

- c) the Second Claimant's Site, informally known as 'Manchester Terminal' situated at Trafford Wharf Road, Trafford, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the exhibited hereto in Annex C (the "**Manchester Oil Terminal**");
- d) the Second Claimant's Site, informally known as 'Kingsbury Terminal' at Plot B Trinity Road, Kingsbury, Tamworth, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the exhibited hereto in Annex D (the "**Kingsbury Oil Terminal**");
- e) the Second Claimant's Site informally known 'Plymouth Terminal' at Oakfield Terrace Road, Cattedown, Plymouth, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the exhibited hereto in Annex E (the "**Plymouth Oil Terminal**");
- f) the Second Claimant's Site informally known as 'Cardiff Terminal' at Valero Refinery, Roath Dock, Rover Way, Cardiff CF10 4US, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the exhibited hereto in Annex F (the "**Cardiff Oil Terminal**");
- g) the Second Claimant's Site informally known as 'Avonmouth Terminal', Avonmouth Dock, Bristol, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the exhibited hereto in Annex G (the "**Avonmouth Oil Terminal**"); and
- h) the Third Claimant's Site informally known as 'Valero Pembroke Oil Terminal', Waterston, Milford Haven, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the exhibited hereto in Annex H (the "**Pembrokeshire Terminal**");

### 3.2 Blocking any entranceway to the Claimants' Land;

- 3.3 Damaging any part of the Claimants' Land;
- 3.4 Affixing themselves to any other person or object on or otherwise to the Claimants' Land or the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads;
- 3.5 Erecting any structure on the Claimants' Land or on the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads;
- 3.6 Abandoning any vehicle or item on the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads;
- 3.7 Tunnelling under or using or occupying existing tunnels under the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads with the intention of preventing their use;
- 3.8 Causing, assisting or encouraging any other person to do any act prohibited by paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3.7 above;

#### **Amendment of Claim Form**

4. Permission is granted to the Claimants to amend the descriptions of the Defendants upon the Claim Form to the descriptions which are set out in the Third Schedule to this Order.

#### **Disclosure against non-party**

5. Pursuant to CPR 31.17, the Chief Constables listed in the Fourth Schedule shall as soon as reasonably practicable upon request by the Claimants give disclosure by provision of copy of documents in the following classes to the Claimants:
  - 5.1 documents identifying the names and addresses of any person who has been arrested or is arrested by one of their officers in the course of, or as a result of the protests which are the subject of these proceedings at the Claimants' Land or on the Access Roads, in relation to conduct which may constitute a possible breach of the injunctions granted in these proceedings;
  - 5.2 arrest notes and other photographic material relating to possible breaches of the injunctions granted in these proceedings;
6. The duty of disclosure imposed by paragraph 5 of this Order shall be a continuing one, and shall continue until 1 June 2022.

7. Without the permission of the Court, the Claimants shall make no use of any document disclosed by virtue of paragraph 5 of this Order, other than one or more of the following uses:
  - (i) applying to name and join any person as a named defendant to these proceedings and to serve the said person with any document in these proceedings;
  - (ii) investigating, formulating and pleading and prosecuting any claim within these proceedings arising out of any alleged disruptive protest at any of the Claimants' sites which are (or become) the subject of these proceedings;
  - (iii) use for purposes of formulating, pleading and prosecuting any application for committal for contempt of court against any person for breach of any order made within these proceedings.
8. Until further order, the address and address for service of any person who is added as a defendant to these proceedings shall be redacted in any copy of any document which is served other than by means of it being sent directly to that person or their legal representative.

### **Service**

9. Pursuant to CPR r.6.15, r.6.27 and r. 81.4(2)(c) and (d), the Claimants will take the following steps by way of service of the amended Claim Form, this Order and the documents listed in the First Schedule to this Order excluding the original Claim Form (the "**Claim Documents**") upon the First and Second Defendants:
  - 9.1 The Claimants shall position signs which are approximately 1.5m x 1m in size at each main entrance of Pembroke Oil Refinery, Manchester Oil Terminal, Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Plymouth Oil Terminal, Cardiff Oil Terminal, Pembrokeshire Terminal and Avonmouth Oil Terminal, advertising the existence of this Order and of the injunction prohibiting entry to the Site without the consent of the Claimants; and
  - 9.2 The Claimants shall position 4 (four) signs, at conspicuous locations along each of Angle Road; the emergency services access road at Pembroke Oil Refinery; Churchill Way; Trafford Wharf Road; Trinity Road; Piccadilly Way; the

privately owned road at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal; Oakfield Terrace Road; Rover Way; Holesmouth Road; King Road Avenue; and 5<sup>th</sup> Street which are approximately 1.5m x 1m in size, advertising the existence of this Order and the prohibitions upon obstructing the Access Roads (together with a map of the relevant site of at least A2 size identifying the extent of the Access Roads relating to that particular Site); and

9.3 The Claimants shall upload electronic copies of the Claim Documents (in PDF form) to an electronic folder on the “Dropbox” website and shall include the link to the Dropbox folder and the Claimants’ solicitors’ contact details on each of the aforesaid signs; and

9.4 The Claimants shall email a copy of this Order to the email addresses set out in the Appendix hereto.

10. The taking of such steps set out at paragraph 9 shall be good and sufficient service of this Order, and of the Claim Documents, upon the First and Second Defendants and each of them.

11. The Court will provide sealed copies of this Order to the Claimants’ solicitors for service (whose details are set out below).

12. The deemed date of service of the Claim Documents shall be the date of the relevant certificate of service on completion of the steps described at paragraph 9.

**Further directions**

13. The Defendants or any other person affected by this Order may apply to the Court at any time to vary or discharge it but if they wish to do so they must inform the Claimants’ solicitors immediately by emailing [valero.service@shoosmiths.co.uk](mailto:valero.service@shoosmiths.co.uk).

14. Any person applying to vary or discharge this order must provide their full name and address, and address for service, and must also apply to be joined as a named defendant to the proceedings at the same time.

15. The Claimants have liberty to apply to extend, vary or discharge this Order, or for further directions.
16. No acknowledgment of service, admission or defence is required by any party until further so ordered.
17. This Order will be reconsidered at a hearing to be listed between 11 January 2023 and 21 January 2023 to determine whether there is a continued threat which justifies continuation of this Order.
18. Costs reserved.

**Communications with the Claimants**

19. The Claimants' solicitors and their contact details are:

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**Dated: [11 April 2022]**

### **First Schedule**

Documents considered by the Court at the hearing:

1. Claim Form
2. Application notice dated 5 April 2022 and draft minute of proposed order
3. Witness statement of Adrian Rafferty, dated 18 March 2022
4. Redacted witness statement of David Blackhouse, dated 18 March 2022
5. Witness statement of David McLoughlin, dated 18 March 2022
6. Witness statement of Kate McCall, dated 18 March 2022
7. Witness statement of David Blackhouse, dated 5 April 2022
8. Witness statement of Kate McCall, dated 6 April 2022
9. Witness statement of Laurence Matthews, dated 6 April 2022

### **Second Schedule**

Undertakings given by the Claimants to the Court:

1. To file the amended Claim Form and the note of this hearing by the end of the next working day after the sealing of this Order.
2. To provide to any named defendant copies of further evidence or other documents filed in these proceedings upon request from time-to-time at an email address provided to the Claimants and place all such documents online to be publicly accessible via Dropbox link
3. To comply with any order for compensation which the Court might make in the event that the Court later finds that this Order has caused loss to a defendant and the Court finds that the defendant ought to be compensated for that loss.
4. To seek to identify and name defendants and apply to add them as named defendants to this Order as soon as reasonably practicable.

### Third Schedule

Amended description of the Defendants:

- “(1) PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING AND REMAINING WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANT(S) ON THE LAND KNOWN INFORMALLY AS PEMBROKE REFINERY, MANCHESTER TERMINAL, KINGSBURY TERMINAL, PLYMOUTH TERMINAL, CARDIFF TERMINAL, PEMBROKESHIRE TERMINAL AND AVONMOUTH TERMINAL AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THE ORDER OF 11 APRIL 2022 AS THE CLAIMANTS’ LAND**
- (2) PERSONS UNKNOWN CAUSING BLOCKADES, OBSTRUCTIONS OF TRAFFIC AND INTERFERE WITH THE PASSAGE BY THE CLAIMANTS AND THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS, EMPLOYEES, LICENSEES, INVITEES WITH OR WITHOUT VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT TO, FROM, OVER AND ACROSS THE ROADS IN THE VICINITY OF THE LAND KNOWN INFORMALLY AS PEMBROKE REFINERY, MANCHESTER TERMINAL, KINGSBURY TERMINAL, PLYMOUTH TERMINAL, CARDIFF TERMINAL, PEMBROKESHIRE TERMINAL AND AVONMOUTH TERMINAL IN CONNECTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTS BY THE JUST STOP OIL AND/OR EXTINCTION REBELLION AND/OR INSULATE BRITAIN AND/OR YOUTH CLIMATE SWARM (ALSO KNOWN AS YOUTH SWARM) MOVEMENTS”**

### Fourth Schedule

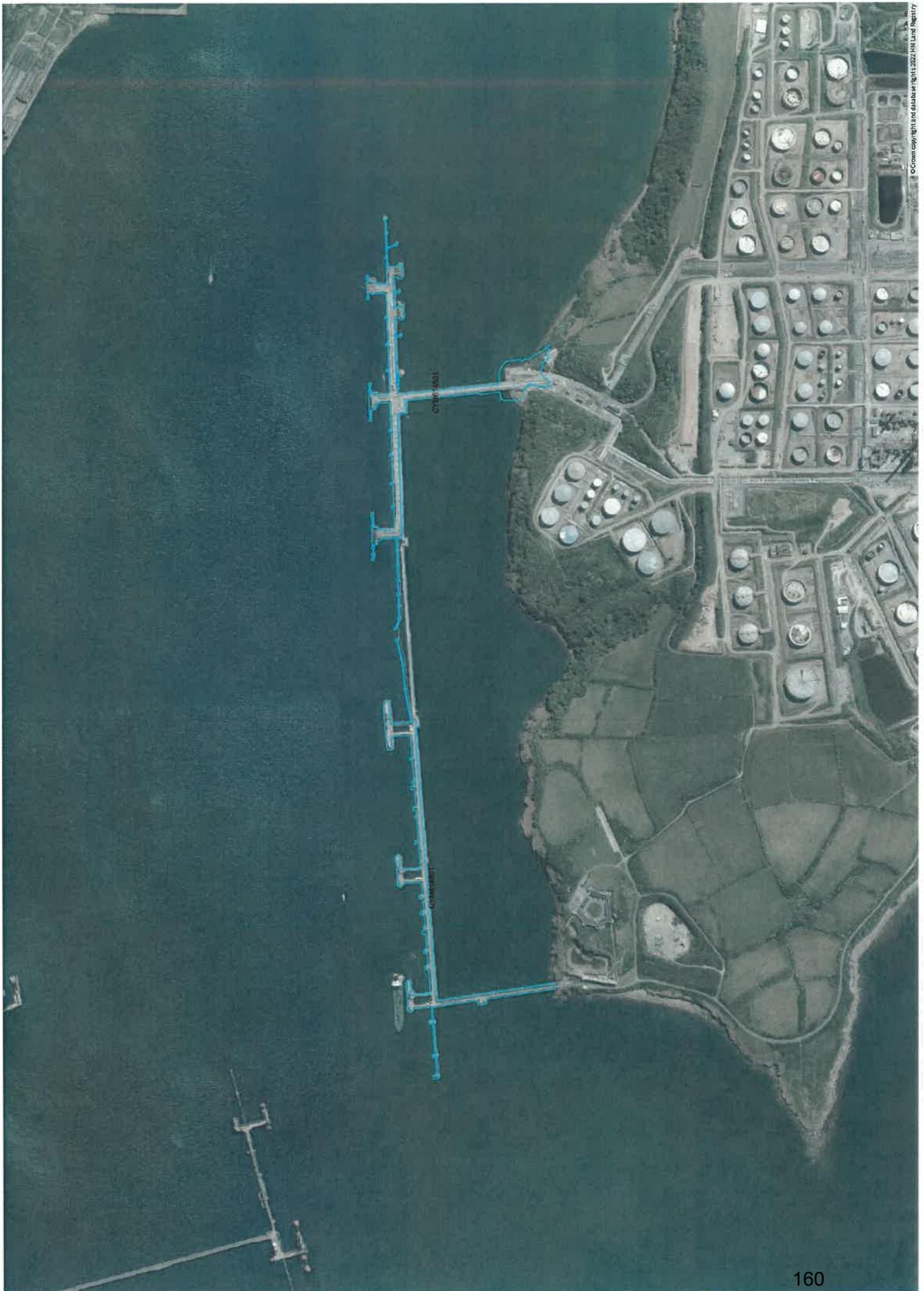
The Chief Constables:

1. The Chief Constable of Devon & Cornwall Police
2. The Chief Constable of Dyfed-Powys Police
3. The Chief Constable of Avon & Somerset Police
4. The Chief Constable of Greater Manchester Police
5. The Chief Constable of South Wales Police
6. The Chief Constable of Warwickshire Police

