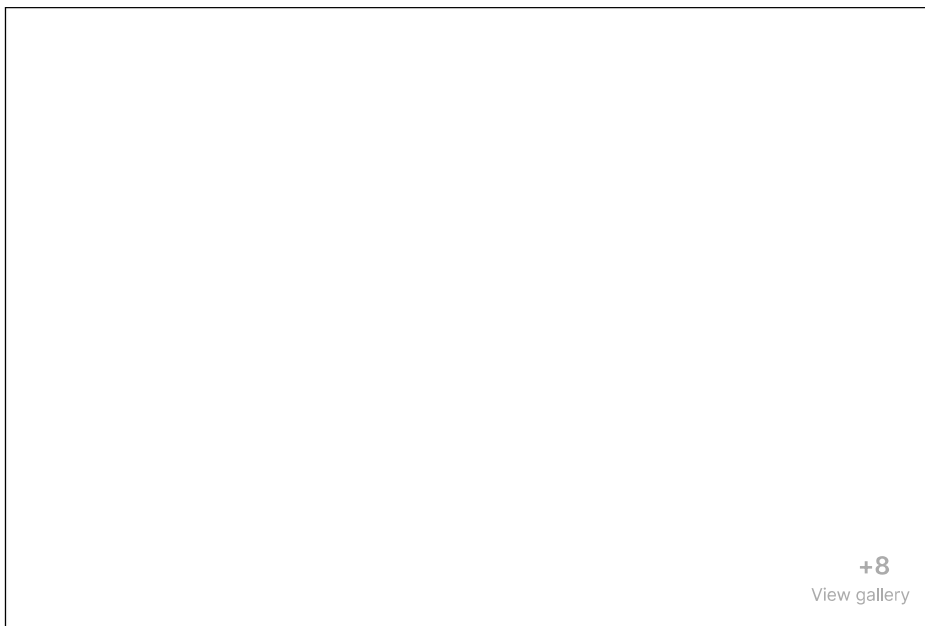


[such as] private airports and other eye-catching locations... yacht showrooms, is that a thing?

'The final idea is something around the failings of the billionaire-owned press. We should be blocking the printworks or marching on News International... I'm sure you've got some ideas.'

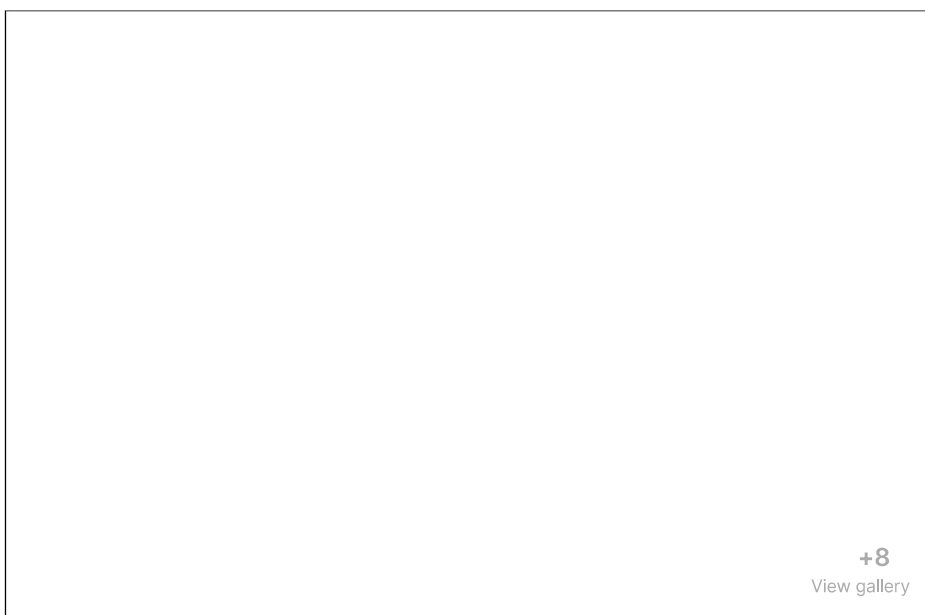
JSO's political 'pillar', Assemble, is looking at standing independent MPs at key constituencies that Labour needs to win in the General Election, and forming a 'House of the People' to be sworn in on the same day as the House of Commons.

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Just Stop Oil co-founder Indigo Rumbelow at protests last year



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'They are creating misery for people trying to go about their daily life and get a well-earned break with their family and children.'

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'All it will do will make people angry with them and their cause. Everyone wants a clean environment but this is not the way. Running on to runways and climbing on the planes also sounds extremely dangerous and could risk lives.'

A JSO spokesman said: 'This summer, we will take action at airports to create enormous disruption and do what the rich and powerful won't: face the climate emergency and end fossil fuels.'

A spokesman for the Airport Operators Association, the trade body for UK airports, said: 'Aviation is working hard to decarbonise its activities... Instead of engaging in damaging and disruptive stunts like this, we'd call on environmental groups to work with the industry.'

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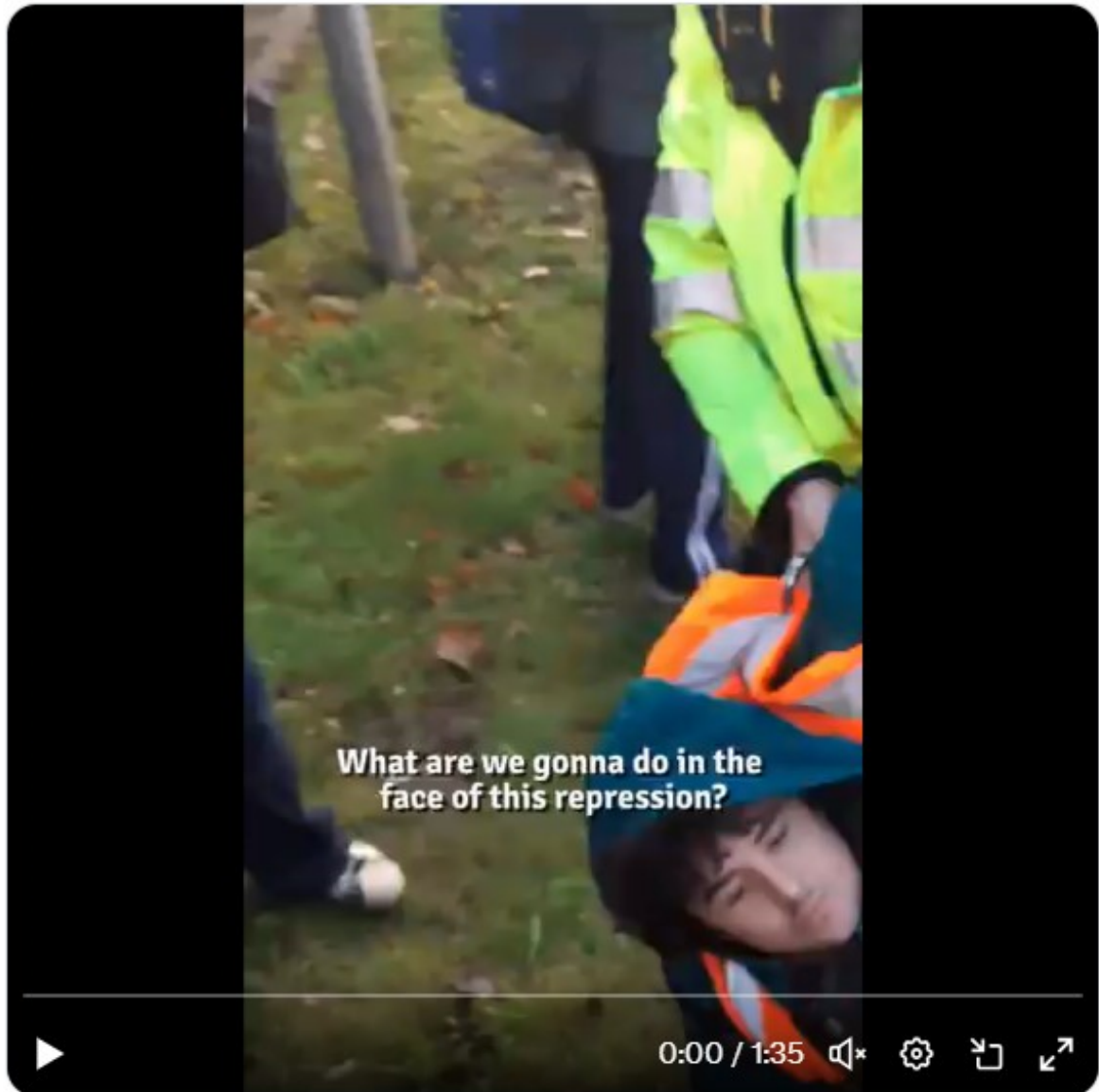
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On 18 October climate activists from Just Stop Oil (JSO) halted the coach driving 23 asylum seekers to the Bibby Stockholm.

Activists sporting bright orange tabards emblazoned with the JSO logo blocked the sole road into Portland, where the government have docked the floating monstrosity. An extremely irresponsible coach driver appeared to push through the protesters that lined the coach's path:



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For one, the action was a laudable example of solidarity in practice. Historically, JSO hasn't always been good at this.