**ANNEXURE A**  
**("Pembroke Oil Refinery")**



**ANNEXURE B**  
**(“Pembroke Oil Refinery Jetties”)**



**ANNEXURE C**  
**(“Manchester Oil Terminal”)**



**ANNEXURE D**  
**("Kingsbury Oil Terminal")**



**ANNEXURE E**  
**("Plymouth Oil Terminal")**



**ANNEXURE F**  
**("Cardiff Oil Terminal")**



**ANNEXURE G**  
**(“Avonmouth Oil Terminal”)**



**ANNEXURE H**  
**(“Pembrokeshire Terminal”)**



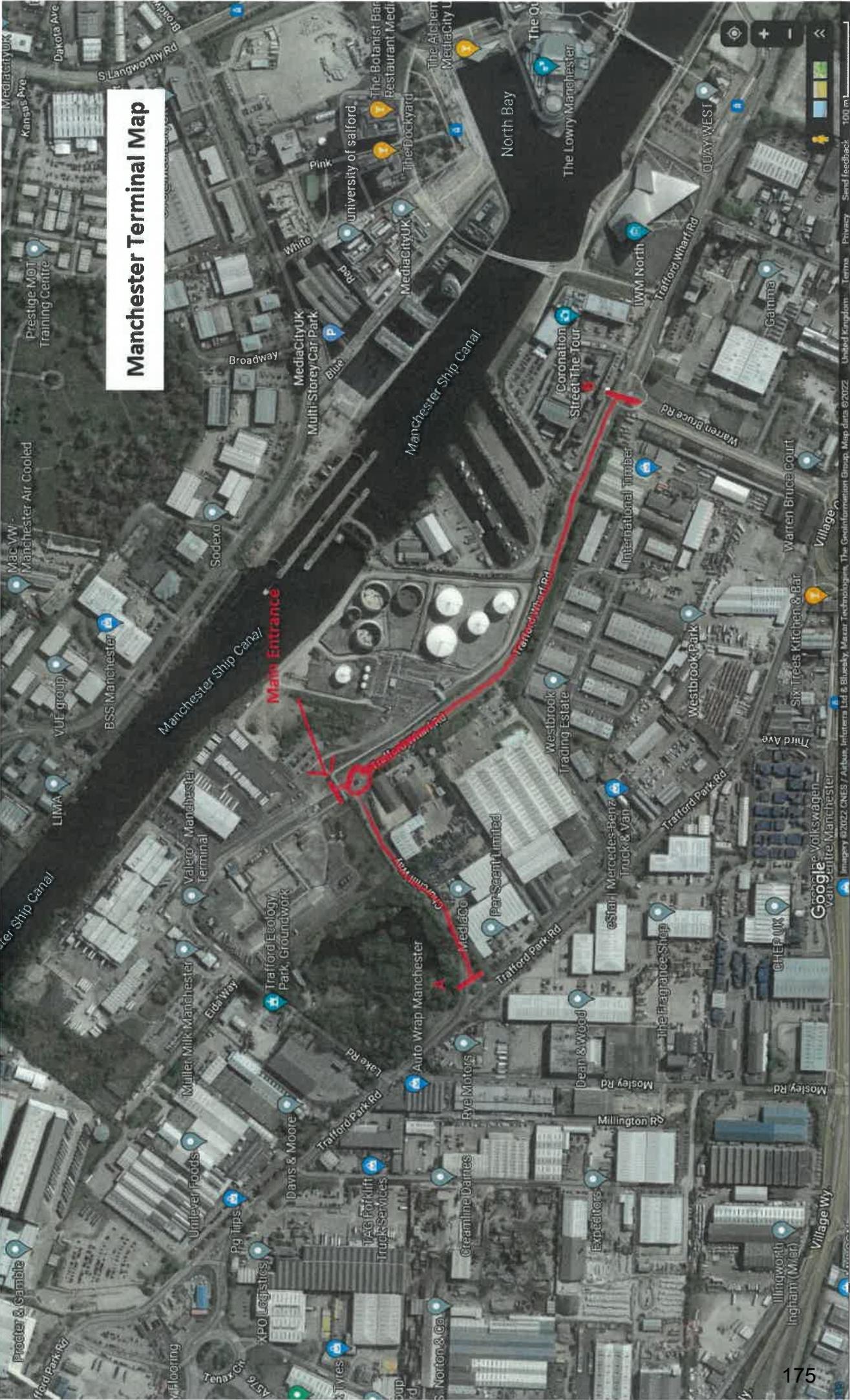
**ANNEXURE I**  
**("Access Roads")**



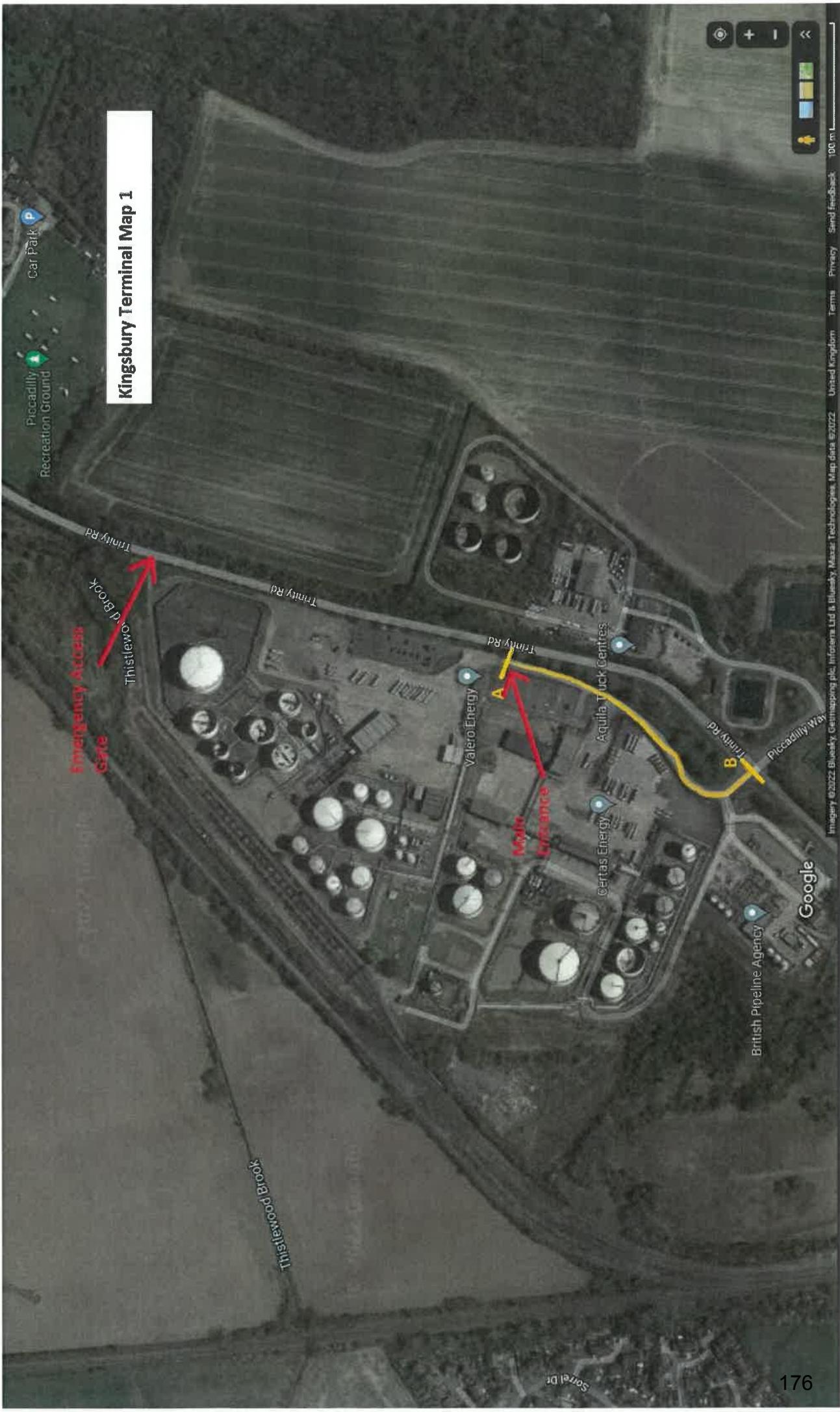
The "Refinery Map"

Green = Jetty

# Manchester Terminal Map



# Kingsbury Terminal Map 1









# Avonmouth Terminal Map 2

Yellow = Valero Premises



# Pembrokeshire Terminal Map



## Appendix

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Filed on behalf of the Claimant

*Steven Maxey*

First Witness Statement

Exhibit SM4

**Claim No:**

**BETWEEN**

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimants

and

- (1) DAVID BALDWIN
- (2) THOMAS BARBER
- (3) MICHELLE CADET-ROSE
- (4) TIM HEWES
- (5) JOHN HOWLETT
- (6) JOHN JORDAN
- (7) CARMEN LEAN
- (8) ALISON LEE
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- (10) STEPHEN PRITCHARD
- (11) PAUL RATHBY
- (12) HOLLY ROTHWELL
- (13) ELIZABETH SMAIL
- (14) JOHN SMITH
- (15) BEN TAYLOR
- (16) JANE THEWLIS
- (17) ANTHONY WHITEHOUSE

(18) ANDREW WORSLEY

(19) PERSONS UNKNOWN WHO ARE ORGANISING, PARTICIPATING IN OR ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO PARTICIPATE IN PROTESTS AGAINST THE PRODUCTION AND/OR USE OF FOSSIL FUELS, IN THE LOCALITY OF THE SITE KNOWN AS KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL, TAMWORTH B78 2HA

Defendants

This is the exhibit SM4 referred to in the Witness Statement

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a wavy line that ends in a large, circular loop.

## Human Rights Act Assessment

### Summary of the facts leading to the action.

On 01 April 2022, the Warwickshire Local Resilience Forum notified me that a number of protestors were gathering outside Kingsbury Oil Terminal.

On 01 April 2022, approximately 40 protestors attended the Terminal in possession of various devices and glue to lock themselves on to each other, vehicles, or infrastructure. They climbed on oil tankers, glued themselves to the road and sat in the main entrance roadway.

On 02 April 2022, 40 protestors attended the main entrance to the Terminal, glued themselves to the carriageway and locked onto each other, thereby blocking the entrance. Protestors continued to arrive throughout the day, and some climbed on travelling oil tankers. This activity continued into the early hours of 03 April 2022.

At 07:30 on 05 April 2022, protestors again attended the main entrance of the Terminal, and blocked access by locking themselves onto each other and gluing themselves to the carriageway. Again, further protestors attended throughout the day, and the tailback of tankers resulted in the M42 becoming blocked. Protestors then climbed onto the oil tankers. As a result of this disruption, the Terminal had to suspend operations for a period of time.

At 00:30 on 07 April 2022, a small group of protestors distracted the police by gluing themselves to the carriageway at the main entrance of the Terminal. Further protestors then broke entry to the exterior gate of the Terminal and gained access to the compound. Whilst inside, protestors climbed onto the tops of three large fuel storage tanks containing unleaded petrol, diesel and fuel additives; two insecure cabs of fuel tankers locking themselves in with keys; the tops of two fuel tankers; onto the floating roof of another large fuel storage tank; and into a half-constructed fuel storage tank. They also used various lock on devices to secure themselves to the structures. The site was not cleared of protestors until 17:00.

At 10:50 on 09 April 2022, four protestors glued themselves to the carriageway serving the main entrance to the terminal. At 15:30, further protestors deposited a caravan to the south of the terminal, and locked themselves onto the roof and sides. Protestors within the caravan

then used the false floor to start digging a tunnel under the carriageway and into the Terminal compound.

As a result of these protests, the Warwickshire Police have made over 180 arrests.

**Description of the action proposed**

North Warwickshire Borough Council proposes to obtain an injunction against each of the protestors that have been arrested, and persons unknown threatening to enter the Kingsbury Terminal, and / or obstruct and / or prevent the operations of the terminal.

**Who will be affected by the proposed action?**

All persons seeking to protest outside the Kingsbury Terminal.

**Which Convention Rights are engaged?**

Articles 10 and 11.

**Will the action proposed involve a restriction of those Convention Rights?**

Yes

**Are the Convention Rights involved absolute or limited?**

Limited – both articles confer qualified rights

**What is the legal basis for restricting the engaged Convention Rights by the action proposed?**

Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972, section 130 of the Highways Act 1980, s.1 Localism Act 2011 and section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998

**What is the legitimate aim of the restriction proposed?**

To ensure the safe operation of Kingsbury Oil Terminal, and to protect public safety, the prevention of disorder and crime, for the protection of health, the prevention of environmental damage and the protection of the rights and freedoms of others, currently compromised by the dangerous and anti-social behaviour and public nuisance arising from the protests which this legal action seeks to prevent.

**Why is the restriction necessary in a democratic society?**

To prevent:

- Fire or explosion involving up to 400m litres of flammable liquids.
- Nuisance to the local people and area

To protect:

- The rights of those in the local areas to peaceful enjoyment of their properties per Art 8 and Article 1, Protocol 1 of the ECHR
- Staff working at the Terminal and others, including tanker drivers, whose work requires them to go there
- People living, working and travelling in the district, including residents nearby the Terminal, who are currently adversely affected by the unlawful and anti-social behaviour referred to above, and who would be seriously affected by any fire or explosion, or any other serious incident compromising of the safety of the Terminal.
- Supplies of fuel to the wider West and East Midlands areas which the further disruption to the operation of the Terminal will compromise

The following means of resolving this matter have been attempted:

- An injunction by Valero on 21 March 2022 in respect of their land within the Terminal, without a power of arrest
- Arrests and release on bail by North Warwickshire Police for suspected criminal offences, including aggravated trespass, offences under Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992, vehicle interference and criminal damage.

Unfortunately, neither of these methods have had any effect. The protests have commenced and then escalated since 21 March 2022, and those arrested have in many cases participated in further protests at the Terminal and arrested again. The risk now posed is so serious that no lesser measures are appropriate.

**How can it be demonstrated that the restriction is no more than necessary to achieve the legitimate aim?**

The injunction sought does not seek to prevent the protestors from exercising their right to free speech, expression and the right to protest.

The terms of the injunction sought are designed to allow the continuation of lawful protest while restricting only the nuisance and anti-social behaviour referred to above. The order will be sought for a period of 2 years, with a review after 12 months, which is considered proportionate, especially since the activities aimed at are only consisting of anti-social behaviour and a public nuisance.

This legal action is proportionate and necessary to protect the local community and peaceful protestors from the serious conduct currently being perpetrated and the risk of a serious incident that could potentially cause catastrophic effects across the authority's entire district and beyond.

The injunction does not seek to prevent free speech, expression or the right to protest. This action by the authority was not contemplated until the behaviour at the protest became dangerous and anti-social and created a public nuisance. The current activities at the Terminal are unacceptable and create a highly significant public safety and environmental risk, including by unauthorised and unsupervised (and potentially hostile) access being gained to a site with 400m litres of inflammable material, by undermining the foundations of the highway and by the other activities which have caused a danger to road-users, staff at the terminal, tanker drivers and other workers attending the terminal, and other local people.

There is a need to re-establish a law-abiding environment at the Terminal, and protect health, public safety and the rights and freedoms of the community, and of those who wish to protest lawfully.

The behaviour of those who continue to participate in the activities referred to above adversely impacts the rights of others including residents' Art.8 and Article 1 of Protocol 1, rights. Potentially, Article 2 rights are also engaged, in respect of which the state has positive obligations.

## Equality Impact Assessment

Section	Legal Services – Chief Executive's Division	Officer responsible for the assessment	Steve Maxey
Name of action to be assessed	Application for High Court Injunction with attached power of arrest to stop dangerous anti-social behaviour associated with oil protests at Kingsbury Oil Terminal	Date of Assessment	12/4/22
		Is this a new or existing action?	New action
1	Briefly describe the aims, objectives and purpose of the action.	<p>The injunction will assist the Council and Warwickshire Police to address the dangerous and anti-social behaviour and public nuisance that is associated with protests taking place at Kingsbury Oil Terminal and believed to be organised by the protest group "Just Stop Oil" (a coalition of a number of individuals and other known protest groups). Such behaviour includes protestors gluing themselves to the road, breaking into Kingsbury Oil Terminal and affixing themselves onto storage tanks of dangerous liquids including diesel, unleaded petrol, and fuel additives, abseiling from bridges, blocking motorway slip roads, climbing on to moving oil tankers, undermining the highway by digging holes adjacent to it, and otherwise blocking and disrupting the highway.</p>	
2	Are there any associated objectives of the action? Please explain.	<p>The injunction will contribute towards reducing the risk of unauthorised and unsupervised access to the Oil Terminal, and of dangerous and anti-social activity around it, thereby reducing the public safety and environmental damage risk.</p> <p>Having oil products stored in large quantities inherently involves risk, but this is usually managed by the operators. This situation has created a significantly increased risk to the local community and the people of North Warwickshire. The site is an Upper Tier site within the COMAH Regulations (the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/483), as amended) as it contains dangerous substances as defined within the Regulations and the relevant authorities are therefore required to ensure dangerous hazard in respect of these substances are managed. The Regulations acknowledge that the property of a dangerous substance intrinsically pose a potential for creating damage to human health or the environment</p>	
3	Who is intended to benefit from this action, and in what way?	<p>Residents in the immediate vicinity (Kingsbury and Piccadilly) and the wider community and population of North Warwickshire, particularly those who would be impacted by air borne</p>	

	<p>contamination, those in the River Tame catchment area. The River Tame is about half a mile from the site and has a number of tributaries that run adjacent to the site. There are 8 Sites of Special Scientific Interest, 7 Local Nature Reserves and 27 areas of local environmental importance (including 13 areas of registered common land, 8 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC's), 4 country parks, an area of Forestry Commission woodland and Merevale Hall registered park and garden) within 10 kilometres of the site would also benefit</p> <p>Those who work at the terminal would benefit from the ending or reduction of activities that are dangerous and cause a nuisance and disruption. Road and motorway users would benefit from the removal of potentially dangerous activity on highways nearby. All those living and working in the district would benefit from the restoration of order at the site, allowing police to resume other activities, and generally fostering a peaceful environment.</p> <p>As set out in the Police statements, the impact on the resources available to this relatively small force is significant, and resulting in a reduction in policing activity generally in North Warwickshire.</p> <p>There have been a number of cases of fuel shortages in the immediate area and some businesses have been effected; for example North Warwickshire Borough Council has given mutual aid to Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council due to fuel shortages in order to allow essential statutory services to keep running.</p>
<p>4 What outcomes are wanted from this action?</p>	<p>To reduce the risk of danger, harm and disruption to the community arising from the conduct and behaviour of the Just Stop Oil protestors at the Terminal, thereby reducing the public safety and environmental damage risk from this upper tier COMAH site.</p> <p>It is hoped that lawful and peaceful protest will be restored by the prevention of the unlawful and dangerous activities.</p>
<p>5 What factors/forces could contribute/detract from the outcomes?</p>	<p>An injunction was obtained by Valero Energy Limited in respect of their land within Kingsbury Terminal on 21 March 2022. An amended interim order was made on 11 April 2022. This injunction does not have a power of arrest attached to it, only covers part of the site, and does not involve an exclusion zone. To date, it has not proven effective to stop the behaviour complained of. Indeed, the behaviour and public nuisance has worsened since 21 March, leading the authority to consider taking the legal action in question.</p>

	<p>Since Valero obtained an injunction, protestors have unlawfully gained access to the Terminal once and actively tried to tunnel under the highway and into the Terminal compound on another occasion. The Terminal currently holds 400m litres of flammable material.</p> <p>Despite the best efforts of the Police, including repeat arrests, the present measures are currently ineffective at ensuring the safety and security of Kingsbury Terminal and therefore of the local population in the district. Due to the Terminal being an 'upper tier site' for the purposes of the Control of Major Hazards Regulations 2015, it is imperative that the site is secured as soon as possible.</p> <p>As set out in the Police's witness statements, their powers have been tried and are not sufficient to restore the risks at the site to an acceptable level. The Crown Prosecution Service have been asked to consider charging for more serious offence but have advised that the threshold tests within their guidance can not be met.</p> <p>The prevention of unlawful and dangerous activities will restore lawful and peaceful demonstration to the site, which is acknowledged as being a legitimate aim in a democratic society.</p>		
6 Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the action?	The stakeholders are North Warwickshire Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council, Local Parish and Town Councils, Warwickshire Police and site operators	7 Who implements the policy, and who is responsible for the action?	North Warwickshire Borough Council will apply for the injunction. Warwickshire Police will be leading on the enforcement of the injunction.
8 Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact on racial groups?		<b>No</b>	<p>Please explain.</p> <p>The injunction is aimed at preventing unacceptable safety and environmental risks arising from the behaviour of protestors which is impacting negatively on local communities. The injunction is not targeted at any specific groups defined in the protected characteristics and there is no evidence to suggest the measures in the application will differentially affect any particular protected group.</p>

9	Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to gender?		<b>No</b>	The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8.
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				
10	Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to disability?		<b>No</b>	The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8 See comments above
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				
11	Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to sexual orientation?		<b>No</b>	The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8 See comments above
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				
12	Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to age?		<b>No</b>	The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8 See comments above
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				
13	Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to faith, religion or belief?		<b>No</b>	The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8 See above
What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?				

<p>14 Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to them having dependants/ Caring responsibilities?</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8. See above</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>
<p>15 Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to them having an offending past?</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8. See above</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>
<p>16 Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to them being trans-gendered or transsexual?</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8 See above</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>
<p>17 Are there concerns that the action <b>could</b> have a differential impact due to socio-economic reasons?</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at all persons. See the answer to question 8 See above</p>
<p>What existing evidence (either presumed or otherwise) do you have for this?</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>	<p>The injunction is aimed at particular experienced behaviour, which is not linked to, or more prevalent amongst any one group.</p>
<p>18 Could the differential impact identified in 8 – 17 amount to there being the potential for adverse impact in this action?</p>	<p><b>No</b></p>	<p>The injunction will have a positive impact for the local communities who live, work or travel through the borough of North Warwickshire. By preventing dangerous and anti-social behaviour and incidents arising from protests, public safety will be improved and the harmful impacts from anti-social behaviour described above will be reduced. In addition, the restoration of lawful and peaceful protest, in a safe environment, will be a further positive impact.</p>

19 Can this adverse impact be justified on the grounds of promoting equality of opportunity for one group? Or any other reason?	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	Not applicable. In the event that an adverse impact could be identified, the importance of the safety issues is such that the measure is considered justifiable in any event.
20 Should the policy action to a full assessment?		<b>No</b>	
21 Date Full assessment to be completed by.	Date Not applicable		

Comments

The reason for taking action is to protect all those within the authority's district and reduce the danger of a serious incident which could seriously affect the entire local area, as well as to establish a peaceful and safe environment where lawful protest can be undertaken. These issues are considered so important that they would justify any adverse impact on individuals with protected characteristics even if such impacts could be identified, which is not the case. The behaviour it is sought to restrain is likely to be having an adverse impact on various individuals and groups with protected characteristics, although this cannot currently be quantified.

A separate Human Rights Act proportionality assessment has been carried out. In summary, it concluded that whilst the rights to free speech, expression and protests are engaged, the proposed Injunction and power of arrest is a proportionate and reasonable proposal to help protect the wider community from public safety risks and is in the best interests of the wider community, including those who wish to protest lawfully.

The injunction does not seek to prevent free speech, expression or the right to protest and an injunction by the Council was not contemplated until the behaviour at the protest became dangerous and anti-social. The current activities at the Terminal are unacceptable and create a highly significant public safety and environmental risk, by having unauthorised and unsupervised (and potentially hostile) access to a site with 400m litres of inflammable material, by undermining the foundations of the highway and by the other activities which have caused a danger to road-users, staff at the terminal, tanker drivers and other local people..

There is a need to protect the rights of these people, and of those who wish to protest lawfully. The behaviour of individuals who participate in the activities referred to above including breaching the compound, are adversely impacting on the rights of others including residents Art.8 rights to peaceful enjoyment of their property, and Article 1 of Protocol 1, as well as potentially their right to life.

Signed (Completing Officer) : ...Steve Maxey.....

Date : ...12/4/22.....

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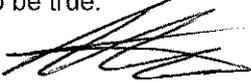
**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

URN: Statement of: Benjamin David Smith  
Age if under 18: 0/18

Occupation: T/Assistant Chief Constable

This statement (consisting of 5 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I may be required to attend court and that I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  ACC 1618

Date: 10/04/22

I am the above named person and have worked as a police officer for Warwickshire Police for the last 18 years. I am currently Temporary Assistant Chief Constable with responsibility for Local Policing, but I am also Gold Commander, and the senior policing lead, for the response to protest activity linked to the Kingsbury Oil Terminal. Warwickshire Police, in terms of forces nationally, is a relatively small force. It has 1050 officers currently policing a population 570,000 people spread across an area just under 2,000 sq km.

Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, I had received a number of briefings on Just Stop Oil, who are a protest group and describe themselves as a coalition of groups working together to ensure the Government commits to halting new fossil fuel licensing and production.

In responding to protest, the police have two main duties; to not prevent, hinder or restrict peaceful protest; and in certain circumstances, take reasonable steps to protect those who want to exercise their rights peacefully.

As Gold for the operation I wrote a strategy with the overall aim being:

**to provide an impartial and proportionate policing response to protests in relation to the lawful activities at Kingsbury Oil Terminal, protecting life and minimising the risk of harm to all those connected to it.**

Although plans were made to police potential protest activity linked to Just Stop Oil, the scale and frequency of the activity that has been experienced over the last 10 days has created a real challenge for the force and indeed UK policing. In addition it is important to make clear that although policing has a duty to protect the rights of those who wish to protest peacefully, the Just Stop Oil protest activity has not been peaceful or lawful. The group has engaged in direct unlawful action to prevent the lawful activity of the oil depot and its distribution partners.

**At the time of writing there have been 180 arrests in Warwickshire alone.**

I will now provide a summary of the protest activity the force has dealt with since 1<sup>st</sup> April.

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Statement of: Benjamin David Smith

URN: **31<sup>st</sup> March – 1<sup>st</sup> April**

Approximately 40 protestors attended the site at Kingsbury in possession of various devices to lock on to each other, vehicles or infrastructure. They were also in possession of glue to glue themselves to the carriageway. The protestors stopped and then climbed on oil tankers, glued themselves to the road and sat in the main entrance roadway. Distribution operations at the site were suspended and a significant police operation was instigated. 42 arrests were made and distribution operations at the site recommenced at 2030hrs.

**2<sup>nd</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

At approximately 1930hrs, 40 protestors attended the Kingsbury site, blocking the main entrance. They glued themselves to the carriageway and locked onto each other. A number also climbed on top of oil tankers. Protest activity continued throughout the night and into 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Distribution Operations at the site were suspended and only partially re-opened at 1730hrs. Protestors remained at the site till 0000hrs before dispersing. Total arrest numbers at 68.

**5<sup>th</sup> April**

At 0730 hrs, 20 protestors attended the site and blocked the main entrance, again locking onto each other and gluing themselves to the carriageway. Operations at the depot were suspended. 10 arrests were made and the site was operational by 1100hrs.

A second wave of protestors attended the site at 1130hrs and targetted Junction 9 and Junction 10 of the M42, climbing onto oil tankers as they moved slowly off the slip roads. Operations at the depot were suspended and some tailbacks encroached onto the M42, creating risk to other road users. The protestors were removed and roads reopened at 1430hrs, with operations recommencing at the site. Total arrest numbers at 78.

**7<sup>th</sup> April**

At 0030 hrs, a small group of protestors approached the main entrance to the site and attempted to glue themselves to the carriageway. While police resources were distracted, 40 protestors approached across the fields to the rear of the site. They sawed through an exterior gate and scaled the fences to gain access to the oil terminal. Once on site, the protestors dispersed to a number of different locations including: the tops of three large fuel storage tanks containing unleaded petrol, diesel and fuel additives; two insecure cabs of fuel tankers locking themselves in with keys; the tops of two fuel tankers; onto the floating roof of another large fuel storage tank; into a half constructed fuel storage tank. They also used various lock on devices to secure themselves to the structures.

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An extremely complex and challenging policing operation was initiated, utilising a variety of specialist teams, working alongside staff from the oil terminal and the fire service. The site was cleared of protestors by approximately 1700hrs. Total arrest numbers at 127.

### 9<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> April

At 1050hrs, 4 protestors arrived at the main entrance and attempted to glue themselves to the carriageway. Three were arrested immediately. A short while later a male was arrested trying to abseil from a road bridge over Trinity Road to the north of the site, attempting to block the road. At 1530hrs, a caravan was deposited at the side of the road on Piccadilly Way, to the South of the site and 20 protestors glued themselves to the sides and top of the caravan. It was discovered that occupants within the caravan were attempting to dig, via a false floor, a tunnel under the road which would have blocked it for a considerable period. The caravan was forcibly entered at 0200hrs on the 10<sup>th</sup> April and 6 occupants arrested. An additional 22 were arrested from outside the caravan. Protestors continued to target the site on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, scaling tankers and gluing themselves to the carriageway. By the end of the day the total arrest numbers was at 180.

It is also important to note that Kingsbury has not experienced a constant level of peaceful or lawful protest. The protest activity has manifested as periods of high intensity, high volume and unlawful protest, followed by no protest over the next 24 hours. The activity has been highly coordinated, specifically targetted, and immediately unlawful in nature.

### **Policing Operation**

The scale and duration of the policing operation has been one of the most significant that I have experienced in my career. Large numbers of officers, drawn from right across the force, have been deployed to Kingsbury day and night since the 1<sup>st</sup> April. This has meant that we have had to scale down some non-emergency policing services, including those that serve North Warwickshire. Although core policing services have been effectively maintained across the County during this period, the protests have undoubtedly impacted on the quality and level of the policing services that we are able to deliver. Officers who may have ordinarily been policing the communities of North Warwickshire, the road networks of North Warwickshire, or supporting victims of crime in North Warwickshire have had to be redeployed to support the policing operation linked to Kingsbury. It has also meant that we have had to bring in additional officers from other regional forces, in addition to more specialist teams such as working at heights teams and protest removal teams. All of these will come at significant additional cost to the force and ultimately the public of Warwickshire.

### **Community Impact**

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Statement of: Benjamin David Smith

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The impact on the local community has been substantial. There have been almost daily road closures of the roads around the oil terminal which has created disruption and inconvenience. The M42 has also been disrupted on occasions as a result of the protest activity. There has been a significant policing presence since the 1<sup>st</sup> April which I am sure has created a level of fear and anxiety for the local community. The policing operation has also extended into unsociable hours, with regular essential use of the police helicopter overnight disrupting sleep. The reckless actions of the protestors has also created increased risk of potential fire or explosion at the site which would likely have catastrophic implications for the local community including the risk of widespread pollution of both the ground, waterways and air. Finally, the actions of the protestors has impacted the supply of fuel to petrol forecourts in the region leading to some shortages, impacting upon not only local residents but the broader West Midlands region.

### Investigation

A significant police investigation is underway to deal with all those protestors who have been arrested as part of the operation. Although large numbers of arrests have been made, the offences for which they can be arrested (obstruction of the highway etc) are generally low level and summary only offences which means the criminal justice options can be limited. We have also utilised bail conditions to try and prevent protestors returning to the site but these have largely proved to be unsuccessful with many of the protestors already being arrested multiple times from the Kingsbury site. Even when protestors breach their bail conditions, unless arrested for a further substantive offence, that are merely dealt with for the original offence for which they were arrested prior to the bail conditions being set. As stated, these are low level summary offences and therefore charge and remand in custody is not an option open to us. We have considered other potential options, including attempting to seek a threshold test charge on conspiracy offences on the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> April. This did not meet the CPS bar, and therefore the detainees were bailed again with conditions. Other potential police powers have been considered but none that we are aware of would give us the weight of severity that would allow us to seek a charge and remand in custody. An injunction would allow us to put the detainee immediately before a court to seek a remedy which may help to disrupt the enduring unlawful protest cycle that we currently find ourselves in.

Warwickshire Police would be fully supportive of this injunction as we consider that it would be expedient for the promotion or protection of the interests of the inhabitants of the local area. A power of arrest would allow my officers to deal with protestors effectively and robustly and then place them immediately before the court. We have considered all other options This may then provide some deterrent to the ongoing unlawful behaviour and may help to protect the local community from the tortuous ordeal that they are currently experiencing.

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I have grave concerns for public safety should the behaviour of the protestors continue in its current form. The Kingsbury site is an extremely hazardous site where the very presence of certain items and clothing on site is restricted because of the potential dangers of explosion or fire. The protestors have had no regard for their own or others safety with actions including the use of mobile phones on site (strictly prohibited), the scaling and locking on to very volatile fuel storage tanks, the tunnelling activity in close proximity to high pressure fuel pipes, and the forced stopping, and then scaling, of fuel tankers on the public highway. Not only does this cause unacceptable levels of risk to themselves and the public, it also puts my officers in significant danger as they have to attempt to remove them from the places they have decided to put themselves.

To support this application I have provided exhibit BDS1, which is a selection of Section 9 statements from my officers who have been at Kingsbury Oil Terminal and witnessed the protest activity first hand. I also exhibit BDS2, which are a number of video clips which illustrate the unlawful activity that the protestors are engaging in.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No:

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

B E T W E E N:

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimant

AND

- (1) MR DAVID BALDWIN
- (2) MR THOMAS BARBER
- (3) MS MICHELLE CADET-ROSE
- (4) MR TIM HEWES
- (5) MR JOHN HOWLETT
- (6) MR JOHN JORDAN
- (7) MS CARMEN LEAN
- (8) MS ALISON LEE
- (9) MS AMY PRITCHARD
- (10) MR STEPHEN PRITCHARD
- (11) MR PAUL RAITHBY
- (12) MS HOLLY ROTHWELL
- (13) MS ELIZABETH SMAIL
- (14) MR JOHN SMITH
- (15) MR BEN TAYLOR
- (16) MS JANE THEWLIS

(17) MR ANTHONY WHITEHOUSE

(18) MR ANDREW WORSLEY

(19) PERSONS UNKNOWN PRESENT ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LAND IN THE LOCALITY OF THE LAND KNOWN AS KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL, TRINITY ROAD, OR PICCADILLY WAY, TAMWORTH, IN CONNECTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTS AGAINST THE PRODUCTION AND/OR USE OF FOSSIL FUELS

(20) PERSONS UNKNOWN CAUSING BLOCKADES, OBSTRUCTIONS OF TRAFFIC, INTERFERENCES WITH THE PASSAGE OF LAWFUL VISITORS TO KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL AND OTHER ROAD USERS ALONG ROADS IN THE LOCALITY OF KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TRINITY ROAD AND PICCADILLY WAY, TAMWORTH), OR DAMAGE TO LAND (INCLUDING ROADS), BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE LOCALITY OF KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL IN CONNECTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTS AGAINST THE PRODUCTION AND/OR USE OF FOSSIL FUELS

Defendants

This is the exhibit BDS1 referred to in the Witness Statement of ACC Benjamin Smith

Signed  ACC 1618 .....

Dated 14/04/22 .....

**Witness Statement**

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2012 , Part 27

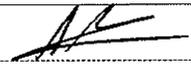
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Statement of: **PC FLETCHER**

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): **Over 18** Occupation: **Police Constable 1338**

This statement (consisting of .....1..... Pages(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it, anything which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

Signature:  Date: **03/04/2022**

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022, I was on duty in full police uniform as call sign YJ9A. I was assisting with patrols for multiple groups protesting around oil terminals, Kingsbury, Warwickshire.

I was informed of 2 persons whom had blocked Trinity Road causing a fuel tanker to have to stop just after a blind bend. These 2 persons then climbed onto the cab of the tanker, bearing the registration FX17KLK and remained sat on the roof. I attended in support of the hights removal officers.

Once on scene, I activated my body worn video and asked both to come down off the tanker. They told me no. I explained they were committing an offence by remaining on the roof as they were causing an obstruction of the highway. I then asked if there was anything I could reasonably say or do to get them to come down and I was told no. I provided a final warning if they did not come down, they would be removed by the hights team and arrested. They still refused to come down.

At 0319hrs, I told both of the protesters that they were under arrest for obstructing the highway. I said; 'YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT IT MAY HARM YOUR DEFENCE IF YOU DO NOT MENTION WHEN QUESTIONED, SOMETHING WHICH YOU LATER RELY ON IN COURT. ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE.' I explained their arrests were necessary to allow a prompt and effective investigation into the offence and to prevent a further obstruction of the highway.

Both were then removed by the hights removal team.

The first male provided his first name to me only as Samuel, but refused to provide any further details. The second refused all details.

Both males were then transported to Nuneaton police custody by a transport van, whilst I remained at scene.

I produce my body worn video from this interaction as AF/01.

Signature:  **1338** Signature Witnessed by: **N/A**

**Witness Details**

Home Address: Leek Wootton Police Station Post Code: CV346RN  
 Home Tel No: Work Tel No: Mobile Tel No:  
 Email Address: Adam.fletcher1@warwickshire.police.uk Preferred means of contact:  
 Name of Parent/Guardian Contact Tel No:  
 Best time to contact: Ethnicity Code (16+1):  
 Gender Male Date & Place of Birth: Former Name:

Does the Witness have any inconvenient dates for court? No

If "Yes" provide details

**Witness Care** (please tick or type in box provided)

- a) Is the witness willing to attend court? Yes If 'No', include reason(s) on form MG6
- b) What can be done to ensure attendance?
- c) Does the witness require a Special Measures Assessment as a vulnerable or intimidated witness? (youth under 18; witness with mental disorder, learning or physical disability; or witness in fear of giving evidence or witness is the complainant in a sexual offence case). If 'Yes' submit MG2 with file in anticipated not guilty, contested or indictable only cases. No
- d) Does the witness have any particular needs? No  
 If 'Yes' what are they? (Disability, healthcare, childcare, transport, disability, language difficulties, visually impaired, restricted mobility or other concerns?).