For instance, JSO's action against Pride in June laid bare some of the group's failings on this front. It sent a letter to the organisers of Pride, calling out its corporate sponsorship. However, the letter also issued an 'ultimatum'. It demanded that Pride must set a public meeting to galvanise its volunteers to take direct action against new oil and gas projects. The group threatened to take action at Pride if organisers failed to respond.

As the *Canary's* Alex/Rose Cocker expressed, this ultimatum had the effect of, unintentionally of otherwise, acting in a way to:



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co-opt what should be a queer protest space.

Moreover, Cocker highlighted the ignorance in demanding that a marginalised community take direct action:

'Help us make your activists into our activists... or else' is not a way to foster community – which isn't even to mention the greater threat to queer people that accompanies being arrested as part of a climate protest or elsewhere.

Bibby Stockholm action was on the right track

This time however, the group seems to have somewhat hit the mark. JSO said that they were taking action in response to a call for support by the asylum seekers facing imprisonment on the barge. Essentially then, it listened to an oppressed community and responded to its asks.

This distinction was important. In its Pride ultimatum, JSO forced its fears about the climate crisis onto a minoritised group already facing arguably more pressing and targeted existential threats.

Rather than acknowledging climate as a threat multiplier, which exacerbates underlying inequality and injustice, JSO set out a hierarchy of crises and put climate at the very top – disregarding peoples very real experiences of discrimination and injustice. Instead, for its Bibby action JSO stood alongside a community in its fight for justice.

In addition, it appears the group is beginning to build this solidarity into its broader work. The Bibby Stockholm action in Portland wasn't the first time JSO had turned up to fight the barge. At a recent protest in Liverpool, JSO activists stood shoulder to shoulder with migrant rights groups calling out the profiteering company leasing the vessel.



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Direct action against the UK's violent border regime

Next up, for this action JSO actually had a tangible goal in mind. Specifically, it aimed to stop the Home Office from forcing 23 migrants onto the shoddy prison on floats. That's a goal I can unreservedly get behind.

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most vile tabloid tirades have heard that we're in a climate emergency.

Yet, as the *Canary's* John Shafthauer has pointed out: "a lack of awareness isn't the problem." Shafthauer argued that (and I agree):

people are actually very informed about climate change, and the issue is they simply feel powerless to enact change.

By contrast, in the Bibby Stockholm's case activists took a direct stand against a violent instrument of the UK Home Office. They married JSO's classic traffic tactics with a specific step for migrant justice.

To some extent, I saw parallels with communities disrupting immigration raids – in a similar way, JSO were trying to halt a callous gear in the UK 'hostile environment'. Specifically here, this is a vehicle of violence which forces people seeking safety and a new life in this country into a dilapidated and unsafe de facto floating prison, while they wait despicably long months and sometimes years for the shithole Home Office to process their asylum claims.

Climate crisis and displacement

For once however, I'm also prepared to eat my earlier words. Building "awareness" was actually a solid strategy in this instance. Specifically, the action drew vital attention to the significant intersections between the climate crisis and displacement.

In particular, the climate crisis itself is a major cause of displacement. JSO noted this in its press release on the action:

We know that our government's plan for new oil and gas is going to lead to more people being displaced from their homes. Forced from where they have lived for generations due to the actions of our failing politicians.

In other words, the UK government greenlighting new oil and gas will generate more planet-heating greenhouse gas emissions. In turn, this will intensify the climate crisis and its extreme weather impacts, particularly on those in the Global South. According to the United Nations Refugee Agency (UNHCR), more than 80% of refugees and internally displaced people in 2022 came from:

countries vulnerable to climate change and live in dangerous conflict situations exacerbated by droughts, monsoon rains and floods.

In this way then, the Tories' energy nationalism – which is invariably centred round more fossil fuels – is yet another example of where it couldn't give a shit about racialised communities, here or otherwise. JSO were therefore right to draw the connections.

More than stopping oil and gas

Evidently, JSO has taken a step in the right direction. In spite of this, I still feel it's missing a crucial point. Its press release ended on the notion that:

The first step is stopping new oil and gas

Clearly, ending new oil and gas is an important goal. The newly licensed Rosebank is testament to the stark hypocrisy of the UK continuing its business-as-usual extraction in the midst of a global climate emergency.

Ultimately however, it isn't only about oil and gas. JSO's protest should have illustrated to the group exactly why that is.

The fossil fuel economy is intrinsically wrapped up in racial capitalism. Therefore, to end one you inevitably have to dismantle the other. As assistant professors Julius Alexander McGee at Portland State University and Patrick Trent Greiner of Vanderbilt University have articulated:

Fossil fuels are the loom that weaves the tapestry of oppression into a functioning whole, systematically influencing the lives of the enslaved, imperialized, colonized, and exploited. Fossil

Given this, the deadly cycle of dehumanisation – where bordered nations render Black and Brown lives expendable – is part and parcel of this very capitalist architecture. The Bibby Stockholm is one such example of this violent apparatus in action. Naturally, this system is underpinned by, and underpins, fossil fuels at every turn.

In short: it was never enough to just stop oil, we need to do away with the whole damn system. JSO's action against the Bibby Stockholm should be just the start. There can be no climate justice without dismantling racial capitalism in all its callous forms.

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GB News has been branded a “puppet TV station” for the fossil fuel industry by Extinction Rebellion (XR) activists who hurled fake oil outside the channel’s main studio.

Protesters threw the dark paint, which was made to look like oil, outside the entrance of the building in west London, as another activist who was wearing a “dark face of money” mask sat on top of a hastily-erected tripod dangling a Pinocchio-style puppet.

About a dozen protesters then stood in silence outside the building in **Paddington** as office workers arriving for the day shift were re-directed to another entrance.

XR said the protest was highlighting GB News investor Sir Paul Marshall's links to the fossil fuel industry, and also demanding an end to what it called a "torrent of climate lies and disinformation" on the channel.

Sir Paul is chairman and chief investment officer of Marshall Wace, a hedge fund with some £45 billion under management.

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Other protesters stood at the entrance holding placards depicting the faces of GB News presenters including Nigel Farage, Sir **Jacob Rees-Mogg**, Richard Tice and Lee Anderson, as well as Sir Paul, with the word "extremist" written beneath each of them.

Jon Fuller, one of the XR team outside GB News, claimed the station is "sowing climate doubt and confusion".

XR said it had launched another protest on Monday morning at the offices of Marshall Wace in central London.

They said that two of its activists had climbed the portico above the main doors and strung out a giant banner reading, "Marshall Wace: Cut the Ties To Fossil Fuels".

Another group of protesters sprayed the front windows with a black "oil" spray.

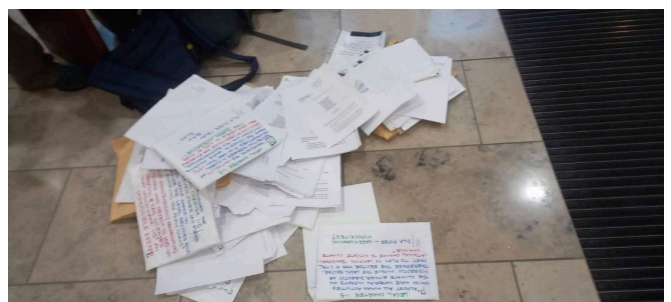
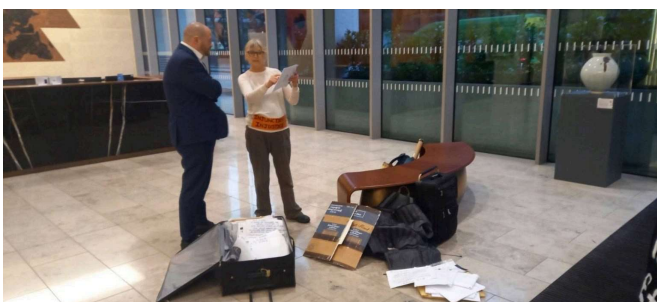


Just Stop Oil supporters target law firm responsible for National Highway Ltd injunctions

Press / October 24, 2023

At approximately 8:30am this morning three Just Stop Oil supporters entered the offices of the law firm DLA Piper, displayed banners and deposited a large amount of legal paperwork from a suitcase onto the floor.[1]

Theresa Norton, 65, from Scarborough in Yorkshire, is one of the named defendants on the controversial National Highways Ltd M25 structures injunction. Today, she "returned to sender" the vast amount of paperwork she has received from the firm in connection with the injunction.



Theresa is also appearing at the Royal Courts of Justice today along with 11 others accused of breaking the National Highways Ltd injunction when they climbed or attempted to climb gantries over the M25 in



DLA Piper is an international Law firm that claims to have green credentials and yet they are the firm profiting the most from the civil law injunctions brought by the government against Insulate Britain, Stop HS2 and Just Stop Oil.