**Witness Consent - For Witness Completion**

Yes No N / A

- a) The Victim Personal Statement scheme (victims only) has been explained to me:
- b) I have been given the Victim Personal Statement leaflet:
- c) I have been given the tear-off leaflet "Giving A Witness Statement to the Police..."
- d) I consent to police having access to my medical record(s) in relation to this matter: (obtained in accordance with local practice)
- e) I consent to my medical record in relation to this matter being disclosed to the defence:
- f) I consent to the statement being disclosed for the purposes of civil, or other proceedings if applicable, e.g. child care proceedings, CICA

Witness Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: PC FLETCHER  
 Parent/Guardian/appropriate adult Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address and telephone number if different from above:

Statement Taken By (print name): Self Station: Leek Wootton  
 Time and Place Statement Taken: 28/03/2022

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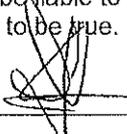
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Statement of: PC 2190 Howells

Age if under 18: 018

Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature: 

Date: 07/04/2022

I am PC 2190 HOWELLS of Warwickshire Police and I am currently based at Coleshill Police Station.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 I was on duty, in full uniform and driving a marked police patrol car with the call sign PA503 in company with my colleague PC 2216 CORLESS.

At approximately 00:30hrs on the above date I was requested to attend Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Trinity Road, Kingsbury in relation to Op HYRAX.

It was reported that a number of protesters had attended and had breached the perimeter and began locking on to the fuel silo's and other equipment.

At 0640hrs on the same day and date I was made aware that there were 2 female protesters who had locked themselves onto the equipment. In company with PRT the females were cut free.

At 0645hrs I said to a female who I now know to be Alison LEE, 20/06/1958. 'YOU ARE UNDER ARREST ON SUSPICION OF AGGREGATED TRESSPASS' caution, I explained that the necessity of the arrest was to prevent any further offences. She was placed into handcuffs in a front stack. She refused to cooperate and stated she would not move. She was assisted by officers and removed to the marked police van.

She was searched by a West Midlands Police officer where she was found to have on her, 2 x tubes of super glue and a pair of long nosed pliers. At 0653hrs I said to her 'YOU ARE FURTHER ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF GOING EQUIPPED TO CAUSE CRIMINAL DAMAGE' caution.

The items were seized, and I can reference these as JH/02, they have been booked into the property system, seal number M17189531, property reference number N2/009195/22

The arrest was captured on BWV, this has been downloaded and I can exhibit this as JH/03 and the further arrest is JH/04

A photograph of LEE was taken and I can exhibit this as JH/05

The prisoners were conveyed to Nuneaton Custody by TST officers where there detention was authorised.

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Signature witnessed by:

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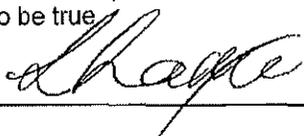
URN: Op Hyrax

Statement of: Dc 1410 Burcham

Age if under 18: 0/18

Occupation: Detective Constable

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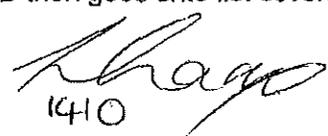
I am Detective Constable 231410 Jennifer BURCHAM based at Rugby reactive CID, forming part of WARWICKSHIRE CONSTABULARY.

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 I formed part of a team of officers working on OPERATION HYRAX, WARWICKSHIRE POLICE's response to the JUST STOP OIL protests. As part of my role, I viewed the JUST STOP OIL website and watched the video entitled 'The Butler's joined the Looters in the House' / Kingsbury, UK/ 10 April 2022'. I watched this video from 0900 hours to 0930 hours on 11<sup>th</sup> April and identified four males and a female who have been arrested by WARWICKSHIRE POLICE.

One male identifies himself as Stephen PRITCHARD at the very beginning of the video. PRITCHARD was arrested on 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 02:20 for conspiracy to commit criminal damage. He is observed in this video to assist other persons in digging and drilling a hole in the ground. This hole forms part of the road to the Kingsbury Oil Depot. They have begun causing this criminal damage from within the constraints of a caravan. This caravan has been adapted to enable the individuals to dig into the ground from within the caravan, having removed some of the flooring to gain access.

PRITCHARD explains at the beginning of the video that they 'are digging a tunnel under a road that is next to an oil depot'. PRITCHARD is also seen in the hole using instruments to dig further down. PRITCHARD goes onto say "WHY AM I DOING THIS, COS THE GOVERNMENT, IS NOT DOING WHAT IT SHOULD BE DOING, IT'S BREAKING THE SOCIAL CONTRACT, IT IS NOT PROTECTING PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY'.

PRITCHARD then goes onto list several examples of this.

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From this video I have used a snipping tool to take an image of PRITCHARD whilst inside the caravan. I have placed this image in PRITCHARD's electronic folder within the OPERATION HYRAX folder on the J Drive.

I exhibit this image as JB.01 – Stephen Pritchard Just Stop Oil Video snip.

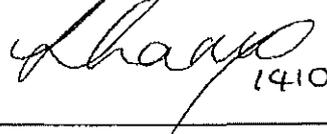
Whilst PRITCHARD is talking, there is a second male kneeling next to him at the top of the hole. This male I have identified as Paul RAITHBY. I have identified RAITHBY by viewing the custody images of persons in NUNEATON custody from today's date. Paul RAITHBY has had an image taken from within custody and from this picture I can identify him as the male in the Just Stop Oil video. Within the video, you do not see RAITHBY digging but he assists another male who is in the hole digging, in an attempt to create said tunnel. He assists them by moving a bucket to allow for an item to be removed. RAITHBY is seen sitting with his legs into the hole, with the rest of him on the floor of the caravan. This briefly shows how deep the hole is. From what I can see and hear of the video, I do not believe RAITHBY speaks.

RAITHBY was arrested on 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 10:50 hours, for conspiracy to cause a public nuisance and conspiracy to commit criminal damage. I have used the snipping tool once more to take an image of RAITHBY. I have placed this image in RAITHBY's electronic folder within the OPERATION HYRAX folder on the J Drive. RAITHBY is the male on the right hand side of the image. He is next to PRITCHARD (who wears a checked shirt)

I exhibit this image as JB.02 – Paul Raithby Just Stop Oil Video snip.

The third identified male within the clip is Tim HEWES. This male is a reverend and wears his dog collar in the first part of the video. The first time HEWES is clearly seen and heard, he is sat down and says "SO I AM HERE WITH JUST STOP OIL, AND I AM LOKCED ONTO A LUMP OF CONCRETE AND POLICE ARE OUTSIDE TRYING TO WORK OUT HOW TO GET US OUT".

The second time we see and hear HEWES is further in the video, when the dog collar is not visible, where he is asked by a male who says his name is 'Sean', 'REVERENED DO YOU HAVE ANY LAST WORDS BEFORE THE CAMERA GOES?' The first part of what TEWES

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says is inaudible, but becomes clear from '...WHILE WE'RE DOING THE GOVERNMENTS WORK FOR THEM, WHICH IS PROTECTING OUR FAMILIES, PROTECTING THE PLANET AND JUST STOPPING FUCKING OIL'. TEWES is located within the hole that he has helped dig, he is identified as 'Reverend' by 'Sean'.

TEWES was arrested on 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 14:44, for conspiracy to cause a public nuisance and conspiracy to commit criminal damage. I have used the snipping tool to take two (2) images of HEWES. I have placed these images in HEWE's electronic folder within the OPERATION HYRAX folder on the J Drive.

I exhibit these images as JB.03A – Tim HEWES Just Stop Oil Video snip – Vicar clothing and JB.03B – Tim HEWES Just Stop Oil Video snip – Hole.

The fourth male in the clip, is the male identified as John JORDAN, AKA 'Sean'. This male is observed within the clip on top of the caravan, stating 'HELLO MY NAME IS SEAN AND I AM HERE WITH JUST STOP OIL, WE ARE ON THE TENTH DAY OF OUR CAMPAIGN HAVING STARTED ON 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL. WE ARE CURRENTLY SAT ON TOP OF A CARAVAN, CAN SEE WE ARE VERY WELL STOCKED WITH FOOD, WE'VE STILL GOT PEOPLE DOWN BELOW, IN THE TUNNEL AND IT'S A BEAUTIFUL DAY TO JOIN IS IN CIVIL RESISTENCE'. It is then that the camera pans around and shows HEWES in the hole and JORDAN aka Sean asks the reverend for a comment which is detailed in the previous page.

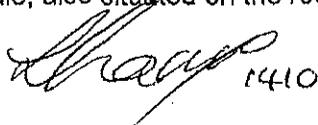
John JORDAN was arrested on 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 at 14:44 for conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

The image taken of John JORDAN from Nuneaton custody as observed by myself matches the male identifying himself as 'Sean' on the video. I have taken a snippet of JORDAN, 'Sean' from the video. I have placed this image into JORDAN'S electronic folder within the OPERATION HYRAX folder on the J drive.

I exhibit this image as JB.04 – John JORDAN Just Stop Oil video snip.

Whilst JORDAN aka Sean is on the roof of the caravan he shows two further persons, a male and a female, also situated on the roof. It is whilst he comments on food provisions that

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these persons are seen, with the female waving at the camera. Once police approach the caravan, a male voice, which is possibly that of JORDAN'S informs police that they have now glued themselves to the roof. Persons glued include the male and female. I believe these persons to be Ben TAYLOR and Amy PRITCHARD. I cannot hear TAYLOR or PRITCHARD say anything on the video. I once again have observed the images of these two from custody and compared them to the video. I have obtained a snip of them from the video, whilst on the roof of said caravan.

I exhibit this image as JB.05 – Ben TAYLOR and Amy PRITCHARD Just Stop Oil Video – Snip. Like the other images, I have added this exhibit image to both TAYLOR's and PRITCHARD'S folder on the J Drive.

Both TAYLOR and Amy PRITCHARD have been arrested for conspiracy to cause a public nuisance and to commit criminal damage. TAYLOR was arrested at 14:44 and PRITCHARD at 14:24 both on SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022.

The Just Stop Oil video is four (4) minutes and thirty (30) seconds long and has been uploaded to their own website. The persons detailed within this statement were arrested on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2022 as a result of the actions shown in the video, and were transported to Nuneaton Custody.

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**Witness Statement**

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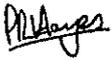
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Statement of: **PC Pete Hayes**

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): **Over 18**

Occupation: **Police Constable**

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Date: **01/04/2022**

I am a Police Constable with Warwickshire Police currently based at Warwickshire Police HQ, Leek Wootton on the Operational Policing Unit. I am an advanced driver, trained in the use of Tactical Pursuit and Containment and Stinger. I am a Family Liaison Officer and a Licensed Police Search Officer. I am a qualified trainer and operator of LTI Speed guns and VASCAR speed enforcement systems.

At 05:00hrs on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 I had been tasked to a potential public disorder at Kingsbury Oil Terminal. As part of this a Ford Transit Luton van registration CX15 NWV was stopped on Tamworth Rd, Kingsbury. In the rear of the vehicle there was a large quantity of timber, climbing ropes and food stuffs which the occupants freely admitted was for a tree house and encampment. Also in the rear of the vehicle were 4 separate lock on devices. Having spoken to the Silver commander I arrested all of the occupants from the vehicle at 05:00hrs. None made any relevant statement and all were placed under CAUTION.

I said the same to each occupant "I AM ARRESTING YOU ON SUSPICION OF CONSPIRACY TO CAUSE PUBLIC NUSIANCE. CAUTION."

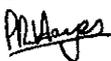
They gave their details as:

Ms Elizabeth SMAIL BN. 26.06.59 was the driver of the van

Mr Joshua SMITH. BN 08.03.93

Mr Andrew WORSLEY BN 16.09.45

Mr Joe HOWLETT BN. 05.05.90

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Signature Witnessed by: **N/A**

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Continuation of Statement of PC 120 Pete Hayes

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The final prisoner was arrested at 05:12hrs having been seen to be dropped off from the same vehicle a minute before it was stopped on Tamworth Rd. He returned to the van on Tamworth Rd and was then arrested

Mr Anthony WHITEHOUSE BN 20.09.51

All of the interaction with these persons was captured on Body Worn Video that I exhibit as PH/01

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Statement of: PC 1377 HOWELL

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Police officer

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Date: 08/04/2022

I am PC 1377 HOWELL of Warwickshire Police, currently based at Leamington Spa Police Station.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 I was on duty, in uniform, under call sign YC1377. I was attached to the Policing operation at Kingsbury Oil Terminal in response to targeted protests at the site.

At approximately 0815 hours I attended the terminal site, located off TRINITY ROAD and was briefed regarding the current situation. To which I was informed that incursions had taken place overnight by numerous protestors who had secured themselves, using lock on devices, across the site.

At 1250 hours I attended land belonging to WARWICKSHIRE OIL SUPPLIES LTD, and travelled to the what3words location: ///mainly.tone.stage alongside PC 2158 KNIGHT.

At this location I have met a Protest Removal Team (PRT) from Staffordshire Police, who have been situated next to a lorry tractor and trailer unit. The trailer unit was a fuel tanker, under the name of 'FUEL OILS GROUP LTD'. The VRM of the tractor unit was 'OIL5052'.

I have liaised with the PRT who have informed me that two protestors were present in the interior cab of the tractor unit and had secured themselves inside using a lock on device.

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Due to this I have climbed up the offside of the tractor unit and spoken to the protestors inside. Present in the driver seat was a white female who I now know to be Michelle CADET-ROSE bn: 14/08/1965.

Present in the passenger seat of the tractor unit was a white male who I now know to be Thomas BARBER bn: 26/02/1960.

I have outlined a 5-step appeal to both BARBER and CADET-ROSE to request that they voluntarily remove themselves from the interior and outlined the implications of not doing so.

Both have not complied with this request.

At 1301 hours I have stated to BARBER and CADETROSE 'I AM PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST ON SUSPICION OF AGGRAVATED TRESPASS'. "YOU DO NOT HAVE TO SAY ANYTHING, BUT IT MAY HARM YOUR DEFENCE IF YOU DO NOT MENTION, WHEN QUESTIONED, SOMETHING WHICH YOU LATER RELY ON IN COURT. ANYTHING YOU DO SAY MAY BE GIVEN IN EVIDENCE".

I have informed BARBER and CADET-ROSE of the necessity for their arrests and the grounds for their arrest.

I have then handed over to the PRT who have safely removed BARBER and CADET-ROSE from the cab after cutting the lock-on device open.

Both BARBER and CADET-ROSE have not complied with Police requests at anytime and had to be carried into our Police vehicle.

Following from their removal I have seized the lock-on device as **Exhibit CSH/01**. I have produced a photo exhibit of the lock-on device as **CSH/01A**.

Following their arrest, I have conveyed them to WATLING STREET Custody block, Staffordshire alongside PC 2158 KNIGHT and PC 1383 WILLIAMS. This was alongside two other persons in custody from the site, arrested by other officers.

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Signature witnessed by: N/A

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Both BARBER and CADETROSE's detention was subsequently authorised under the following custody references:

BARBER: C22004334

CADETROSE: C22004337

*I am also producing the following exhibits in my statement:*

**CSH/02-** BWV footage of arrest of BARBER and CADET-ROSE

**CSH/03-** still images of BARBER

**CSH/04-** still images of CADET ROSE

All physical exhibits have been booked under PMS ref: S5/009265/22



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**Witness Statement**

CJ Act 1967, s.9; MC Act 1980, ss.5A(3) (a) and 5B; Criminal Procedure Rules 2012, Part 27

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Statement of: **Chloe JASPER**

Age if under 18 (if over insert "over 18"): **Over 18**

Occupation: **Police Constable 1828**

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Date: **5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

I am the above named officer and I am currently based at Leamington Spa on the Leamington Safer Neighbourhood Team. On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022, I was on duty at 0700 in full duty and was instructed to attend the Kingsbury Oil plant on Trinity Road, Kingsbury. There had been several days of protesting where the entrances had been blocked, preventing the workers from the plant arriving and leaving.

When I arrived at Kingsbury Oil at 0750 hours, I could see that there were in excess of 15 protestors all lying on mats blocking the entrance. It appeared that some of the group were glued to the ground with one of their hands. Others appeared to be using a long tube to chain themselves to one another.

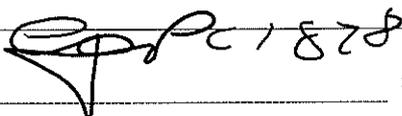
We formed a line in front of the protestors and waited until further direction. Many of the workers had come out and were standing near to the group and there was a male filming and documenting the scene.

At some point later that morning, the protestor removal team arrived. They were using a solution to free several of the group that had glued their hands to the ground. At approximately 1000 hours I approached a male and female who were chained together by their arm in a tube. These protestors were asked several times if they would self release, by this specialist team, but they refused. I asked them again if they would release themselves and they told me that they wouldn't. I asked their names, but they refused to tell me. At 1005 hours I said "I am arresting you under section 241 of the Trade Union Act". "CAUTION". I told them that their arrest was necessary to prevent further obstruction of the highway. They made no reply.

The removal team managed to free them from the tube and they were brought to the van where I was now waiting with another of the females that had been detained.

The first nominal was a white female. She was wearing a black woolly hat, a purple rain coat, black waterproof trousers and grey walking boots. I have since found out that her name is Michelle Cadet-Rose.

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Continuation of Statement of Chloe JASPER

Date: **05/04/2022**

The second nominal was a white male. He was wearing a khaki over coat and blue jeans. He was also wearing dark walking boots and glasses. I have since found out that his name is Thomas Barber. When he was searched in custody by PC 1942 Croshaw, a tube of fast action super glue was found in his possession. This was placed in an evidence bag seal no M26091854.

We conveyed a total of 6 prisoners to Nuneaton Custody and we arrived at approximately 1045 hours. We had a long wait whilst the others were booked in. Once Michelle was booked in I had no further dealings with either prisoner.

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Statement of: Jonathon DUNN

Age if under 18: ~~Under 18~~ **Over 18** Occupation: ~~Police Constable~~

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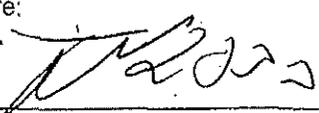
Signature:  Date: 05/05/2022

This statement is in regards to the detainment of two females and a male on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 05:40 hrs, 06:12 hrs and 07:00 hrs. And the Subsequent arrest of these individuals under suspicion of being in breach of article 241 of the Trade Unions and Labour act. I will name these individuals as unnamed male, unnamed female 1 and unnamed female 2 for the duration of this statement.

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at around 05:30 hrs I was on uniformed full mobile patrol in company with PC 2250 PATTERSON. I had attended the KINGSBURY OIL DÉPOT, KINGSBURY, B78 2HA. This was in relation to a staged protest for the Just Stop Oil Group. At 05:40 hrs I was alerted to the presence of a female that was in violation of 241 of the Trade Unions and Labour Act in which she was blocking the highway and thus stopping the workers from going to work.

I would describe this female a white, around 50-60 yrs old, with blond hair, of skinny build, wearing a bobble hat with a black/ dark blue insulated jacket.

I approached this female and identified myself and I asked her if she was willing to move, this female then refused to do this by remaining silent. I then stated that she was in violation of the above act, should she not move then she would be arrested. This unidentified female (1) then refused to answer me. I therefore stated "YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR VIOLATION OF

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SECTION 241 OF THE LABOUR ACT" [caution] reply: no reply. "THE NECESSITY OF YOUR ARREST IS TO PREVENT AN OBSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY" I was then accompanied by PS 1362 TYLER in which he stated that we did not wish to use force on the female but if she didn't get up we would have to. Sgt TYLER then stated is there "ANYTHING I CAN REWASONABLY SAY OR DO TO MAKE YOU COMPLY WITH MY REQUEST" to which the female gave no answer. Myself and Sgt TYLER then lifted the female by both arms as she has gone completely limp being passive resistant. I carried out this act under 117 PACE 1984 and Section 3 Criminal Law Act 1967.

I then identified a further individual who was also in violation of the same law; this was an unidentified male, I approached him and asked if he would move of the carriage way in a simple appeal to which he refused, I asked him if there was anything I could do to make him move, he then refused saying that we should facilitate taxis for a female. I then warned him that I would arrest him if he didn't move, two which he refused. I then stated at 06: 12 hrs, "YOU ARE UNDER ARREST FOR VIOLATION OF 241 OF THE LABOUR ACT AND NOT LETTING PEOPLE GO TO WORK" [Caution] reply: no reply. I then stated "YOUR ARREST IS NESSCARY IN ORDER TO PREVENT AN OBSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY".

I would describe this male a white, around 50-60 yrs old, with white hair, of skinny build, wearing a woolly hat, wearing a green jacket and brown jumper with blue over trousers.

I then appealed to the male stating that I did not wish to lay hands on him, and would he make his way to the marked police van, he refused I then stated "IS THERE ANYTHING I CAN SAY OR DO TO MAKE YOU COMPLY WITH MY REQUEST" the male refused thus myself Sgt TYLER and two other officers lifted the male to the nearby police van where he went in. I caried out my sue of force under Section 117 PACE 1984 and Section 3 Criminal law act 1967.

I then identified a further female how violated the same law I approached this female and requested she move, to which she refused, I then stated that she can facilitate her protest

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next to the road, to which she refused. I stated that she was in violation of the above law, and I would be arresting her if she didn't move. She refused further.

*I would describe this female as white, with brown hair, around 50-60 yrs old, skinny in build of 5'7" tall. She wore a navy-blue waterproof jacket, a black pair of over trousers.*

I then stated at 07:00 hrs, "YOU ARE UNDER ARRESTED FOR BREACHING SECTION 241 OF THE LABOUR ACT AND NOT LETTING PEOPLE GO TO WORK" [caution] reply: no reply. I then stated "YOUR ARREST IS NESSACARY IN ORDER TO PREVENT AND OBSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PROVIDE YOUR NAME AND DETAILS?" the female refused and I stated "A FURTHER NECESSITY IS TO ASCERTAIN YOUR NAME AND DETAILS".

The female then stood up and went to the nearby parker marked police car. My colleague PC PATTERSON then performed a search of the female under section 32 PACE 1984. And she was conveyed to Nuneaton Custody.

All the above individuals were conveyed to Nuneaton custody, and their detention was authorised by PS POWELL. None of the above nominals provided there name and details to myself or any other officers they spoke to.

I exhibit the body worn of the whole incident as JMD/01 (A-B).

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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Statement of: PC 2164 STALLARD

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Police Officer

This statement (consisting of 2 page(s) each signed by me) is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I may be required to attend court and that I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated anything in it, which I know to be false, or do not believe to be true.

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Date: 05/04/2022

I am Police Constable 2164 STALLARD for Warwickshire Police, I am based at Bedworth Police station working for the Harm Hub.

I make this statement in relation to the subsequent arrest of Jane THEWLIS 02/05/1962 and Holly ROTHWELL 09/03/1985

On TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022 I was crewed with PC 2035 JONES and PC 1369 SMITH. This in relation to protests happening in KINGSBURY TAMWORTH. I was there to ascertain and deter any criminality and help with a policing presence in the area.

At approximately 10:00 hours I arrived on KINGSBURY ROAD TAMWORTH where some of the protests were happening. From what I could see at the time, THEWLIS and ROTHWELL were sitting on top of a fuel/oil tanker vehicle VRM MV70VNW. Due to this, the vehicle remained stationary causing an obstruction to the road. THEWLIS and ROTHWELL were holding a sign of "SAVE THE OIL". I lead to the opinion that these were involved in the protest. Supervision had then arrived on scene to ascertain any steps going forward to prevent and escalate the situation from getting any worse.

From here I spoke to SGT 1170 WALLINGTON on the next steps going forward. SGT WALLINGTON had agreed for me to speak with THEWLIS and ROTHWELL to try and resolve and prevent any further criminality to get them both to come down from the tanker. SGT WALLINGTON also stated to me that THEWLIS and ROTHWELL had stopped the tanker vehicle and climbed on top of it causing x2 cable pipes connected to fall off. Due to this I spoke to both THEWLIS and ROTHWELL to ask them if they were willing to leave the area on their own will. They refused and remained on top of the tanker. I further asked if there was anything I could reasonably do to for them to liaise and cooperate with me, they still both refused. I then warned them that they were committing additional offences which could lead to them being arrested. They understood this however remained on top of the tanker.

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Arrangements were then made for other officers to conduct an initial dynamic risk assessment to get THEWLIS and ROTHWELL down from the tanker safely. Officers situated a ladder with a harness connected to the tanker to prevent any injury to help with the release of them. Whilst they still remained on top of the tanker, officers lead them to eventually come down.

At 13:17 hours I arrested both females for Section 241 Trades Union Act, Vehicle Interference, and suspicion of criminal damage to the tanker. I relayed the Police CAUTION and necessity to prevent further obstruction of the highway and to ascertain name and address.

Both females were escorted to NUNEATON CUSTODY where their detention was authorised. I had no further dealings with them at this point.

My Body Worn video was activated during the time, I exhibit this as CS/01.

I further took X3 pictures of the tanker with the pipes being misplaced when climbed on top.

I further exhibit these as CS/02 booklet.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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Statement of: PC 2346 BLAND

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: PC

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Date: 10/04/2022

I am PC 2346 BLAND of Warwickshire Police and work out of BEDWORTH POLICE STATION.

On 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022 I was deployed to Kingsbury Oil Terminal to work on Op HYRAX at 07:00.

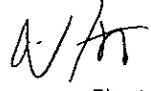
During the day I was based on Piccadilly Way, Kingsbury, standing outside a caravan which had 3 protestors on top of it and 2 protestors underneath the caravan who had attempted to tunnel underneath the road. One male on top of the caravan told me that his name was Shaun and said he was 25 years of age, however he refused to give me any more details about who he was. I would describe this male as a white male, slim build, with ginger hair and a beard who wore glasses. I cannot say how tall he was due to him being at a height and sitting on top of the caravan for most of the time, however I would not say that he was over 6ft tall. He was wearing an orange high vis vest with a navy waterproof hoodie underneath with a front pocket which looked to be like a built-in bum bag.

The other 2 protestors on top of the caravan failed to engage with me throughout the whole day. One of these was a white male, slim build, with brown curly mid length hair. He was wearing a blue waterproof coat, with navy trousers and green wellies. I would say that this male was approximately 6ft tall and looked to be in his early 30's.

The other protestor that was on top of the caravan was a white female with long brown hair. She wore a dark woolie beanie hat and was wrapped in a light grey blanket for the majority of the day. I would say that this female was approximately 5ft8 in height and also looked to be in her 30's.

Looking at the caravan from the outside, I would describe it as a cream caravan with a green trimming around it. All of the windows had been blocked up with what appeared to be wooden panels. On the outside of the caravan there was writing on the side saying "JUST STOP OIL" in orange writing, and at the back of the caravan there was an orange banner attached from the top also saying "JUST STOP OIL". When going inside of the caravan, it looked to be completely ripped apart, and could see that all of the insides of the caravan had been ripped out and thrown outside on to the grass verge and down the bank.

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Signature witnessed by: 

Bland, Jodie 2346

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Statement of: PC 2346 BLAND

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From what I could see, the hole that had been made by the 2 males that were inside of it was around 1 meter in width, 1 meter deep and approximately 1 meter under the pavement/road. I spoke to both of the males who were in the hole who both told me their first names and ages. One male told me that his name was Paul and said that he was 59 years old. I would describe this male as a white male, with brown/grey curly hair with a beard and he wore a helmet when inside of the hole.

The other male told me that he was a 71-year-old retired priest and that his name was Tim. During the day Tim asked me to go into his bag which was labelled TIM, to get his medication out for Angina, after speaking with the inspector on duty, I got this medication out of his grey backpack which is when I saw that it was labelled 'Tim HEWES'. My body worn camera was activated when giving him this medication and the time was noted in my pocket note book. I would describe Tim as an elderly male, who wore a dark cap when inside the hole. I would say that Tim was approximately 5ft 10 and wore knitted looking jumper and waterproof trousers. When Tim came out of the hole at his own accord, he said "LETS DO THIS PROPERLY" and put his priests collar on. When speaking with Tim throughout the day he explained that he had to dig under the road to stop the tankers coming through so that he could save his grandchildren as they would have no life in 10 years if this was to continue. After realising that the males had not actually dug much further than the pavement, the road was reopened to the tankers which Tim appeared to be angry about and said "I AM FUCKING FUMING, I HAVE TO START DIGGING AGAIN" which is when he used a small screw to start picking away at the soil. Tim got upset and appeared to cry when I told him that he had not dug much further from the pavement and that the tankers would be allowed to continue down the road. Shortly after, at approximately 18:30 a crew who I believe to be the tactical support team came to speak to Tim, which is when he decided to come out of the hole.

Whilst on the scene I took some photos and a video which I exhibit as JB/06 who is a male who I now know to be Tim Hewes in hole in the ground, JB/07 2X photographs of 3 protestors on top of caravan. I also exhibit the video I took as JB/08 of the caravan and surroundings.

When leaving the scene after the final protestor was arrested, I seized 1 hand lock on tube which I exhibit JB/04 and 2 roles of duck-tape which I exhibit as JB/05.

After this, I had no further dealings with the protestors.

I exhibit my Body Worn Video as JB/09 and this was activated at various times throughout the day.



Signature: J. Bland

Signature witnessed by: N/A

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

(Criminal Procedure Rules, r27.2; Criminal Justice Act 1967, s.9; Magistrates' Courts Act 1980, s.5B)

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Statement of: Oliver Pike

Age if under 18: Over 18

Occupation: Police Constable

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Signature: 

Date: 03/04/2022

I am Police Constable 21776 Oliver Pike of West Mercia Police, currently based at Malvern Police Station.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2020 I was on duty and in full police uniform answering to the call sign YK1. I was deployed as part of Operation HYRAX for Mutual Aid to Warwickshire Police regarding the protestors at the Oil Refinery in KINGSBURY.

As part of my role I was stationed at PICADILLY WAY, KINGSBURY monitoring some protestors from the Stop the Oil Group. Whilst during my role an unknown female was sat in front of an Oil Tanker, VRM FX17 KUB that was stationary on PICADILLY WAY. As there was other protestors on top of this tanker it could not move. However a second tanker had arrived and was wishing to pass the first tanker but this female would not move out of the public highway to allow this tanker to pass.

I explained that if she did not move she would be arrested. This female was arrested for obstructing a Public Highway at 22:50 hours as this female was stopping a tanker from moving on a Public road. I then cautioned the female and she gave no reply, I gave the Code G necessity for her arrest as protecting a person from harm and ascertaining this females details as she refused to provide me with her name and date of birth and stated that she would tell the custody sergeant and not myself.

I then handed this female over to a Warwickshire Police Officer who transported her to custody where her detention was authorised.

I would describe this female as white, approximately 45-50 years old, 5ft8 wearing outdoor clothing and distinctly she had broken her shoulder and was wearing a cast.

I can exhibit my Body Worn Video as OP/02, I had no further dealing with this female.

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Signature witnessed by:

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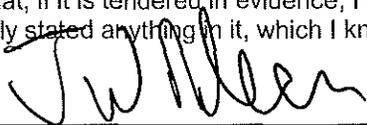
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Statement of: PC 2204 DICKEN

Age if under 18: 0'18

Occupation: Police officer

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Signature: 

Date:

This statement is made in relation to the arrest of a protester at TRINITY RD, KINGSBURY on FRIDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2022 at 07:05hrs on suspicion of vehicle interference.

On FRIDAY the 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2022 I have been on uniformed mobile patrol in a marked police vehicle, Call sign PA513.

On Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022, I have attended the road closure at TRINITY RD , with the junction of EDGE HILL due to there being a number of protesters that have been sat in the road causing a obstruction. The protesters have been engaging with officers while I have remined on the closure.

A Articulated fuel tanker with a registration of NK64 VFC has stopped on the main road as it has been heading back towards the fuel depot. AS the lorry has been stopped stationary on the highway a number of protesters have boarded the tanker. More protesters have left the road blockage further down the road and have then gathered to the front and rear of the tanker.

Protesters have then distributed themselves on the cab of the lorry and along the walkway on the top. There have been other protesters that have been milling around the sides of the lorry by the wheels and by the valve on the tyres and another's that have been attempting to unplug the air lines that are situated behind the cab.

Words of advice has been offered to all the persons involved in relation to the safety of this practice and the safety of the other protesters that have been sat in front of the vehicle. This appears to have stopped them and they have moved away from the lorry.

When I have looked again there has been one of the females that has been tampering with the valves on the lorry's tyres has been back and you could hear air being let out of the tyres valve again. Once again the female has been warned in relation to her behaviour and asked to move away from the vehicle.

The scene has been dynamic and with lots of people milling around it has been hard to keep tabs on all the people that have been moving around.

I have next become aware of the female again crouched by the rear wheels of the lorry and pressing the valve, air could be heard escaping from the valve. The female has been taken hold of and asked to move away from the wheel. She has had a small plastic bag in her hand that has contained a quantity of small round seeds.

At 07:04 the female has been arrested on suspicion of vehicle interference and "CAUTIONED". And given the necessity has been to prevent further damage to property. The females back pack has been removed and she has been placed in the rear of a marked police vehicle. She has provide her details as Carmen LEAN.

The female has been transported to Leamington custody by PC 2288 GREENWAY and booked in and I have had no further contact with the female,

Signature: 

Signature witnessed by:

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Statement of: Pc 2204 DICKEN

URN:

I would describe the female as a white female approximately 25 years old. The female has been wearing a overcoat and water proof trousers and a hat.

The following items have been exhibited in relation to this investigation.

JWD/01 – BVW of attendance at the scene and the arrest of the suspect.

JWD/02 – Image of the seeds the suspect has had in her hand at the time of arrest taken in custody.

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**WITNESS STATEMENT**

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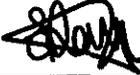
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Statement of: Scot RAMSELL

Age if under 18:

Occupation: Police Sergeant 1087

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Signature: 

Date: 9-4-22

I am Police Sergeant 1087 RAMSELL of Warwickshire Police and I am currently based at BEDWORTH POLICE STATION.

At 0700 hours on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2022 I was on duty covering the KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL site as part of a large scale operation as part of the Just Stop Oil campaign, which began on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022.

I was there as a Public Order Public Safety Adviser for Insp 947 WEBB.

At 15:50 hours on the same date I was travelling in a marked police vehicle with INSP WEBB in the direction of PICADILLY along TRINITY ROAD to reports of a male, possibly on an overbridge, which was at the junction of PIT HILL.

Upon arriving at the junction of PIT HILL [which is locally named 'PICADILLY'] and TRINITY ROAD I could see that there was a white male on the wrong side of the overbridge. I stopped my police vehicle and walked up the embankment to the disused railway bridge over TRINITY ROAD and I passed a bag of climbing equipment and as I got closer to the male I could see he was on the wrong side of the bridge.

At this point vehicles had started to slow down and stop as they could see a male was on the wrong side of the bridge.