Lawyers for DLA Piper charge the government between £90 and £412 per hour for their services, fees which the government then seeks to recoup from the people named on injunctions in the form of legal costs. For example, lawyers acting for the government in respect of the National Highways Ltd M25 injunction originally sought costs of £727,574 against the 133 defendants. People named on injunctions are frequently faced with huge legal bills whether or not they broke the injunction. [4]

In addition to legal costs running to tens of thousands, those convicted of breaking an injunction face up to 2 years in prison, an unlimited fine and seizure of assets. Many of those in court this week have already spent long periods on remand, experienced restrictive bail conditions and ankle tags and, in an apparent case of double jeopardy face trial for public nuisance in criminal courts in 2024/5. [5][6]

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Two further hearings at the Royal Courts of Justice are scheduled for the remaining 32 people who participated in the M25 gantry actions in November 2022.

Just Stop Oil supporters are not prepared to stand by and watch while the government plans for millions to die and destroys everything we care about. It's up to all of us now to come together and resist. We cannot let them divide us. Together we can be the real opposition this country needs and we will win. We will stop new oil and gas. People are coming together from all over the UK to march day after day in London from 30th October. It's People vs Oil!

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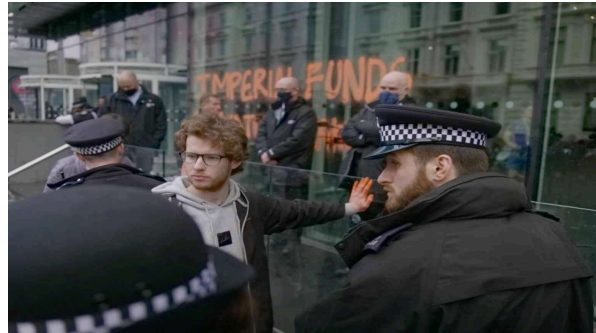


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“Are you discussing genocide?”: Injunction Injustice targets DLA Piper

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Five people from Injunction Injustice disrupted a corporate presentation event at the offices of the law firm DLA Piper on Tuesday evening before they were ejected by security guards. The city law firm is profiting the most from the civil law injunctions brought by the government against Insulate Britain, Stop HS2 and Just Stop Oil. [1]

Tuesday evening at around 6pm, five people from Injunction Injustice stood outside the DLA Piper and Times newspaper sponsored event ‘A Year In Review’ at 160 Aldersgate, London. They displayed banners, spoke to guests and at one point entered the foyer of the building before they were forcibly ejected by security guards. Guests included lawyers, consultants and DLA Piper clients from The Times, The Telegraph, the Spectator and The Guardian amongst others.



injunctions. As well as criminal charges, incarceration and tagging, climate defenders who may have breached an injunction simply by standing outside an oil terminal with a sign, face oppressive financial costs.

The use of injunctions is having a chilling effect on peaceful protest; protest against new oil and gas licensing which will kill hundreds of millions of people. Scientists warn of untold suffering and death, of the collapse of whole nations, and the eradication by manmade global heating of entire peoples and cultures. New oil and gas means genocide and lawyers who are supporting the government in suppressing protest are complicit.

Injunction Injustice supporter Karen Wildin said:

"The role of lawyers and journalists is critical in these times. Most don't seem to want to acknowledge this, probably because it requires significant shifts of attitude and mindset. However, they have huge power and therefore huge responsibility."

"The most important thing any of us can do is acknowledge that business as usual is killing us. If we continue down the current path we face annihilation. This is especially true for young people and those in the global south for whom continuing with our fossil fuel addiction means genocide."

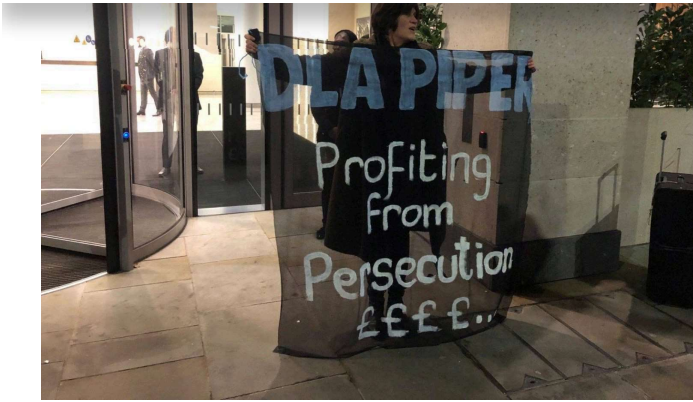
"We asked the participants are you discussing genocide tonight ? And if not, why not ?"

Injunction Injustice was started by people who have previously taken action with Just Stop Oil but who are now banned from participating in Just Stop Oil actions by draconian bail conditions.

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Continued expansion of new oil and gas will bring about the wholesale destruction of ordered society and an end to the rule of law. We are not prepared to watch while the government continues to serve the interests of a few, at the expense of everyone else. It's up to all of us to come together and resist. It is the will of the overwhelming majority of people that we take the actions necessary to ensure our survival and together we can make it happen.

Our government is waging war on its people, and we're fighting back. They're the real criminals – imprisoning peaceful people for taking proportionate action to protect their communities, whilst licensing more than 100 new oil and gas projects, which will destroy everything we value. We're coming together to demand an end to new oil and gas. It's not a case of 'if' we will win; but 'when'.

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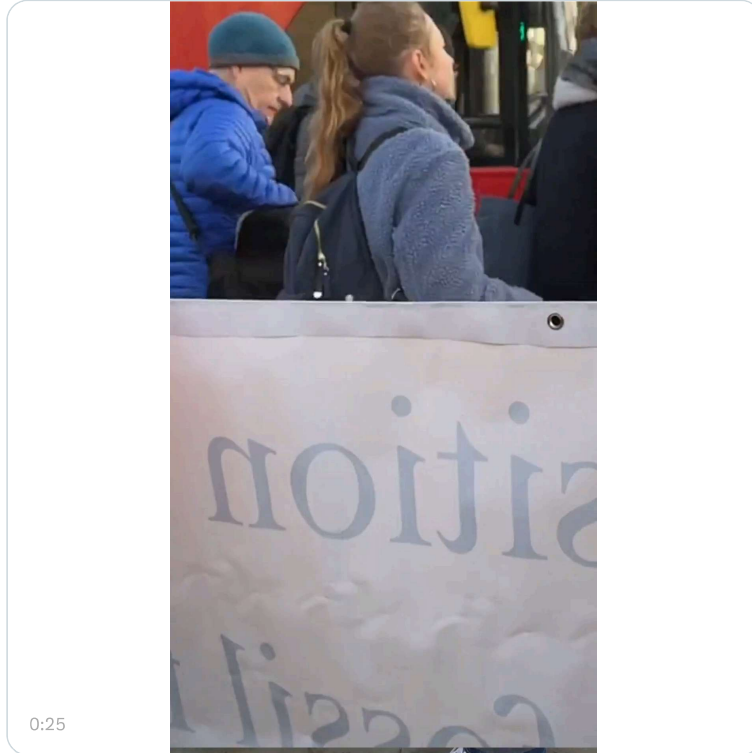
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The eco-activists joined in the action by wielding placards and holding banners over the weekend



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JSO shared footage of their involvement in the march on social media, with the caption: "Supporters of Just Stop Oil have joined the March for Palestine today in London."



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This was the seventh pro-Palestine march held in London following the October 7 attacks which kickstarted the ongoing Israel-Hamas war.

In a statement issued on Friday ahead of the action, the Met Police said: “The majority of protests and other events held in recent months have taken place without any notable disorder, with most people attending to express their views in a lawful and peaceful way.

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They said that their Counter Terrorism Com protests since October 7, with the majority relating to potential terror offences.

Last week, [Just Stop Oil met with Met Officers to discuss relations between the two organisations](#) going forward.

The group caused significant disruption across the UK last year, which the group claims resulted in Commander Kyle Gordon requesting that “Just Stop Oil come forward and speak with us, so we can actually work with them”.

JSO claimed that the two had entered into negotiations regarding the investigation of several individuals – one being Rishi Sunak - they claim to be responsible for “genocide crimes” relating to oil usage.

However, the Met did not confirm they were in negotiations with JSO, emphasising their impartiality in a new statement.

The force said they embraced the opportunity to meet with members of the environmental group, they were keen to stress that it was not the Met’s role to enforce any changes to laws, as JSO aims to do.

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Just Stop Oil supporters slow march again as government threatens law change to silence all dissent

Press / December 12, 2022

Just Stop Oil supporters have stopped traffic on key routes in Central London today to demand that the government halts all new fossil fuel licences and consents. [1]

At 8:15am, around 20 Just Stop Oil supporters wearing hi-vis vests walked onto the A24 near Clapham South and proceeded to march slowly Northwards. They continued along Clapham High Street accompanied by around 7 police officers.

A further action is planned later this morning in Camden Town.

Adam Beard, 53, a gardener and carer from Stroud said:

"I'm taking action to highlight our government's total disregard for human life and suffering in the pursuit of short-term profit. Not only are they issuing new fossil fuel licences, but they have now given the go-ahead

for a new coal mine which will produce the dirtiest kind of fuel there is, almost all of which will be exported. This exposes the massive gap between what government ministers say and what they do. They must change tack and stop all new fossil fuel licences. We will continue to cause disruption until they do the right thing for all of humanity."

Elvy Swan, 21, from Melbourne, Australia said:

"As young people we need to stand up to the reality we are faced with. Our generation is on the front line of a catastrophe far more significant than we could have conceived of. We are talking about people dying now. People that could have been saved. We don't have time to squabble about the specifics of change making. We must end new oil and gas."

A spokesperson from Just stop Oil said:

"Greenlighting a new coal mine signals that our Government does not care about everyday people or democracy. Their support and backing of new coal, oil and gas, is a plan to destroy our freedoms, our rights and the rule of law. It is a plan that will result in the deaths of countless millions and many more not knowing if they should stay where they have lived for generations or if they leave where they can go.

"The real savagery hits home when you realise that most people in this country, and across the world want what Just Stop Oil is calling for 'no new fossil fuels'.

"Government is silencing dissent by locking up ordinary people, calling for an end to new oil and gas, bringing in new laws and taking away your right to walk down the public highway. You don't get to cheerlead dissent abroad while demanding heavy handed tactics at home.

"We ask that you join us, the time to stand-by has passed, we must resist or lose everything"

The government has threatened new legislation before Christmas to "close loopholes" that have allowed Just Stop Oil supporters to march in the road, thus confirming suspicions that the only protests that the government will allow are those that nobody notices. The draconian Public Order Bill is due to finish the committee stage in the House of Lords this week and has been heavily criticised by peers and civil rights organisations alike. [2]

This week's action comes after the stunning victory last week in the second jury trial of Insulate Britain supporters. Gwen Harrison, Joshua Smith and Emily Brocklebank were found not guilty of causing a public nuisance by a unanimous verdict at Southwark Crown Court on Friday. The jury concluded after a 5 day trial that the disruption caused by the Insulate Britain supporters due to sitting in the road at Bishopsgate on 25th October 2021 did not amount to public nuisance. A third Insulate Britain jury trial is due to start at 10am today at Inner London Crown Court. [3]

This week also sees the continuation of plea and bail hearings for the Just Stop Oil supporters arrested as part of the four days of action on the M25 during November as well as for actions taken earlier in the campaign [4]

Six weeks of continuous disruption and civil resistance by supporters of Just Stop Oil during October and November resulted in over 700 arrests. Since the campaign began on April 1st, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested over 2,000 times, with 24 supporters currently in prison. [5]

Just Stop Oil continues to peacefully resist the government's plans to licence over 100 new oil and gas projects by 2025, and its failure to fulfil its promise to help people with their skyrocketing energy bills. By continuing to encourage new oil and gas they are complicit in the death of millions and are facilitating the collapse of the ordered society that allows democracy to function.

We stand with our 24 supporters in prison, with the 2,000 victims of our broken criminal justice system imprisoned for over a year without trial and with the 1,700 murdered across the global south, for protecting all our lives. We are not prepared to just watch while they destroy everything we love. As citizens, as humans, as parents and children we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. This is the moment, we are the last generation that can solve this. Will you step up and join us? If we all come together we can do this. We can Just Stop Oil. [6][7]

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[4] Hearings this week:

M25 Gantry actions:

12th December – Southwark Crown Court, St Alban’s Crown Court,

15th December– Aylesbury Cown Court, Guildford Crown Court

Art and M25 service station actions:

13th December – Westminster Magistrates Court, Stratford Magistrates Court

[5] There are now 24 Just Stop Oil supporters in prison on remand or serving sentences for taking action to demand that the government halts new oil and gas licences. They include El Litten, Barry Mitchell, Abigail Percy Ratcliffe, Adelheid Russenberger, Alexander Wilcox, Callum Goode, Catherine Rennie-Nash, Daniel Shaw, Ian Bates, Jan Goodey, Roger Hallam, Karen Matthews, Lucia Whittaker, Mair Bain, Molly Berry, Nick Onley, Paul Bell, Paul Bleach, Tim Hewes, Joshua Smith, Louis McKechnie, Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker.

[6] [Fair Trials reports](#) that the number of people being held in prison without trial in England and Wales is at its highest for over 50 years.

[7] [A recent report from Global Witness](#) says that more than 1,700 people have died while trying to prevent mining, oil drilling or logging on their lands.

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Just Stop Oil stages 'go slow' march in Sheffield.

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Supporters of Just Stop Oil staged a 'go slow' march in Sheffield today, bringing traffic to a crawling pace across the city centre. It follows the widely publicised adoption of the new tactic in marches across London in December. [2]

They are demanding that the government stops all new UK fossil fuel projects. [1]

The Sheffield action was carried out in defiance of the Prime Minister's recent threat to crack down on the 'go slow' marches. Further such actions are planned across the north in the coming months. [3]

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The Sheffield action follows a campaign of disruptive action by Just Stop Oil in the final months of 2022, with daily roadblocks in the centre of London during October, the repeated closure of the M25 in November, when Just Stop Oil supporters climbed the overhead gantries, as well as a series of slow-marches in the capital during December. Since the campaign began on April 1st, there have been over 2,000 arrests of Just Stop Oil supporters, with 130 having been imprisoned.

During this campaign of disruption, polling showed a huge surge in support for nonviolent direct action of the sort carried out by Just Stop Oil, with 66% saying they support taking nonviolent direct action to protect the climate with just 34% opposed. [8]

Just Stop Oil is hosting a talk for members of the public entitled "Our Responsibilities at This Time" on Tuesday 24th January, 7pm, at the Sheffield Quaker Meeting House.

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The march follows the widely publicised adoption of the new tactic in marches across London and Sheffield in recent weeks which were carried out in defiance of the Prime Minister's recent threat to crack down on the 'go slow' marches. Further such actions are planned across the north in the coming months. [2] [3] [4].

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The government plans to issue over 100 new North Sea oil and gas licenses a move which climate scientists have warned is incompatible with staying within 1.5C of global warming – a temperature increase widely understood to be disastrous for nature and humanity [5]

The issuing of new licences is not supported by either the Welsh or Scottish governments and is facing a legal challenge by campaign groups. The government is also facing a legal challenge over its approval of the UK's first new coal mine for over 30 years, at Whitehaven in Cumbria [5],[6].

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Just Stop Oil is hosting a talk for members of the public entitled "Our Responsibilities at This Time" at 7pm on 1st February at Friends' Meeting House, Manchester.[9].

Just Stop Oil Manchester has its monthly meet, open to all, on the 1st Thursday of every month, 6.30 at the Sandbar in Manchester [10]

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Just Stop Oil stages 'go slow' marches in Liverpool, Norwich and Brighton

Press / February 18, 2023

Supporters of Just Stop Oil are staging 'go slow' marches in Liverpool, Norwich and Brighton today to demand that the government stops all new UK fossil fuel licences and consents. [1]

Over 120 Just Stop Oil supporters have turned out for peaceful marches across the three locations causing long traffic delays and tailbacks through city centres.

In Liverpool around 30 Just Stop Oil supporters marched from Liverpool Lime Street this morning, while Norwich saw over 40 Just Stop Oil supporters turn up for the first such action in the region. Within the last few minutes around 55 Just Stop Oil supporters have to set off from the Level in Brighton heading for the seafront and town centre.

The marches follow the widely publicised adoption of the new tactic in London, Sheffield and Manchester in recent weeks in defiance of the Prime Minister's recent threat to crack down on the tactic. Further such actions are planned across the country in the coming months. [2][3]

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

“Our government knows that licensing new fossil fuel projects is signing a death warrant for young people, for whole populations living in small island states and the global south. We are facing death and mass migration in the millions and the loss of peoples’ cultures, traditions and history – that’s genocide. In future our government, and the fossil fuel producers and their enablers, will be held to account for their crimes.”

“We have a moral duty to resist when the government is endangering life and we have the right to defend our loved ones from their genocidal policies. The government has failed in its attempts to change the law to prevent people doing what they have always done to defend their rights and freedoms. So we will continue to march peacefully to demand action on the climate crisis, the greatest threat that humanity has ever faced.”

Wendy Cocks, 64, a former councillor and housing policy officer from Rochdale who attended the march in **Liverpool**, said:

“Liverpool is a great city, but the climate crisis means that much of it will disappear under the rising seas and waters of the Mersey. Against all the scientific advice our government is planning ever-more new oil, gas and coal projects here in the UK. This is reckless beyond belief, and I’m here today to demand they stop all new fossil fuel licenses”.

Frances Davies, a 20 year old cafe worker from **Norwich** marching today, said:

“I’m taking action because I want to be able to go outside in the summer, I want to have a life, a career, and I want to grow old. All of that is at stake because our government chooses profit over life. I have lost faith in all other methods of protest, I’ve tried everything else, signing petitions, going on marches, going on strike, and the head of the United Nations António Guterres said at COP 27 that we are ‘on the highway to climate hell with our foot on the accelerator’. What else can I do? I’ve been backed into a corner by the government. I can sit by and watch everything we’ve built fall apart, or I can resist.”

George Hibberd, 29, a former commercial airline pilot from Chichester marching in **Brighton today** said:

“We are here to show Brighton that we can do something about the climate crisis. It is terrifying, it is overwhelming but we have so much power together as a community. It is easy to feel alone and helpless in the face of the criminality and indifference of our government and big businesses. But Just Stop Oil is proving how much we can achieve if we come together and take bold action.”