I approached the male, who I now know to be David BALDWIN date of birth 09/09/1975 of 5 Greenfield Road, Stonesfield, Witney, Oxfordshire, OX29 8EQ. BALDWIN said to be "I AM NOW GOING TO ABSEIL DOWN OFF THIS BRIDGE" to which I immediately grabbed BALDWIN and I was joined by INSP WEBB who also grabbed the male and we brought him to the correct side of the bridge and at 16:00 hours I said to him "I AM ARRESTING YOU FOR WILFUL OBSTRUCTION OF THE HIGHWAY" to which he made no reply. BALDWIN was fully compliant throughout the arrest process and was conveyed to custody by PC 0050 RAMSAY and 1156 BULL, his detention was authorised by PS 1967 GRIFFTHS.

Signature: 

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Statement of: Scot RAMSELL

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As a result of the incident I have seized the following items from BALDWIN

- 1. CLIMBING EQUIPMENT, which I refer to as Police Item SR/1

These items have been subsequently been booked into the Warwickshire Police Property System under the reference N2/009310/22.



Signature: 

Signature witnessed by:

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

Claim No:

QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

BETWEEN:

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimant

AND

- (1) MR DAVID BALDWIN
- (2) MR THOMAS BARBER
- (3) MS MICHELLE CADET-ROSE
- (4) MR TIM HEWES
- (5) MR JOHN HOWLETT
- (6) MR JOHN JORDAN
- (7) MS CARMEN LEAN
- (8) MS ALISON LEE
- (9) MS AMY PRITCHARD
- (10) MR STEPHEN PRITCHARD
- (11) MR PAUL RAITHBY
- (12) MS HOLLY ROTHWELL
- (13) MS ELIZABETH SMAIL
- (14) MR JOHN SMITH
- (15) MR BEN TAYLOR
- (16) MS JANE THEWLIS

(17) MR ANTHONY WHITEHOUSE

(18) MR ANDREW WORSLEY

(19) PERSONS UNKNOWN PRESENT ON PUBLIC OR PRIVATE LAND IN THE LOCALITY OF THE LAND KNOWN AS KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL, TRINITY ROAD, OR PICCADILLY WAY, TAMWORTH, IN CONNECTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTS AGAINST THE PRODUCTION AND/OR USE OF FOSSIL FUELS

(20) PERSONS UNKNOWN CAUSING BLOCKADES, OBSTRUCTIONS OF TRAFFIC, INTERFERENCES WITH THE PASSAGE OF LAWFUL VISITORS TO KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL AND OTHER ROAD USERS ALONG ROADS IN THE LOCALITY OF KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TRINITY ROAD AND PICCADILLY WAY, TAMWORTH), OR DAMAGE TO LAND (INCLUDING ROADS), BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES IN THE LOCALITY OF KINGSBURY OIL TERMINAL IN CONNECTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTS AGAINST THE PRODUCTION AND/OR USE OF FOSSIL FUELS

Defendants

This is the exhibit BDS2 referred to in the Witness Statement of ACC Benjamin Smith

Signed .....  ACC 1618 .....

Dated ..... 14/04/22 .....

Exhibit number: BDS2

Exhibiting officer: ACC 1618 Benjamin Smith

Date: 14/04/2022

Signature:  ACC 1618

Description: A number of video clips illustrating unlawful activity by Just Stop Oil protestors.

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Just Stop Oil – No More Oil and Gas

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE

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IN THE MATTER OF SECTION 222 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

B E T W E E N:

(1) NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Claimant

-and-

(1)  
(2) PERSONS UNKNOWN

Defendants

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**WITNESS STATEMENT OF JEFF MORRIS**

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I, JEFF MORRIS, of Shire Hall, Market Place, Warwick, CV34 4RL WILL SAY as follows:

- 1) I am employed as a Delivery Lead for Warwickshire County Council's Client Services, County Highways Service (County Highways). The facts detailed below are either within my own personal knowledge or have been ascertained from Warwickshire County Council's files and I am duly authorised to make this statement on the behalf of Warwickshire County Council.
  
- 2) I make this statement in support of the Claimant's application under Section 222 of the Local Government Act 1972 for an Injunction prohibiting the Defendants to prevent protestors from organising or participating in protests within close

proximity to Kingsbury Terminal, Piccadilly Way, Kingsbury, Tamworth (the terminal), and prevent them participating in protests that cause a nuisance, risk, loss or harm to others within the locality of the terminal.

- 3) As part of my employment responsibilities, I act as Client Manager in respect of all land that is Highway maintainable at public expense within the County of Warwickshire (Highway land). Part of Warwickshire County Council's duties, as a Highways Authority is to ensure that Highway land is maintained in a fit state for public use and kept free from obstruction.
- 4) On 9 April 2022 at 18.55 hours, County Highways received a telephone call from Warwickshire Police in respect of protest activity being carried out in and around the vicinity of the terminal. Warwickshire Police were seeking the assistance of Warwickshire County Council in arranging for the closure of Piccadilly Way (which is Highway land) due to reports of protestors digging a hole in a grass verge.
- 5) At 22.00 hours County Highways received a further telephone call from Warwickshire Police requesting that an Officer from the Service attend land at Piccadilly Way (the land). Police reported that the land had been damaged by the digging of a hole and a request was made that a safety/subsidence inspection was conducted. Roy Crowley, a County Highways Engineer, attended the land that same evening and observed a container situated on the verge of the land covered by a caravan body which appeared to have had its wheels removed. At that point it appeared that Police Officers were attempting to gain access to the caravan and as it was still in situ, Mr Crowley was unable to inspect the reported damage to the land.
- 6) As a result of this incident, County Highways arranged for an emergency closure of the land spanning from a roundabout located to the west of the land (Coventry Road Roundabout, Kingsbury) to a junction on to Trinity Road, Kingsbury, to the north of the land.

- 7) On 10 April 2022 at 11:40 hours, County Highways received a further telephone call from Warwickshire Police. On that occasion, Warwickshire Police advised that they had gained access to the caravan/container situated on the land and that protestors were in situ in the hole that had been dug in the land. Warwickshire Police asked that County Highways inspect the land for damage once the hole had been vacated. However, an inspection could not ensue as the caravan remained in situ on the land with persons unknown being in occupation of the roof and glued to the caravan.
  
- 8) That evening at 19:20 hours County Highways received notification from Warwickshire Police that the caravan situated on the land had been removed. Arrangements were made for a manual operative (Rob King) from Balfour Beatty, Warwickshire County Council's contractor for Highway maintenance, to conduct a visit to the land. Mr King was able to carry out a visual inspection of damage to the Highway. Photographs were taken of the damage to the land which I hereby refer to as Exhibit JM/1. It was noted that a hole had been dug in the land with approximate dimensions of 700mm x 700mm square with a depth of 1.2 metres. Instructions were provided to Balfour Beatty to fill the hole and to remedy the damage caused to the land.
  
- 9) At 22:15 hours that evening County Highways received confirmation that the hole had been filled and the land was rendered safe for reopening. However, the damage has led to the land being undermined and on a permanent basis the hole will need to be re-excavated as the kerb base will need supporting with concrete.
  
- 10) The total anticipated costs to the taxpayer as a result of this incident are anticipated to be in the region of £3189.95. Those costs account for the attendance at the land by a County Highways Officer out of hours, attendance at the land by Balfour Beatty, the costs involved in arranging for the land to be closed on an emergency basis and for works to remedy the damage caused to Highway land both temporarily and permanently.
  
- 11) Any damage to Highway land is dangerous to members of the public for obvious reasons. However, Warwickshire County Council has concerns about damage of

this nature being caused in the close vicinity of an oil terminal. This is particularly so because if land is being excavated there is a very real danger that utilities mains could be struck which could lead to a major fire or explosion.

**STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

I believe that the facts in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. H. M. [unclear]', written over a horizontal line.

Signed .....

Dated: 12 April 2022

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE  
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION  
BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT REGISTRY**



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**Stephen Ian Brown**  
**First Witness Statement**  
**Party: First Claimant**  
**Exhibit: SIB1**  
**Date: 13th April 2022**

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE**  
**BETWEEN**

**Claim No.**

**SHELL U.K. LIMITED**

**First Claimant**

**ESSAR MIDLANDS LIMITED**

**Second Claimant**

**- and -**

**PERSONS UNKNOWN ENTERING OR REMAINING AT THE CLAIMANTS' SITES KNOWN AS SHELL HAVEN OIL REFINERY, THE MANORWAY, STANFORD-LE-HOPE SS17 9LD ("SHELL HAVEN") AND/OR KINGSBURY TERMINAL, PICCADILLY WAY, KINGSBURY, TAMWORTH B78 2HA ("KINGSBURY TERMINAL") WITHOUT THE CONSENT OF THE CLAIMANTS, OR BLOCKING THE ENTRANCES TO THOSE SITES, IN CONNECTION WITH THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTEST CAMPAIGNS OF JUST STOP OIL AND/OR EXTINCTION REBELLION AND/OR YOUTH CLIMATE SWARM**

**Defendants**

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**FIRST WITNESS STATEMENT OF  
STEPHEN IAN BROWN**

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I, **STEPHEN IAN BROWN** of Shell Centre, York Road, London SE1 7NA will say as follows:

- 1.1 I am a Distribution Operations Manager employed by Shell International Petroleum Company Limited which is within the same group of companies as the First Claimant.
- 1.2 I make this statement from facts that are within my own knowledge and belief, except where otherwise stated. Where facts are not within my own knowledge or belief, I have stated the source of my knowledge and confirm they are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
- 1.3 I attach to this witness statement a paginated bundle of true copy documents ("**Exhibit SIB1**") to which I refer in this witness statement. References in this statement to page numbers are to page numbers in SIB1.

1.4 CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang (“CMS”) are instructed by the First Claimant in respect of this matter. The First Claimant is authorised by the Second Claimant to pursue these proceedings and instruct CMS in that regard.

1.5 Nothing in this witness statement is intended to waive privilege in relation to any advice or communications between CMS and the First Claimant.

## **2. PURPOSE OF THE STATEMENT**

2.1 The purpose of my statement is to comment on the following issues in support of the Claimants’ claim for an injunction:

2.1.1 Kingsbury Terminal and Shell Haven (together, the “Sites”);

2.1.2 Health and Safety considerations;

2.1.3 Security measures implemented by the First Claimant;

2.1.4 The activities of Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil and Youth Climate Swarm;

2.1.5 Protestor action and safety concerns;

2.1.6 Planned action and preventative steps taken by the First Claimant; and

2.1.7 The urgent nature of the application.

2.2 The injunction is being sought against individuals associated with the campaign groups known as Just Stop Oil, Extinction Rebellion and Youth Climate Swarm.

## **3. PERSONAL BACKGROUND**

3.1 As I mentioned, I am employed as a Distribution Operations Manager by Shell International Petroleum Company Limited. I have held my current role for approximately eighteen months, prior to which I worked on a variety of downstream operations, engineering and safety roles across a thirty-year career.

3.2 I am the Distributions Operations Manager for the “North Sea Cluster” which is the UK, France, Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg. My current role primarily involves the management of storage and transportation of the First Claimant’s products from various supply points and refineries to customers in a safe and efficient manner. I am in charge of approximately 150 people, spread from the UK all the way to Manila.

## **4. THE SITES**

The Sites are two critical terminals and there are various transport operations linked to each one. The First Claimant picks up products and distributes them between over thirty other terminals therefore any action taken by protesters in relation to any of these terminals has knock on effects and negatively impacts the Sites, causing disruption to operations, supply and scheduling.

### ***Kingsbury Terminal***

- 4.1 The Kingsbury Terminal serves the First Claimant's retail network in the middle of the United Kingdom. The Terminal is operated and run by the First Claimant on a day-to-day basis however there is a Joint Venture Agreement with the Second Claimant who is the legal owner of 45.35% of the Kingsbury Terminal. The Second Claimant employs a Joint Venture Operations Manager who sits on the management committee and has general oversight over Kingsbury Terminal however the terminal is wholly operated by the First Claimant which has delegated authority from the Second Claimant to do so.
- 4.2 The Kingsbury Terminal is located in Warwickshire and is situated in close proximity to a further three neighbouring terminals referred to as the "Kingsbury Complex". The other three terminals belong to United Kingdom Oil Pipelines Ltd, Warwickshire Oil Storage Ltd ("WOSL") and Valero Energy Ltd ("Valero"). The companies have jointly formed the Kingsbury Common User Group which enables the management of specific shared assets such as fire-fighting systems and allows the asset operators to discuss and address shared local issues.
- 4.3 Within its vicinity, the Kingsbury Terminal contains an office building, control room and a large car park. There are approximately 9 people on site employed by the First Claimant and roughly the same number of contractors.
- 4.4 Hoyer Transport Group, which is the main transporter used by the First Claimant, has an office on site and a further office immediately to the South of the Terminal outside the Terminal perimeter and also parks trucks onsite (as do other companies). Potteries Fuels and Watson Oils also occupy offices and park vehicles onsite.
- 4.5 The terminal is multi-fuel, storing and distributing petrol and diesel both standard and V-power, heating oils and jet fuel. It is therefore a critically important supply point for the Midlands and supplies major airports in the region, such as Birmingham International and East Midlands airports.
- 4.6 Kingsbury is almost exclusively pipeline fed so most of the product is derived from the United Kingdom Oil Pipeline system which is operated by the British Pipeline Agency. The product originates from a refinery at Stanlow in the North-West or Shell Haven Terminal in the South-East and is transported via the pipeline to various terminals, among which is Kingsbury Terminal. Although product is supplied through the pipeline (except for additives or biofuels which are imported via truck), the product is distributed from Kingsbury Terminal using road tankers.
- 4.7 There are fourteen main storage tanks at Kingsbury Terminal, of which twelve are employed for the storage of bulk hydrocarbon finished products such as diesel, petrol and aviation fuel which is supplied via the United Kingdom Oil Pipeline System manifold to the dedicated import lines entering site underground at the north-west end of the terminal. The remaining two main storage tanks are employed for the storage of ethanol and are supplied via road tanker.

- 4.8 There are three main entry points to the site. The first entry point (“Gate One”) is for access to the terminal and is predominantly utilised by road tankers accessing site for the collection of fuel by both the First Claimant and third party companies. Approximately 45% of the volume of product supplied to Kingsbury Terminal is used by the First Claimant, and Gate One is under the operational control of the First Claimant.
- 4.9 The second entry point (“Gate Two”) is for access to the Kingsbury Terminal Car Park for Kingsbury Terminal, Contractor and Haulier staff and is under the operational control of the First Claimant, albeit the land is owned by the Second Claimant.
- 4.10 The third entry point (“Gate Three”) provides access to the north compound which is owned by the Second Claimant and from which access can be gained to the Kingsbury Terminal. Gate Three is locked and barred in normal operation.
- 4.11 All of Gates One, Two and Three are accessible from the A4097 (Piccadilly Way). To the south of the Kingsbury Terminal is a transport building owned solely by the First Claimant and occupied by Hoyer Transport Group. Access to the front of this building and car park is open. There is a route to enter the Kingsbury Terminal at this point which is protected by a locked barrier and two further sets of locked gates. The purpose of this route is to provide alternative access for emergency services. It is therefore vital that this is kept clear at all times.

### ***Shell Haven***

- 4.12 The Shell Haven terminal is located in Essex and is a large import terminal. It is unique in that its only purpose is the import and distribution of aviation fuel. A significant proportion of the United Kingdom’s aviation fuel is imported into Shell Haven where it is stored pending distribution. There are multiple airports serviced by Shell Haven via direct pipelines, such as Heathrow and Gatwick and Stansted. The aviation fuel is otherwise distributed by road and by pipeline, with the main United Kingdom Oil pipeline running to Stanlow Refinery in the North-West. The Kingsbury site is also supplied via this pipeline.
- 4.13 In terms of the composition, from an operational perspective, there is a large jetty on the Thames Estuary, three marine loading arms, twenty-one large fuel storage tanks and three road loading bays on site.
- 4.14 The road loading gantries are used by road tankers to pick up fuel which they then deliver to the First Claimant’s customers.
- 4.15 The terminal jetty consists of three marine loading arms for import and export of aviation fuel. It is located approximately one kilometre from the main terminal site and is accessed via the DP World Container Port. Marine imports typically occur once a week.
- 4.16 On site, there is also a main control building, ancillary equipment, a car park and loading gantries. The control building is located on the edge of the Shell Haven site and incorporates a security

centre, control room and offices. There are approximately thirty employees at Shell Haven and the site is operated 24/7, with security around the clock. Most people on site there are the First Claimant's employees however some are contractors such as G4S security personnel.

## **5. HEALTH AND SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS**

5.1 The Sites are used for the storage and supply of fuel which is a highly flammable and hazardous substance. As a result, there are strict security measures adopted by the First Claimant, its employees and contractors (detailed below) to ensure that risk of harm is kept to an absolute minimum.

5.2 The First Claimant considers health and safety to be paramount and its operations are carefully and tightly managed, with strict health and safety protocols enforced at all the First Claimant's sites. All employees and contractors undergo training to ensure that they are aware of the risks of working with hazardous substances and do not do anything which may put them or the wider public in danger. It is therefore crucial that untrained individuals do not attempt to access the perimeters of the Sites or interfere with the tankers and/or vessels transporting fuel as this could cause a major health and safety incident.