“We don’t enjoy disrupting ordinary people but for as long as the government refuses to listen to the world’s top climate bodies, and continues to licence new oil and gas, we have no choice but to peacefully resist.”

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UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres, recently warned the World Economic Forum: *"Today, fossil fuel producers and their enablers are still racing to expand production, knowing full well that this business model is inconsistent with human survival. Now, this insanity belongs in science-fiction, yet we know the ecosystem meltdown is cold, hard scientific fact."* [6]

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Just Stop Oil is hosting talks for members of the public in the three locations in the coming week entitled "Our Responsibilities at This Time" [7]

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100 Just Stop Oil supporters march slowly through 3 city centres causing severe traffic delays

Press / March 18, 2023

Supporters of Just Stop Oil are staging 'go slow' marches in Bristol, Lancaster and Ipswich today to demand that the government stops all new UK fossil fuel licences and consents. [1]



Left to right: Bristol, Lancaster, Ipswich

Over 100 Just Stop Oil supporters have turned out for peaceful marches across the three locations causing long traffic delays and tailbacks through city centres.

In Ipswich 16 Just Stop Oil supporters marched from Christchurch Park this morning towards the city centre accompanied by a police squad car, two motorbikes and a handful of police officers on foot. Lancaster saw over 25 Just Stop Oil supporters setting off to march slowly along the A6. Within the last hour around 70 Just Stop Oil supporters have set off from Queens Square in Bristol to march slowly around the city centre. [2]

Today's slow marches honour the memory of our comrade, Xavier Gonzalez-Trimmer who sadly died on 20th February 2023. Xavi took action with a sense of service and love. He demanded a future worth living and will be sadly missed. He lives on in our actions. [3]

The slow marches demonstrate that Just Stop Oil supporters will continue to defy government threats to crack down on the tactic. Further such actions are planned across the country and in London in the coming months. [4]

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

"Our government knows that licensing new fossil fuel projects is signing a death warrant for young people, for whole populations living in small island states and the global south. We are facing death and mass migration in the millions and the loss of peoples' cultures, traditions and history – that's genocide. In future they will be held to account for their crimes.

"In the face of the government's criminal death project and the potential collapse of human civilisation we cannot remain neutral. Neutrality means they win. It means millions of deaths and the loss of all we hold dear. It is time for everyone to pick a side.

"We know where we stand. We are on the side of life, the side of survival. We can be powerful if we come together and resist. Join us on a slow march in London from 24th April."

The government plans to issue over 100 new North Sea oil and gas licences from April 2023– a move which is facing a legal challenge by campaign groups. The government is also facing a legal challenge over its approval of the UK's first new coal mine for over 30 years, at Whitehaven in Cumbria. [5]

Campaigners are also threatening to take the government to court over last month's decision by the planning inspector to grant permission for oil drilling at Balcombe in Sussex. [6]

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Speaking ahead of the release on Monday 20th March of another key climate report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said last week [8]:

“Our world is at a crossroads, and our planet is in the crosshairs. We are nearing the point of no return, of overshooting the internationally agreed limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius of global warming. We are at the tip of a tipping point.”

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Just Stop Oil is hosting twice weekly welcome talks online or in person for members of the public on Tuesdays at 7pm and Sundays at 5pm. These talks take an unflinching look at the state we’re in, what we’re doing about it and how we’re going to win. Visit our website to sign up for a welcome talk and prepare to take action with Just Stop Oil.[9]

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Barclays sprayed with orange paint, while Just Stop Oil supporters slow march through Leeds and Coventry

Press / March 25, 2023

Supporters of Just Stop Oil staged 'go slow' marches in Leeds and Coventry today, while warning that they will bring the marches back to London from April 24th. They are demanding that the government stops all new UK oil and gas projects [1]

At around 11:30 am, 30 Just Stop Oil supporters marched down Clay Pit Lane, one of Leeds' busiest roads towards the City Centre, holding banners and chanting "Just Stop Oil".

Two Just Stop Oil supporters were arrested when, at the end of the march, they sprayed Barclays Bank in Albion Street in orange paint, demanding an end to fossil fuel lending by banks. Barclays is Europe's largest fossil fuel financier, providing over \$166bn of funding since 2015. [2]

In Coventry, 28 Just Stop Oil supporters are gathering at the Godiva Statue, Broadgate before setting off to slow march along the city's roads.

Lucy Timmin, 44 from Leeds said:

"Barclays continues to fund new oil and gas projects when other major UK banks have refused to. The corporation is knowingly and willingly funding the genocide of millions of people in the Global South who

will be killed over the next decade by climate breakdown”.

Today’s action follows marches in Bristol, Lancaster and Ipswich amongst others in recent weeks and comes despite the Prime Minister’s threat to crack down on the ‘go slow’ marches. [3]

Sam Holland, 20, a student from Leeds who attended the march, said

“We’re causing disruption today to force attention towards our government’s genocidal policies. If we weren’t out today, everything would move along as normal, and we’re one step closer to British crops failing, hundreds of millions of climate refugees, global economic meltdown... someone has to say NO. They are not going to stop unless we force them. That’s why we’re asking everyone to join us in civil resistance in London from 24 April. ”

Victoria Lindsell, 67, an English language teacher from Leamington attending the Coventry march said:

“I have seen successive governments put profit before the lives of ordinary people. Many of us have been aware for some time of the disastrous consequences of unlimited growth in fossil fuel emissions and our blindly insane consumption of fossil fuel energy. This, together with the cost of living crisis is the reason that I joined Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil.

“I hope our peaceful, non violent march today will empower the people to join us, to protect people’s lives now and the future of our youth and children to come. New oil and gas is an act of genocide, it’s planning the deaths of millions, billions of people. Will you be complicit in these deaths? It’s time to pick a side, I’m not going to wait when my future, the future of those I love is destroyed. ”

The marches follow the government’s announcement that it plans to launch its revamped Net Zero Strategy in Aberdeen, the oil capital of the UK, next week. It is expected that it will contain major sops to the UK’s fossil fuel industries including boosting carbon capture and storage and hydrogen and will miss out on key measures to limit emissions. [4]

The government is also due to make a decision on the Rosebank oil field. It would be the largest offshore oil field in the North Sea, and would generate more CO₂ emissions than the 28 lowest-income-nations combined. In all, the government plans to issue up to 100 new North Sea oil and gas licences – a move which is facing a legal challenge by campaign groups. [5].

Climate scientists have warned that the granting of new fossil fuel licences is incompatible with staying within 1.5C of global warming – a temperature increase widely understood to be disastrous for humanity [6]

Speaking at the launch of the United Nations’ Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Synthesis Report on Monday, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres said [7]:

“This report is a clarion call to massively fast-track climate efforts by every country and every sector and on every timeframe. In short, our world needs climate action on all fronts – everything, everywhere, all at once.”

He went on to call for all countries to commit to:

“Ceasing all licensing or funding of new oil and gas – consistent with the findings of the International Energy Agency.”

In moments of emergency, we must stand up and be brave, we must stand up for good over evil, life over death, right over wrong. Just Stop all is calling on everyone to pick a side. Either you are actively supporting civil resistance fighting for life or you are complicit with genocide. The time is now. Join us and slow march while you still can. Our indefinite campaign of civil resistance begins on April 24th and will not end until our government ends new oil and gas

Visit our website to join us in civil resistance to [Just Stop Oil](https://juststopoil.org/). [8]

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March 24, 2024	Sunday
11:00 AM - 03:00 PM	● Just Stop Oil - Anti-Racism Workshop - London
05:00 PM - 06:30 PM	● Online Welcome Talk - How To Just Stop Oil
March 25, 2024	Monday
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March 26, 2024	Tuesday
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07:00 PM - 10:00 PM	● Getting Involved Zoom
07:00 PM - 09:00 PM	● Just Stop Oil - Social - Norwich
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04:00 PM - 06:00 PM	● Student Welcome Talk - New Strategy Launch - Cambridge
06:00 PM - 08:00 PM	● Just Stop Oil - Social - Coventry
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English motorway gantries get new, more secure design

National Highways hopes design will prove more resilient to trespassers after last year's Just Stop Oil protests

Safi Bugel

Mon 13 Mar 2023 18.30 GMT

National Highways has unveiled a new design for motorway gantries that it hopes will prove harder for protesters to mount and use to cause disruption.

The renovated structures, which are expected to become the standard design in England from 2025, will have their maintenance steps hidden inside their pillars and will be more difficult to gain access to without authorisation.

The agency said this would make them “more resilient to trespassers”, but it stressed that “security issues did not form part of the original specification”.

Just Stop Oil activists scaled gantries above the M25 in November last year. Several stretches of the road were closed and arrests were made as members of the organisation protested against the climate emergency. [One man, Jan Goodey, was handed a six-month sentence.](#)

[A spokesperson for the group said: “Just Stop Oil have always said the disruption will end immediately when the government agrees to end new oil and gas. Until then we look forward to the challenges the new gantry designs provide.”](#)

National Highways launched a competition to replace the gantry designs last December, a month after the M25 protests.

The competition, run in conjunction with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), was launched as part of a wider plan to “beautify” the design of the country’s busiest roads. Design guidance published by National Highways last July included recommendations such as “minimising clutter”, providing “clues” about how to drive, being sensitive to the local landscape and improving environmental sustainability. Entries were not expected to alter the technology that sits behind gantries.

National Highways said: “Although security issues did not form part of the original specification, the new design will be more resilient to trespassers due to entry being concealed within the pillars, making it more difficult to access without authorisation.”

The successful concept was produced by the London-based architecture company Useful Studio and chosen for its “simplicity and elegance”.

National Highways’ executive director for operations, Duncan Smith, said: “This is a great opportunity for us to develop a more streamlined, elegant and consistent visual appearance for roadside gantries to enhance drivers’ experience when driving on

England's motorways and major A-roads.

“Existing designs tend to emphasise function over form. Our challenge is to create innovative structures that can accommodate the required signage and equipment that are more sympathetic to the environment.”

The new gantries will have a lower carbon footprint than the current designs as they will use less steel.

Jonathan McDowell, an RIBA architect adviser, said: “It is very encouraging that National Highways is actively engaging the design community in helping to improve the design of these ubiquitous but cumbersome parts of the motorway experience. We enjoyed seeing a wide range of interesting ideas, including those which challenged National Highways' current practices.”

During last November's protests, Just Stop Oil banners were draped from the overhead road structures. National Highways said at the time that the structures need “a degree of accessibility” for maintenance crews.

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Moment Just Stop Oil eco zealot sings protest song to police as he and fellow activist are hauled off Dartford Crossing bridge and arrested - as pair are found guilty of causing public nuisance after sparking two days of traffic chaos

Police bodycam footage showed the moment a [Just Stop Oil](#) demonstrator sung a protest song to officers as he was hauled off the Dartford Crossing after causing two days of traffic gridlock.

Eco-zealot Marcus Decker, 34 who was joined in the demonstration by Morgan Trowland, 40, was pulled into a cherry picker more than 200ft above ground and arrested following the stunt which sparked travel mayhem over two days.

The pair used ropes and other climbing equipment to shuffle up the cables and erect their protest site above the road where they unfurled a 'giant Just Stop Oil banner' and rigged up hammocks.

Today they were each convicted of causing a public nuisance at Basildon Crown Court for the stunt which lasted from 4am on October 17 last year to mid afternoon the following day.

When they finally agreed to come down, protester Marcus Decker was filmed singing a song of defiance as he was slowly lowered into the waiting arms of the police who had deployed a very large cherry picker.

Police bodycam footage shows a visibly exhausted Decker bellowing: 'On this good green earth we will take a stand with an open heart and a healing hand' - moments before he was pulled into the cherry picker.







During the protest the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge, which links the M25 in Essex and Kent, was closed for almost two days, prosecutor Alan King told the court.

'This closure caused gridlock for miles around throughout that period, which we say was the point,' said Mr King.

'It was because of the disruption that the incident made national news.'

He continued: 'Small businesses lost, in some cases, hundreds of thousands of pounds, people missed loved ones' funerals, children were left on the side of the road waiting for buses.'

He said the men came down at about 5.30pm on October 18 'with the help of police and a very tall cherry picker crane', but the bridge was not reopened to traffic until later.

Mr King had told jurors: 'We're not here to litigate the Government's climate change policy.'





Police body cam footage from the morning the protest began showed officers approaching both Trowland and Decker and asking them to confirm they weren't trying to harm themselves.

Both men then continued their climb.

Trowland had said in evidence: 'We climbed it (the bridge) to deliver a warning message, to put up a banner saying Just Stop Oil and to speak that message through interviews with journalists.'

He said the activist group's goal is to get the Government to stop licensing oil and gas production.

'That is putting fuel on the fire of climate change.'

Trowland, of Islington, north London, and Decker, 34, of no fixed address, denied causing a public nuisance.

They were found guilty by a jury by unanimous verdicts following more than two hours of deliberations.

Judge Shane Collery KC remanded them in custody to be sentenced on April 13.

He said: 'This court is considering custodial sentences.'

He added: 'We're dealing with significant nuisance that's been caused.'

Energy Security Secretary Grant Shapps said on Twitter: 'I welcome the court's decision today.'

'The right to protest cannot be allowed to outweigh the right of the law-abiding majority to go about their day free from selfish and antisocial disruption.'

'We are cracking down on these guerilla tactics which cause misery for the majority.'

Sean Irish, of Just Stop Oil, said outside court that the verdicts were 'quite disappointing'.

'Obviously it's quite disappointing to see this happen,' he said.

'We've seen in the Old Bailey that a jury has the right to acquit based on a conscience, whether they were aware of that I don't know, but it's disappointing to see that they've come back with a guilty verdict.'

He said that the climate crisis was 'more terrifying' than the prospect of prison time.

'Young people aren't going to die for an oil baron's profits,' Mr Irish said.

'We're not going to lie down easily, we're not going to take it, we will fight back.

'The more the government cracks down on peaceful protest, the more dangerous it becomes for the government.'



Just Stop Oil supporter denied bail and remains remanded in prison without trial

Court & Prison, Press / March 14, 2024

A Just Stop Oil supporter remains remanded in prison after peacefully blocking the entrance to the Royal Courts of Justice. They took action to demand the UK government halt all licensing and consents for new oil, gas and coal projects, and to highlight the injustice of private injunctions. [1]

This afternoon, Callum Goode, 24, has been denied bail at Westminster Magistrates Court. Callum has been imprisoned since 6th of March for taking peaceful action to resist climate breakdown and they will likely

Callum took action with Tez Burns, 35, blocking the entrance to the Royal Courts of Justice. The pair took action to resist the use of civil injunctions which are being used to silence climate defenders. [2]

Speaking in court, Callum said:

"I'm being held in prison not because I present a harm to anyone or am a danger to society, but because I refuse to stop being in nonviolent civil resistance.

Why not hold me there for the rest of my life? I'm not going to stop taking action. We are in an urgent crisis and I cannot morally respect bail conditions which prevent necessary action.

I will essentially be serving, through remand, a custodial sentence for something that may not even result in a custodial sentence.

This court does not care about morality, this court is blind and complicit in the face of genocide.

I need to act on the side of life. So if you put me in prison, so be it. You will have stripped me of my power, but I know that there are other people who will fight on."

Michel Forst, the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Environmental Defenders under the Aarhus Convention recently said: *"I am deeply troubled at the use of civil injunctions to ban protest in certain areas, including on public roadways."* adding: *"The repression that environmental activists who use peaceful civil disobedience are currently facing in Europe is a major threat to democracy and human rights."* [3]

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

"Injunctions are private laws bought by corporations and government agencies. Typically they are used to protect someone from harassment, and are intended as a remedy not a punishment, but since the Insulate Britain campaign began, they've been increasingly used by the State and private companies to silence dissent by climate resisters. They are being used to circumnavigate the usual rule of law, where defendants appear before a high court judge with no jury. They potentially expose defendants to 'double jeopardy' for the same action, where they may also be facing criminal charges. Typically injunctions result in astronomical legal costs which are applied to people named on an injunction, even if they have never broken it. Where defendants are offered an undertaking- which commits them to a certain action- and they choose to sign it, all costs are then divided equally amongst any remaining defendants. This is a divide and rule tactic being used to silence those speaking out about the criminality of politicians and business leaders."

As the world passes tipping points that threaten the breakdown of ordered civilization, world leaders, captured by the interests of oil lobbyists and big business, are failing to protect our communities. British citizens are sick of being led by liars and crooks. Until we stop Tory oil, supporters of Just Stop Oil will continue taking proportionate action to demand necessary change. Sign up for action at [juststopoil.org](https://www.juststopoil.org).

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Just Stop Oil 'Blue Lights' policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and 'blue lights' on.

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We need a Revolution. What's the plan?

Press / March 3, 2024

This system is fucked, politics is failing us, we need a revolution or we really do face rule by 'the mob'. As we pass through 1.5C of heating to 2C and then the predicted 3C in the lifetime of many alive today, we will lose all we cherish and value. Our treasured landscapes, the rule of law, education, healthcare, pensions – and yes the people we love. We will not be able to feed ourselves and those who rule us do not care. Look at Gaza, this is what they are prepared to let happen. Genocide is now acceptable.

In response, nonviolent civil resistance to a harmful state will continue, with coordinated, radical actions that reach out to new people and capture the attention of the world. Alongside this, a new political project will be set up. This will run local assemblies and will support and stand candidates to shape the electoral debate. A coordinating structure known as Umbrella, will support these projects and this will be the heart of our community of resistance.

Just Stop Oil will continue to be the major focus until we win, but we have a new three part demand: No New Oil, Revoke Tory Licences and Just Stop Oil by 2030. In addition to disrupting high-profile cultural events and continuing our Stop Tory Oil campaign, focussing on MP's and those in power, this summer Just

Stop Oil will commence a campaign of high-level actions at sites of key importance to the fossil fuel industry – airports.

In addition to Just Stop Oil, young people and students will be taking action in a new campaign that will demand an end to genocide – both in Palestine, and globally, from the continued drilling and burning of oil and gas.