## **6. SECURITY MEASURES AT THE SITES**

### ***Kingsbury Terminal***

6.1 The site is surrounded by single fencing. Along approximately 50% of the east perimeter adjacent to the A4097 (Piccadilly Way) and surrounding the car park is six-foot-high palisade fencing. The remaining fencing surrounding the terminal is chain linked and is also approximately six foot high. Access could theoretically be gained using wire cutters, power tools and/or climbing equipment.

6.2 Pedestrian access to Kingsbury Terminal is gained through turn-style gates and there is a locked hinged gate on the route in and out for tankers. In order to gain access, all visitors/employees must have designated passes which allow for automated access. Approximately two hundred lorries enter Kingsbury Terminal on a daily basis and these are only allowed access if they are registered on the First Claimant's internal system and have gone through the driver and vehicle accreditation system. The purpose of this is to minimise any health and safety risks as the products on site are flammable and it is important that only authorised personnel, trained in dealing with such products, is able to gain access.

6.3 Further to this there is a security presence on site 24/7 three hundred and sixty-five days per year. There is high-definition CCTV covering the entire perimeter and site and recently, due to the protests, security presence on site has been doubled, with two guards on dayshift and two guards on night shift.

### ***Shell Haven***

- 6.4 The Shell Haven site has a large footprint. A security team is employed on a 24/7 basis and designated security passes are required at various points on site to allow automated access and ensure that no onward access is gained without authority.
- 6.5 The site is surrounded by palisade fencing and gates, approximately two metres high. The perimeter also undergoes regular security checks.
- 6.6 There are seven different entry points all of which are either locked and barred or are controlled via secure card access. There are two gates for access by tankers, a main access route to the car park and office and two further exit points. The security team monitor all access points from the security control centre through over fifty high-definition cameras to ensure there are no unauthorised persons within the site boundary.
- 6.7 As the jetty is removed from the main footprint of the site, it is vulnerable. As a result, even at times when vessels are not being unloaded, there is a security presence, high-definition CCTV, secure card access gates, turn-style and palisade fencing.
- 6.8 The storage tanks are flammable so there are various safety systems designed around them to ensure there is no health and safety risk, such as high-level alarms, fixed firefighting systems and hydrocarbon detection. Everything on site is EX Certified, which means that it is designed in a way which ensures that it cannot create a spark. This is an important control as any explosion requires an ignition point and the safety measures put in place minimise the likelihood of ignition.

## **7. EXTINCTION REBELLION, JUST STOP OIL AND YOUTH CLIMATE SWARM**

### ***Extinction Rebellion (“XR”)***

- 7.1 XR is a campaign group formed in October 2018 which seeks to affect government policy on climate change through civil disobedience.
- 7.2 In early 2022, XR published a copy of its 2022 Strategy Document on its website. A copy of the Strategy Document is enclosed at **pages 1 - 47 of Exhibit SIB1**. The following paragraphs are of particular relevance: -
- 7.2.1 Paragraph 1.5 stresses the need for a mass movement and asks members of the public to show their commitment to ending the fossil economy by taking disruptive action and risking arrest at the April Rebellion. The April Rebellion is referred to elsewhere on the website where XR makes clear that it has joined forces with other movements to block oil facilities around the UK until the government agrees to its immediate demand: stop all new fossil fuel investments immediately.
- 7.2.2 Paragraph 3.5 refers to XR challenging the courts and the legal system. It provides legal guidance and assures rebels that they will be given the support and information they need in the event that they face prosecution. XR promises to create a team to provide

rebels with action design, messaging, practical and prison support in relation to actions which are in contempt of court.

- 7.3 On 1 April 2022, XR published a press release on its website (enclosed at **pages 48 – 58 of Exhibit SIB1**) confirming that in the early hours of the morning it had blocked 10 major oil facilities across the UK (which included a facility adjoining Kingsbury Terminal) together with groups within the Just Stop Oil Coalition. It was confirmed therein that XR would continue to block the sites until the UK Government agreed to end all new fossil fuel investments immediately. I understand this to mean well beyond April 2022.
- 7.4 On 8 April 2022, XR published a further press release on its website (enclosed at **pages 59 - 66 of Exhibit SIB1**) providing more details on the action taken on 1 April 2022, including the use of boats and oil drums to block access to the terminals as well as sitting in roads, climbing on oil tankers and digging tunnels.
- 7.5 On 12 April 2022, a press release, enclosed at **pages 67 - 70 of Exhibit SIB1**, confirmed that XR was supporting Just Stop Oil's ongoing action causing disruption at oil facilities and stated that *"disruption is the only power ordinary people have left to change things, to break the law to stop a greater crime"*. XR set out its plan which was to continue to cause disruption until the government agrees to end all new fossil fuel investments immediately.

#### ***Just Stop Oil ("JSO")***

- 7.6 JSO was formed in early 2022 and is a coalition of groups, including, inter alia, Youth Climate Swarm, seeking to end all future licensing and consents for exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the United Kingdom.
- 7.7 On 7 April 2022 JSO published a press release on its website (enclosed at **pages 71 - 75 of Exhibit SIB1**) stating that, for the seventh day in a row, supporters of the campaign had disrupted critical oil facilities. Protesters had climbed on top of tankers, locked themselves to pipework and established a roadblock halting tanker routes. It was expected that the action would continue to adversely impact fuel availability at petrol pumps in the United Kingdom.
- 7.8 On 12 April 2022, JSO published a further press release on its website (enclosed at **pages 76 - 78 of Exhibit SIB1**) in which it stated: *"we find ourselves, as others have through history, having to do what is unpopular, to break the law to prevent a much greater harm taking place"*. It further states that *"while Just Stop Oil supporters have their liberty the disruption will continue"*.

#### ***Youth Climate Swarm ("YCS")***

- 7.9 YCS is a nationwide campaign, which began in December 2021 and is affiliated with JSO. It consists of activists under the age of thirty who believe that disruption is necessary to force the government to take action and rapidly transition to a low energy, low carbon world.

7.10 YCS use the tactic of “swarming” or repeatedly blocking roads for short periods to cause disruption, as is highlighted in the article at **pages 79 - 83 of Exhibit SIB1**.

## **8. PROTESTER ACTION AND SAFETY CONCERNS**

8.1 There have been several incidents with protesters, understood to be affiliated with XR, JSO and YCS, in the last two weeks which are referred to below. These have caused serious disruption to the fossil fuel industry and several of the actions taken by the protesters pose a serious health and safety risk both to them and the general public.

### ***Kingsbury Terminal***

#### **8.2 Protester action affecting the First Claimant’s site:**

8.2.1 On 1 April 2022, four protesters sat against Kingsbury Terminal’s main entrance gate (Gate One) from 11:00am until 18:00pm, completely blocking the way for tankers to enter and exit the premises. As a result of this, although police attended the scene to assist with removing the protesters, the First Claimant was forced to close the terminal until the protesters dispersed.

8.2.2 On 6 April 2022, four protesters arrived at Kingsbury Terminal, laid down at the main entrance gates (Gate One) and chained themselves to pipes which they had brought with them, effectively locking themselves together. Police attended the scene and attempted to move the protesters however the gate remained partially obstructed. The First Claimant was therefore forced to close the terminal at 23:34pm on 6 April 2022 and was unable to re-open the terminal and resume operations until the protesters were arrested by the police around 11:30am on 7 April 2022.

#### **8.3 Protestor activity in the locality of the First Claimant’s site:**

8.3.1 On 1 April 2022, eight activists sat at the end of the road entering WOSL and Valero’s terminals within the Kingsbury Complex and of them attempted to deflate tanker tyres. Nearby, groups of activists blocked Trinity Way and climbed on top of two tankers at the end of Piccadilly Way. According to an article on the BBC News website, over 200 arrests were made since this date for offences including criminal damage. The article can be found at **pages 84 - 88 of Exhibit SIB1**.

8.3.2 On 2 April 2022, four activists climbed atop a tanker while others gathered outside the entrance to WOSL and Valero’s terminals at the Kingsbury Complex. Police was in attendance with a specialist reaction team (which works at height) and eight activists were arrested. The group dispersed by 20:00pm.

8.3.3 On 3 April 2022, the private access road into Kingsbury Complex was blocked again by activists sitting and lying in the road. The WOSL and Valero terminals were forced to shut down from 20:00pm on 3 April until the activists were ultimately arrested at

16:00pm on the following day. According to an article, published by Sky News on its website and enclosed at **pages 89 - 95 of Exhibit SIB1**, police arrested fifty-four people for offences including criminal damage, obstructing the highway and public order.

8.3.4 On 5 April 2022, approximately twenty activists glued themselves to the private access road leading to WOSL and Valero's terminals at the Kingsbury Complex, blocking the oil facilities for a fifth day in a row. An article from the Daily Mail website, enclosed at **pages 96 - 105 of Exhibit SIB1**, states that a roadblock was also established on a tanker route to and from the terminal near Junction 9 on the M42. A total of eight activists are understood to have been arrested.

8.3.5 Just before midnight on 6 April 2022, activists gathered at the WOSL and Valero's terminals at the Kingsbury Complex and by 00:40am on 7 April 2022 thirty-seven activists entered the perimeters of the terminals. The activists climbed over a security fence and cut through an unmanned gate to gain access. Some proceeded to sit on top of tankers parked in the loading bay (after letting down the tyres) while others locked themselves to pipework and parts of the roof. Ten activists were arrested by 7:00am however at least one remained locked at 16:00pm on 7 April 2022.

8.3.6 On 9 April 2022, a JSO caravan, which was heavily re-enforced with corrugated iron and pallets to stop entry, was discovered on Piccadilly Road with approximately twenty protestors in and around it. Police discovered that the protestors had been digging a tunnel under the caravan. Twenty-two arrests were made however two protestors remained in the tunnel and two remained on top of the caravan until the late afternoon on 10 April. As a result, the road remained closed until that time while specialist removal teams attended the scene and the council assessed the structural integrity of the road.

8.3.7 On 11 April 2022, JSO published a press release on its website (enclosed at **pages 106 - 110 of Exhibit SIB1**) confirming that on 10 April protestors had succeeded in forcing two major oil terminals in Warwickshire and the Inter Terminal in Essex to cease operations by swarming in. Twelve people remained locked to pipework and a number of others continued to occupy a tunnel under a major access road to Kingsbury Oil terminal 40 hours after it was excavated. Over 400 people were reported to have joined actions which halted operations for up to 24 hours at a time at 11 oil terminals supplying fuel to petrol stations across the Midlands and South of England.

8.4 I am concerned that in light of the protest tactics that have been deployed in the area, protestors may also try to breach the perimeter at Kingsbury Terminal. This could have serious safety consequences. The Kingsbury Terminal site is multi-fuel which means there are highly flammable products stored there, such as gasoline. This creates an elevated risk as gas creates vapours which

are highly flammable. Acts such as the ones described above therefore place both the activists and the public at risk of serious harm.

8.5 As previously mentioned, the First Claimant considers health and safety to be paramount and its operations are carefully and tightly managed. Such protocols and measures are undermined when protestors engage in disruptive action such as that described above, placing them and the wider public (including the First Defendant's employees and contractors) at risk.

8.6 There are also hundreds of vehicles entering and exiting the site throughout the day. This means that protester action at this site risks causing a major incident. Ordinarily, due to the risk of fire and explosion, any electrical equipment such as mobile phone, lighters and key fobs are prohibited within the site perimeter. Protesters however have been known to take videos and pictures during the course of their protests and, in light of the highly flammable products on site, this poses a major health and safety risk to the protesters themselves, the First Defendant's staff and contractors and the general public.

8.7 Further, as emergency access to the Sites is critical in the event of a fire, major spill or explosion, the protesters' repeated attempts to block the access paths to various sites pose a further major threat.

8.8 Kingsbury Terminal has also proven to be a hot spot for protester activity with approximately one hundred and eighty arrests made on and around the site during the last two weeks. Many of the arrests are understood to be repeat arrests and have resulted from action carried out at the other terminals at Kingsbury, not belonging to the First Claimant.

### *Shell Haven*

8.9 Since 1 April 2022, there has been increased activity in the locality of the First Claimant's site. Several instances of protestors taking disruptive action near Shell Haven are referred to below.

8.9.1 On 1 April 2022, activists climbed and sat on top of multiple fuel haulage vehicles at the Inter and Navigator Terminals in Grays, near West Thurrock, and remained there until 2 April 2022. On the same day, two activists locked themselves on top of a fuel haulage vehicle at Esso Petroleum's Purfleet Terminal and another two locked themselves to the sides. Others glued themselves to a road nearby. Police attended the scene and made a number of arrests.

8.9.2 On 2 April 2022, activists entered three underground tunnels under access roads affecting the Inter and Navigator Terminals in Grays, near West Thurrock and remained there for several days. On 4 April the Essex Fire Brigade began to clear the access to the tunnels and in the evening of 5 April the final two tunnellers dispersed. An article published by Essex Live on their website is enclosed at **pages 111 - 115 of Exhibit SIB1** and details how the protest unfolded.

- 8.9.3 On 3 April 2022, a large group of protesters blocked the main access to Shell Haven terminal, although police attended and ensured that a single lane of the carriageway remained open. Eight protesters boarded two tankers parked outside the perimeter of the terminal and blocked a third tanker in. The police managed to remove them however this took approximately six hours. Since then, the First Claimant's security team has spotted various people scoping and investigating the site and it is understood that they have been attempting to locate the access point to the jetty. As a precaution, the jetty has since been manned by the First Claimant's security on a full-time basis.
- 8.9.4 On 6 April 2022, twenty-five activists used ladders and cushions to climb over security fences to enter the Navigator Terminal in Grays, near West Thurrock. Some activists locked themselves on to equipment at ground level, while others climbed onto pipework above the loading gantries. First arrests were made around 7:00am, however five activists remained locked until 7 April.
- 8.9.5 On 8 April 2022, activists climbed equipment at the Inter Terminal at Grays and blocked tankers from entering and exiting the site for approximately three hours before being removed by the police. On the same day, approximately 70 activists marched in front of tankers driving towards the Navigator Terminal at Grays. Police attempted to disperse the activists and, in retaliation, they sat on the ground blocking the road with some gluing themselves to the ground. Several activists were arrested as a result.
- 8.9.6 On 10 April 2022, around forty protesters swarmed Inter Terminal with some climbing into pipes and locking themselves onto a loading bay. Twelve protestors remained on 11 April and were finally removed by 22:00pm with the terminal re-opening at 01:00am on 12 April.
- 8.10 The critical concern arising in respect of action such as that described above is health and safety because the site is used for the storage and distribution of highly flammable hazardous products. In the event that unauthorised access is gained, there may be a loss of containment, such as a leak, which could lead to a fire or an explosion. Unauthorised access to the jetty creates the additional risk of damage which could lead to significant release of hydrocarbons into the Thames Estuary.
- 8.11 Further, there is the added element of risk to the personal safety of any protesters and the First Claimant's staff and contractors. Protesters have been known to climb onto moving vehicles which poses a danger to them and puts drivers under stress and at risk personally while also putting the vehicles and their contents at risk, creating a major potential hazard. As previously stated, health and safety is paramount to the First Defendant and as such it has tried to address rising concerns regarding threats to health and safety caused by protester action by taking a number of preventative measures which are described below.

- 8.12 While the First Claimant has provided additional training to its staff and transport partners to ensure they are prepared for any protestor action and do not react in a way which could worsen the situation, it cannot safeguard against the inherent danger in protesters running in front of/climbing onto moving vehicles. Team meetings are held regularly to ensure staff are aware of upcoming action by protesters and are prepared to deal with the risks this poses.
- 8.13 Supply security is also a consideration as it will be obvious from previous interruptions caused by civil disobedience that interference with distribution is likely to ultimately impact on the consumer.
- 8.14 Wider protestor activity:
- 8.14.1 Enclosed at **pages 116 - 133 of Exhibit SIB1** are a number of articles in relation to the various actions undertaken by the protesters over the last two weeks.

## **9. PLANNED ACTION AND PREVENTATIVE STEPS TAKEN**

- 9.1 JSO announced they would be running a campaign some time ago with the purpose of disrupting Oil Industry Fuel Distribution Operations. As detailed in paragraph 6 of this statement, JSO and XR's action is intended to continue indefinitely until the government agrees to end all new fossil fuel investments immediately.
- 9.2 As a result of this, the First Claimant has increased security presence at the Sites and has been monitoring the protests very closely over the course of the last two weeks.
- 9.3 At Kingsbury Terminal, security has been increased since the protests began in early April 2022 and there are two security officers manning the entrance to the site 24/7, with additional perimeter fence checks being carried out and CCTV positioned accordingly. The First Claimant has been cooperating with the police and the police has been asked to remove hazardous sources of ignition from the protesters if and/or when terminal boundaries are breached to mitigate the risk of fire or explosion.
- 9.4 At Shell Haven, there have been reports from other suppliers that the jetty has been under surveillance by protesters and the First Claimant's security team has identified people driving past Shell Haven, stopping to film, take pictures and gather information. This has led to proactive police engagement and an increase in security on site.
- 9.5 Notwithstanding the precautions taken by the First Claimant, terminal operators confirmed that some hauliers were not willing to re-commence loading when the terminals re-opened due to the risks posed by protesters. Protesters have been known to run into the road where drivers are driving at approximately 40mph to get to and from the First Claimant's Sites. I have been informed that this is causing drivers stress and there is a concern that drivers may become reluctant to continue to perform their duties.