Umbrella will launch Assemble, a democracy project that will mobilise hundreds of people by running local assemblies on issues of concern to communities across the country and giving them pathways to action. The goal is to create a “People’s House” to parallel the House of Commons as the first step towards having permanent legally binding citizens assemblies– a democratic revolution.

Umbrella will be the hub for fundraising, mobilisation and directing resources to a range of new campaigns and groups, including Robin Hood, a major new campaign based around a demand to properly fund our public services by taxing the richest in society.

Each of these campaigns will share the values of nonviolence and accountability.

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Drivers drag Just Stop Oil protesters from street in Knightsbridge



Just Stop Oil: Motorists take law into own hands as police fail to stop protesters blocking roads

Government urges officers to use 'full powers' available to them after scenes of drivers stepping in to drag demonstrators away

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Frustrated motorists took the law into their own hands and tried to physically drag environmental protesters out of the road on Tuesday as Scotland Yard insisted officers had to adhere to the law before acting.

For the 11th day running members of the Just Stop Oil group brought chaos to London streets when they blocked three roads by sitting down in front of traffic.

A fire engine and an ambulance responding to emergency calls became stuck in the gridlock in the Knightsbridge area, while thousands of other road users were affected.

Suella Braverman, the Home Secretary, urged police to “use the full powers” in new protest laws against the “indefensible” actions of the Stop the Oil campaigners who were “putting lives in danger”.

Suella Braverman MP  · Oct 11, 2022 

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Blocking ambulances and fire engines and putting lives in danger is completely indefensible.

I thank the [@metpoliceuk](#) who have arrested over 300 disruptive protesters from this self-defeating organisation so far this month. 1/2

Suella Braverman MP 

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I expect the police to use the full powers we have given them to stop those who are hell bent on disrupting everyone's lives.

Our Public Order Bill will strengthen these powers further and toughen the penalties for guerrilla tactics. 2/2

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The chaos began at around 10am when 32 protesters sat down across three busy junctions, with some even gluing themselves to the tarmac.

Just Stop Oil, which is demanding that the Government halts all future licensing and production of fossil fuels in the UK, has been holding daily protests throughout October.

On Monday members blocked the Mall in front of Buckingham Palace and they have vowed to continue causing disruption until their demands are met.

With members of the public becoming increasingly frustrated at the apparent failure of the police to prevent the direct action, some have started to take the law into their own hands.

At one demonstration in Knightsbridge, a van driver who was unable to get through the blockade tried to drag a protester out of the way, while a taxi driver also attempted to remove someone from the highway.

Another angry van driver even drove slowly towards the group sitting down in the road forcing them to move away from his vehicle in order to avoid being hurt.

There was further public frustration when police units did arrive with drivers angry that the activists were not immediately removed and arrested.



Police speak to members of Just Stop Oil who have blocked roads in Knightsbridge | CREDIT: George Cracknell Wright/LNP

Police at the scene spent around 40 minutes assessing the situation and talking to the protesters before moving in and arresting 28 of them for wilful obstruction of the highway.

Challenged by one angry motorist at the scene, an officer said: "There's things we have to do first."

The Met has faced criticism for its handling of direct action protests in the past, with claims that its approach does little to deter demonstrators.

But responding to the criticism, Karen Findlay, the Met's Commander of Public Order, insisted officers had to operate within the law even when dealing with people engaging in illegal activity.

Posting on Twitter, she wrote: “We are aware of this protest and the disruption it is now causing, as with other Just Stop Oil protests in the Knightsbridge area.

"We have officers already on scene who will move quickly to engage and resolve, as we have had for the last seven days in response to declared daily Just Stop Oil activity.

"Whilst having to ensure we are adhering to the legal requirements we have to operate to otherwise cases would be unable to proceed through the criminal justice process successfully.

"That in no way is not appreciating the disruptive effect on everyday Londoners and services."



A driver remonstrates with protesters | CREDIT: George Cracknell Wright/LNP

The blocking of roads has become a favourite tactic among environmental groups due to the huge amount of disruption that can be caused by a relatively small number of people.

It became even more popular last year following a Supreme Court judgment, known as the Zeigler ruling, which stated that the deliberate physical obstruction of the highway could be lawful under the European Convention on Human Rights if peaceful and proportionate.

Last August, Extinction Rebellion made use of the law when members blockaded roads across London during a fortnight of action.

And in November members of the Insulate Britain group brought motorways across the country to a standstill in a series of coordinated sit-down demonstrations.

In an effort to deter those taking part the government obtained an injunction banning protesters from blocking certain roads.

However, Insulate Britain members simply circumvented the law by targeting roads not named in the injunction.

The Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act passed earlier this year gives police greater powers to arrest protesters who “wilfully obstruct” highways, with a maximum penalty of up to a year in jail.

A new bill due to be considered by Parliament will give police new powers to stop and search people in order to seize items intended to cause serious disruption by locking on to roads or street furniture. Ministers also propose greater use of injunctions to prevent repeat offending by protesters who return immediately after being arrested.



Police remove members of Just Stop Oil who have blocked roads in Knightsbridge | CREDIT: George Cracknell Wright/LNP

Ms Braverman will meet Sir Mark Rowley, the Met Police Commissioner, on Wednesday when it is expected she will raise the issue of the protesters.

“It is completely unacceptable that we are seeing guerrilla tactics with people coming back 11 days straight. We want to see greater use of the powers that we have given police,” said a Government source.

The latest round of protests by the Just Stop Oil group is expected to continue for the rest of October, with members of the group issuing a statement on Tuesday that said: “This is not a one-day event, this is an act of resistance against a criminal government and their genocidal death project.

“Our supporters will be returning – today, tomorrow and the next day – and the next day after that – and every day until our demand is met: no new oil and gas in the UK.

“We will not be intimidated by changes to the law, we will not be stopped by private injunctions sought to silence peaceful people. Our supporters understand that these are irrelevant when set against mass starvation, slaughter, the loss of our rights, freedoms and communities.”

More than 300 people have been arrested by the police since the Just Oil protests began.

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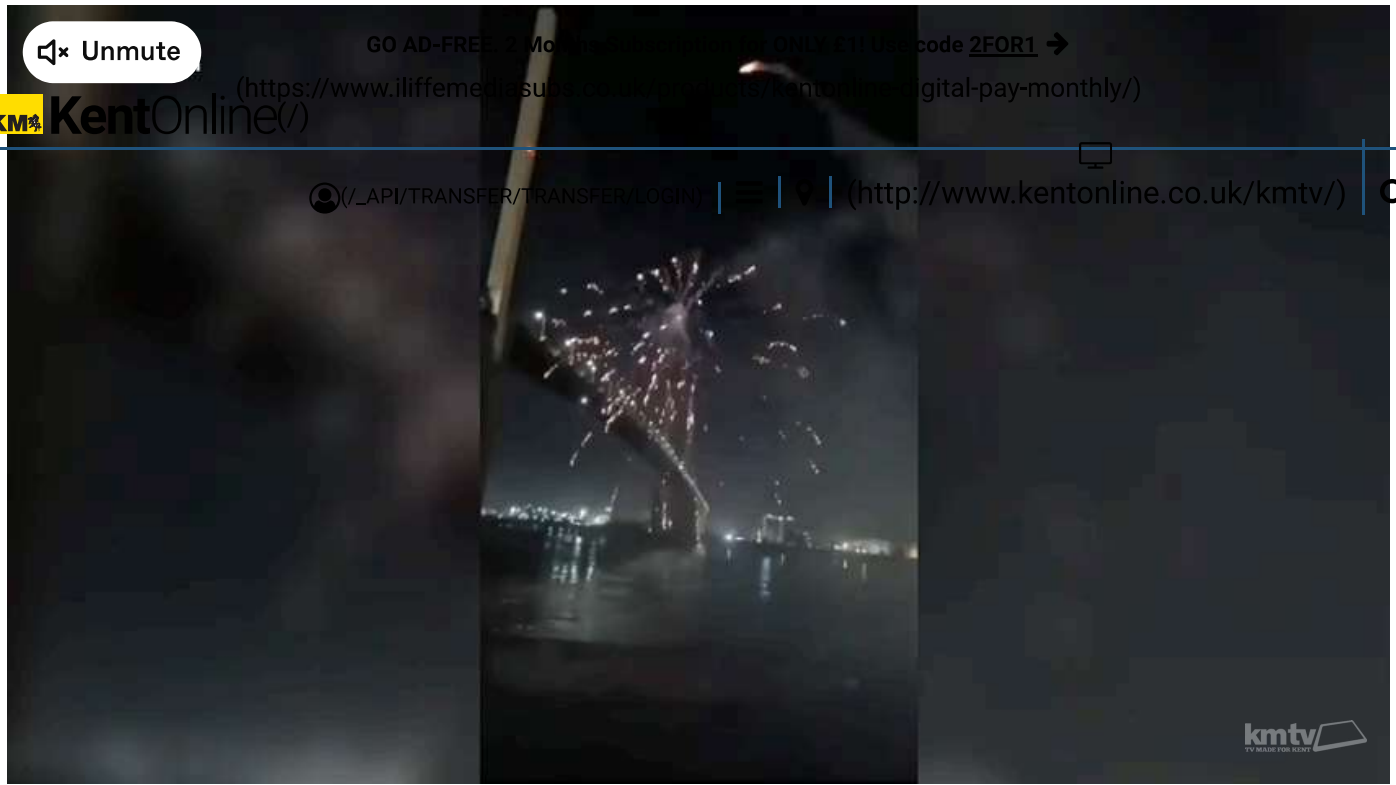
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Fireworks were shot towards the Just Stop Oil campaigners as they slept in their hammocks on the Dartford Crossing last night.

Motorists have been stuck in traffic unable to use the **QEII Bridge for two days after protesters climbed the cables** (<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/dartford/news/dartford-crossing-bridge-closed-due-to-police-incident-275346/>).




Footage has now appeared of fireworks being let off in the direction of the men who have been on the cables for more than 24 hours.

Essex Police said it was aware of the clip but had received no reports in connection to the incident.

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A spokesperson for Kent Police said: "We are aware of a video circulating online which appears to show fireworks being set off in Greenhithe near to the QEII bridge, Dartford.

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"Officers are making inquiries to ascertain the circumstances surrounding the video and to identify any offences which may have been committed.

In a video released this morning, Morgan Trowland, one of the men involved in the protest, said he 'survived the night'.



One of the protesters in a hammock on the bridge. Picture: Just Stop Oil

Read more: What do Just Stop Oil want? (<https://www.kentonline.co.uk/dartford/news/what-do-the-just-stop-oil-protestors-want-275363/>)

The 39-year-old bridge design engineer said: "We've just survived our first night up here, I was pretty cold and didn't sleep much but I'm ok.

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"We're up here until the government makes a meaningful statement to cancel all new licences and consents for oil and gas extraction."

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Although the bridge remains shut traffic is still able to travel in both directions through the tunnels.

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However the decreased capacity is causing delays of several hours on the M25 and the A282, as well as congestion on the local roads in the area.

There are also delays on approaching roads to the M25, including on the A13 near Thurrock and the A2 near Darenth.



Just Stop Oil have been protesting every day for the past two weeks. Picture: Just Stop Oil

Yesterday Just Stop Oil said the two climbers ascended the two 84m masts on the north side of the crossing.

They expected the bridge would remain shut for at least 24 hours, today they confirmed that they would remain on the bridge until they were brought down.

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Watch moment man tackles Just Stop Oil protester covering them in paint outside MI5 building



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A [Just Stop Oil](#) protester was left covered in orange [paint](#) after a furious passer-by intervened to stop them vandalising an [MI5](#) building.

Environment activists used fire extinguishers to spray paint at the [Secret Intelligence Service's](#) headquarters in [London](#) on Monday, as well as at the [Home Office](#), the [Bank of England](#) and the [News Corp](#) offices.

In footage posted on social media by Just Stop Oil, a member of the public can be seen intervening in the [activism](#) outside MI5.

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can be seen pulling off their baseball cap which he throws to the ground.

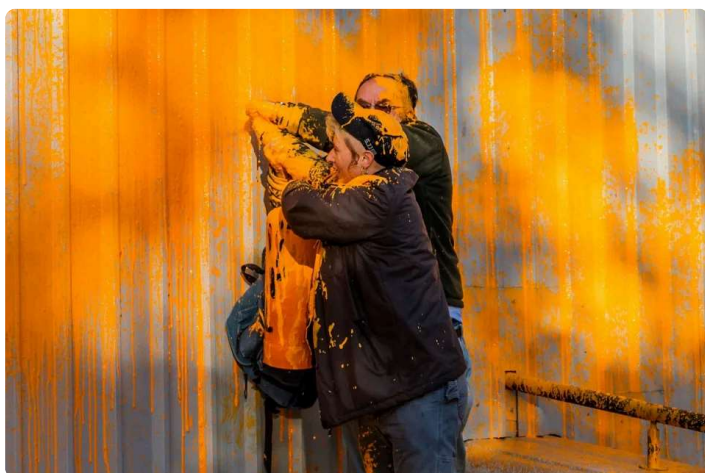
The protester continues trying to spray the building, and both they and the passer-by are too left covered in orange paint.

Londoners have been warned by the Met not to “directly intervene” with disruptive Just Stop Oil protesters.

Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist urged people not to take the law into their own hands after activists blocking roads in [London](#) were [dragged out of the way in heated scenes on Saturday](#).

Six people have been arrested by the Met Police on suspicion of criminal damage and taken into custody at a central London police station following Monday’s protests.

City of London Police officers arrested a further two people who sprayed the Bank of England.



(Guy Bell/Shutterstock)

Just Stop Oil said the buildings it targeted were chosen to represent “the four pillars that support and maintain the power of the fossil fuel economy — government, security, finance and media”.

It is the latest in a month-long stint of daily protests that has seen protesters stage sit-ins, block off key London roads, and vandalise buildings as they call on the Government to end all new oil and gas projects by 2025.

The environmental campaigners caused huge build-ups of traffic on Saturday afternoon by sitting in the middle of

stand by and watch while everything we love is destroyed, while vulnerable people go hungry and fossil fuel companies and the rich profit from our misery.

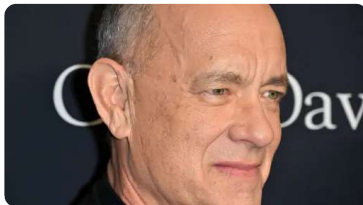
“We are acting to stop new oil and gas because it is the right thing to do. As citizens, as parents we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. The government has the power to end the disruption today by agreeing to stop new oil and gas licences and consents.”

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Just Stop Oil autumn protests cost Met Police £7.5m

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Policing Just Stop Oil protests cost the Metropolitan Police £7.5m in nine weeks, it has been revealed.

Environmental activists caused huge disruption in London last autumn when demonstrators blocked traffic on busy motorways and main roads.

The cost, revealed in a Freedom of Information request, includes the cost of staffing, overtime and vehicle use.

Home Secretary Suella Braverman says "enough is enough" and claimed the protests "drained police resources".

The group wants the government to halt new licences for the exploration of oil and other fossil fuels in the UK.

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More than 13,600 police officer shifts were involved in responding to incidents from 1 October to 14 November and from 28 November to 14 December.

Ms Braverman said: "Enough is enough. Blocking motorways and slow walking in roads delays our life-saving emergency services, stops people getting to work and drains police resources."



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| Just Stop Oil protesters blocked roads in London in October

Metropolitan Police Commander Karen Findlay, who leads the force on public order policing, said the protests required "money that could have been better

used in local communities, dealing with priority crime".

"Everyone has the right to protest but some of their activity was not protest, this was outright criminality intent on disrupting London, which we had to respond to effectively," she said.

Force bosses said because Just Stop Oil had not engaged with them in planning protests they had to have staff ready at all times.



| The government is attempting to tighten laws around protests through a Public Order Bill

Just Stop Oil spokesman Grahame Buss described the cost of policing the group's actions as "proportionate" given the billions of pounds being spent globally "adapting to climate change".

He added: "People are already dying because of the climate crisis. It really is a very serious issue.

"Overall, the costs of averting it are far less than the cost of ignoring it."

The government is attempting to **tighten laws around protests through a Public Order Bill**.

Ministers suffered a series of defeats on the legislation in the House of Lords this week, and peers will vote on an amendment on serious disruption on Tuesday.

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Just Stop Oil: Met Police says protests have cost it £20m

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The force says the time it has spent on JSO equates to roughly 300 officers taken off frontline policing each day

The Met Police has asked Just Stop Oil (JSO) to "reach out and speak to us" after revealing policing the campaign group's protests has cost almost £20m.

The force said the time it had spent on the group equated to roughly 300 officers being taken off frontline policing each day.

It added JSO had "refused to engage" with police when planning protests.

JSO said it would continue its actions until "steps are taken to prevent the extraction of new oil and gas".

Hundreds of protests have been held since the group's first demonstration in 2022.

As well as marching on roads, JSO activists have disrupted events including The Open golf, Wimbledon, the Ashes, the London Pride March and the Chelsea Flower Show.

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- [Just Stop Oil protests cost Met £7.7m since April](#)

Cdr Kyle Gordon, the senior officer responsible for planning the Met's response to the latest round of JSO's protests, said: "£20m from the public purse is a lot of money. I would much, much prefer to be using that within communities.

"These officers should be responding to local communities and dealing with local issues instead of being taken away to police Just Stop Oil protests."

He added: "When [JSO] talk about slow marches, it is in everything other than name an attempt to block the road and cause maximum disruption to people right across London.

"Our desire is that Just Stop Oil come forward and speak with us, so we can actually work with them.

"We absolutely understand and support the fundamental right to protest within a democratic society, but what we've got to do is balance that right with the rights of everybody else who is using this city."

A spokesperson for JSO said the group had written to Sir Mark Rowley, Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police, about new oil and gas licensing in October but had had no response.

"The police must know that unless steps are taken to prevent the extraction of new oil and gas, they will be on the frontlines of dealing with social breakdown and mass civil unrest," the spokesperson added.

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