- 9.6 Both the local police constabularies and the British Transport Police have been working closely with the First Claimant and have sent patrol vehicles to the Sites. At Shell Haven, there have been approximately 8 police officers and a riot van present since 4 April 2022 on an almost 24/7 basis. At Kingsbury Terminal, police officers/vehicles are present throughout each day since approximately 7 April 2022.
- 9.7 The Corporate Security team employed by the First Claimant keeps it apprised of potential security threats and contractors (such as Hauliers) also flag risks they become aware of. Currently, and as a response to the recent campaign, a crisis team has been established in order to monitor and mitigate impacts of protestor activity.
- 9.8 Works at the First Claimant's affected Sites have been minimised on days when the intelligence suggests there will be protestor activity and non-essential work is not undertaken on such days. In fact, the Kingsbury Terminal has had to be cease operations on two occasions.
- 9.9 To date the protests have resulted in significant fuel distribution disruption and tank stockouts at retail sites impacting the Midlands and the Southeast. If disruption continues this could become a serious issue which would further affect the supply of fuel across the United Kingdom. The First Claimant's application is therefore one of an urgent nature.
- 9.10 Whilst steps are taken to monitor the situation as it unfolds, there is no upfront notice on what action will be taken. Notwithstanding this, it is likely that the protests will continue into the Easter weekend and beyond. This is evidenced by statements made on JSO and XR's websites (referred to earlier in this witness statement), that the protests will continue at least into May and potentially indefinitely until their demands are met.
- 9.11 Following recent events described above, it is clear that JSO and XR are willing to take considerable health and safety risks in terms of damaging assets, accessing hazardous sites and climbing on vehicles. There is a concern this activity will continue to escalate placing our people, the wider community and our assets at risk of harm. In addition, the protestor activity is impacting the fuel supply chain which can ultimately impact consumers. It is in light of the above risks that we are now seeking an injunction to protect our staff, the community and our assets, as avoiding harm to people is always foremost in my mind.

## **STATEMENT OF TRUTH**

I believe that the facts stated in this witness statement are true. I understand that proceedings for contempt of court may be brought against anyone who makes, or causes to be made, a false statement in a document verified by a statement of truth without an honest belief in its truth.



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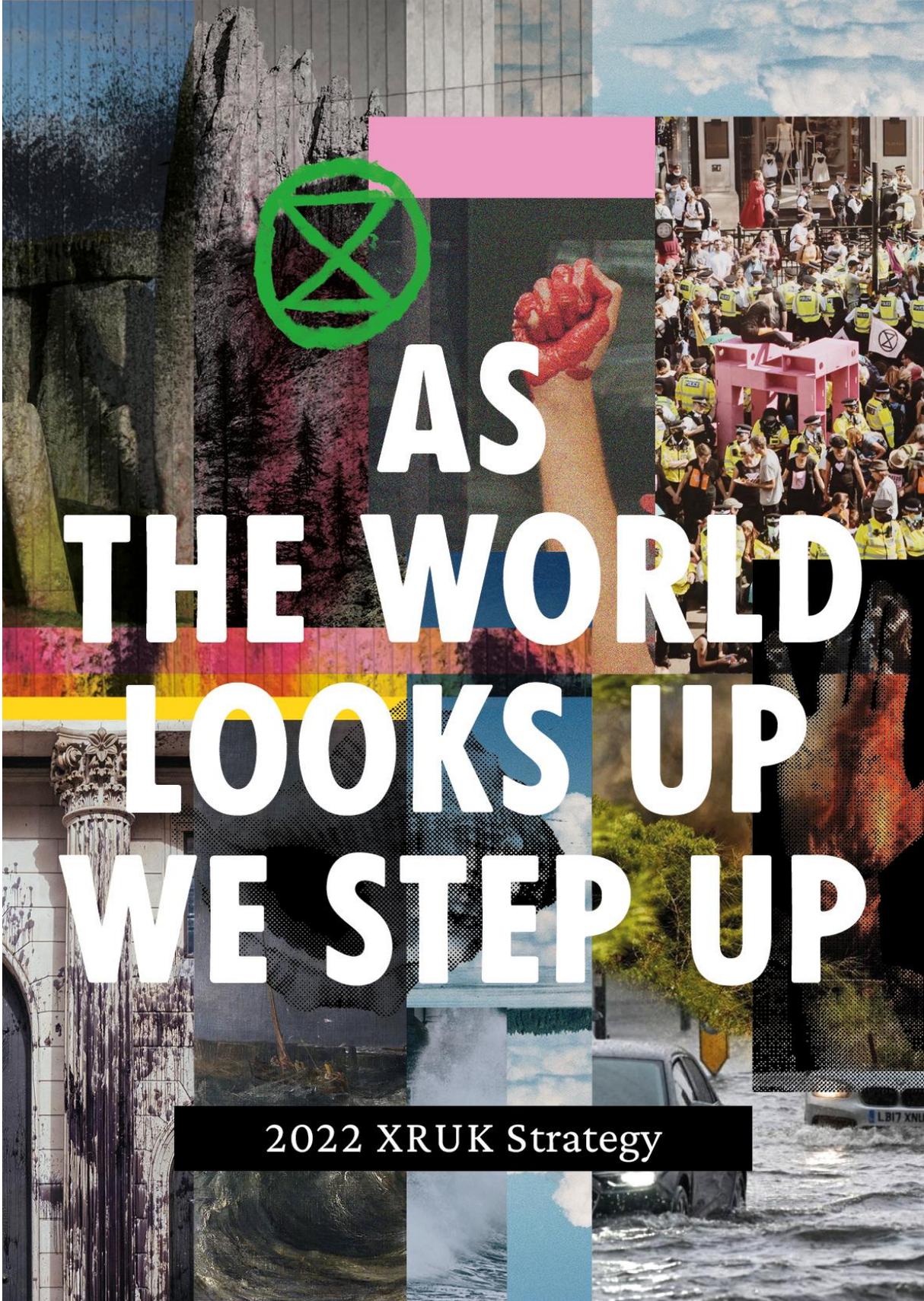
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# AS THE WORLD LOOKS UP WE STEP UP

2022 XRUK Strategy

# Extinction Rebellion UK Strategy 2022

If it was not obvious before, COP26 confirmed it. 1.5 degrees is dead. The Paris Agreement is dead. Those in power are neither willing nor capable of acting on the climate and ecological crisis. They lack the courage, conviction and creativity to do what is required. As the planet passes multiple tipping points, and our people sleepwalk into authoritarianism, what XR does this year affects everything.

We will not be bystanders. Our [Declaration of Rebellion](#) said:  
“We refuse to bequeath a dying planet to future generations.”

This year Extinction Rebellion will reignite our original Theory of Change, mass mobilising towards 3.5% of the population. We will gather the movement together in Rebellion using focused and ambitiously creative civil resistance and material disruption. Our strategy identifies multiple strands of activity that must be coordinated. Extinction Rebellion has always been greater than the sum of its parts. This year those parts have a fundamental duty to collaborate, to act together.

## Goals

1. **Grow the movement**, mobilising a critical mass, aiming at 3.5% of the population in active support of mass civil resistance over a sustained period of time. Understanding the need for a **spectrum of resistance**, recognising the place XR holds in the movement landscape and ensuring we rise to the challenge.
2. **Support a minimum of 3000 Rebels risking arrest** in the UK in April, and growing from there.

3. **Tell a new story about ourselves** and the reasons for our work. Paying particular attention to the relationship we have with the public; creating genuine conversation alongside our actions.
  4. **Demand the end of fossil fuels.** Harm is being done NOW. Leveraging the advantages of a more specific and shorter horizon objective.
  5. **Support all rebels throughout the year including post-actions, facing courts and prison sentences.**
  6. **Building new routes to change:** focussing on cultural influence and defections.
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# Story

## 1.1 - THIS MOMENT CALLS US TO ACT

**It's happening now, we are living in an age of loss. As the 1.5 degree target is deserted by the world's leaders, we are at a watershed moment for humanity.**

An extinction event is unfolding, but it's not just the extinction of species and the natural systems that sustain life – it is also an extinction of values. The erosion of our shared sense of humanity and care for each other.

We know that it's not enough to simply protect yourself and what you have. Our humanity tells us we must care about everyone, and that apathy in the face of suffering is unacceptable. We are standing up for human rights.

We are living in an age of increasing [draconianism and racism](#) in response to the Climate and Ecological Emergency. In the UK we face an avalanche of new legislation, a relentless effort to erode the values we once thought universal. The revised Human Rights Bill, the Nationality and Borders Bill, the Police Crime Sentencing and Courts Bill, the reduction of Foreign Aid, the Covert Human Intelligence Bill, and much more. These are all attacks not only on civil rights and democracy, but on our common belief in decency and humanity.

We are also still living through a global pandemic, which can have unpredictable impacts on our work and has kept a lot of us apart and organising on screens for almost two years. We all want more human contact and we recommend that where safe we try to see each other face to face and rebuild the personal connections that make our movement so powerful.

The harshest loss of all? The loss of 1.5 degrees, and with it the Paris Agreement.

**Our proposition is a challenge to step forward**, to be active in holding ourselves and the whole of our social fabric accountable. XR was right to reject the greenwashing agenda that points to individual blame for high carbon emissions, but citizens do have a responsibility to act to guard our democracy by participating in civic and community life.

**The conversation isn't where we thought it was.** We think people get it now, but they don't. They simply don't see how big a threat climate and ecological breakdown is: the tipping points and cascade impacts. The risk is extreme and it is here now. And the majority hasn't seen how big a threat the avalanche of ugly legislation is. We must stay focussed on what is happening **now**.

We have experienced the overblown claims of COP26 and the stark reality of its complete failure to rise to the scale of the challenge. Greenwashing claims of 'technology will save us' trump stepping into our stewardship of the earth to protect our ecosystems. We see ever more dire cries of urgency from the scientific community, ignored under cover of political and fiscal excuses.

**We must speak truth to power, but also to ourselves.**

Our crisis of governance – of democracy – that has seen no meaningful reform or renovation in over a century arises from divide and rule, separation and a passive public. Of the pillars that constitute the foundation of an institutional framework, one is missing entirely: real democracy and people power. Reinstating that pillar would enable balance, the ultimate bulwark against concentration, against power easily grabbed and used opportunistically by vested interests.

What concentration of power means in practice:

- **Media** able to filter information through invisible agendas
- **Corporates and finance** able to incentivise government to redirect resources to them, and drive harm under protection of the state
- **Government able to facilitate harm** and drive through new laws to restrict equal access to power
- **Public:** XR is not interested in supporting concentration of power, not by markets, corporations or the state. We will only recognise a balance of power. And true balance means all people are empowered to participate and are represented equally.

**We target the state because it is our duty as citizens, and no other body in society ultimately has power to change the laws and uphold them.**

**We are at a point in our struggle** where ever-more sophisticated, funded and well-practised strategies are going to be deployed against us. We must be cognisant of that. But aware too that wider public support for action on the emergency is growing rapidly.

**This is also a criminal matter.** We are united with those everywhere who charge those in power with ecocide, crimes against humanity and crimes which will knowingly lead to mass death, displacement and destruction of people and property worldwide.

**Now is the moment to step up,** reinhabit the vacancy in the foundation of a healthy society. Enter into personal commitment to participate, reject the passivity of life under the cosy blanket of the silent majority.

**Step up, participate. Refuse to be a bystander.**

## **1.2. - VISION**

We imagine a world that protects and prioritises all life. A world where regeneration, health and happiness are central to our cultures and communities.

We imagine a world where love, care, freedom and justice are truly centred. A world free from hate, division and discrimination.

We imagine a world where human rights meet Mother Earth rights.

We imagine a real democratic system that gives power to the people; listens to the collective wisdom of our society, ensuring individuals have agency over their own lives.

We imagine an economy for the benefit of the whole, not one that prioritises the corrupt and the rich.

We imagine a world with [Food & Land Sovereignty](#), Clean Air, [Water & Oceans](#) and Clean Community Energy for all. We imagine the triumph of The Commons.

We imagine a world where together we embody the change we crave.

This strategy lays out the blueprint for how we will begin to achieve this vision as a movement over the course of 2022 and beyond.

### **1.3. - OUR DEMANDS**

We have revised the demands, and recognise the many long discussions and passion around changes to XR's demands and previous process that we have gone through on UK and local levels. We recognise the importance of embedding justice in what we call for in our demands and how they are essential to sharing a vision of the future.

Our demands are rooted in love, care and a fundamental commitment to climate justice. The effects of the emergency are being felt now, and will continue to be disproportionately suffered by those who have done least to cause the crises. In the UK, we bear a particular responsibility to the Global Majority, and acknowledge and support the incredible work of the many organisations specialising in the specific issues related to justice.

## **TELL THE TRUTH**

All institutions must communicate the danger we are in. We must be clear about the extreme cascading risks humanity now faces, the injustice this represents, its historic roots, and the urgent need for rapid political, social and economic change.

## **ACT NOW**

Every part of society must act now to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025 and begin protecting and repairing nature immediately. The whole of society must move into a new precautionary paradigm, where life is sacred and all are in service to ensuring its future.

## **BE THE CHANGE**

We demand a culture of participation, fairness and transparency. The government must create and be led by a Citizens' Assembly on climate and ecological justice. Only the common sense of ordinary people will help us navigate the challenging decisions ahead.

## **1.4. - AN IMMEDIATE DEMAND:**

### **END THE FOSSIL ECONOMY**

In 2021 we launched an Immediate demand ('No new investment in fossil fuels') for our rebellion where we focused on the City of London.

That demand should now be expanded to:

**NO NEW FOSSIL FUEL INVESTMENT**

**NO NEW FOSSIL FUEL LICENCES**

**END FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES NOW**

**Investment:** Since the Paris Agreement, fossil fuel lending has increased every year and could surpass \$1trn by 2030. The financial sector, along with governments, is the key enabler of an economic model built on causing harm.

**Licences:** The government commits to end new concessions, licensing or leasing rounds for oil and gas production and exploration and to set a Paris-aligned date for ending oil and gas production and exploration on all territory over which they have jurisdiction.

**Subsidies,** the UK is one of the worst of the OECD-member nations, calculating that it gave on average £16 billion a year to support fossil fuels in 2017–19.

**That's £43,835,616 per day – over £300 million a week – taken from our tax, and given to murderers.**

Fossil fuel extraction in coal, oil and gas is an industry and wealth creation mechanism built on exploitation and on globalised racism. **The harm is offshored from wealthy countries to poorer ones while the demand is driven by the wealthy.**

The resources, gains and riches are extracted, funnelled out of poorer nations through British or multinational corporations and banks. The scale of natural destruction and devastation that is inflicted is such that it would never be tolerable to communities with more wealth and power. It is an arrangement of convenience for powerful states and corporations, enabling unimaginable suffering away from the view of British citizens. **And yet there is resistance.** Honouring the courage of majority world resisters should mean we all **act now to stop the harm.** Making oil and gas exploration and expansion non viable for investment by ratcheting up the financial risk is an achievable medium term objective for the climate movement.

It is also crucial to remember that those who seek to obstruct the attempts to legislate for net zero are well funded and creative. The Global Warming Policy

Foundation (UK's most notorious climate denying think tank) has had a rebrand and the new focus is all about the cost of net zero. Claiming that they are a consumer watchdog outfit, keeping an eye on the ordinary working persons household bills. We will have to continue to counter the subversive narratives that are designed and shared through the press. We can also anticipate the ratcheting up of a campaign for a [referendum on net zero](#) which may include Nigel Farage and the hard Brexiteers from the Tufton Street network.

## **1.5. - A DEMAND OF OURSELVES**

We find ourselves in challenging times, a world where COP26 has failed us in all manner of the word. Times when earth protectors and activists on the front line, and around the world are being water cannoned, pepper sprayed, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered for defending life and land.

In this dark hour we look to each other to find courage, bravery and inspiration to step up, (remembering that we all risk arrest when in open rebellion with the UK Government). **Sacrificing your time to help support all those that can risk their freedom, and to help mobilising and recruiting a broad church of rebels into disruptive action is essential work.**

**We set our mission on what is necessary, and mass resistance is the route to climate justice.**

Our strategy calls for a mass movement. We make no apologies for the radicality of our theory of change.

We commit to be dedicated, make ourselves uncomfortable if needed, and to align with these intentions:

- **The climate and ecological emergency is happening NOW and I will step up NOW**
- **I will actively participate in strengthening the health of our democracy**
- **I will not allow crisis to mean self protection - I am committed to protection for all**
- **I will not allow myself to remain silent when whole communities are treated as acceptable collateral damage**
- **I will not allow myself to remain silent when all lives are not valued equally**
- **I will not free ride on resisters and activists for human rights to be secured**

To help us win please [show your commitment](#) to this action strategy by:

1. **Making a commitment to TAKE DISRUPTIVE ACTION**, risking arrest at 'the April Rebellion'
- and/or
2. **Making a commitment to SUPPORT rebels taking action** during 'the April Rebellion' before, during and after actions

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 In order to **grow the movement** in a big way over 2022, we must also set our intentions on our mobilisation strategy!

1. **Making a commitment to RECRUIT** five new rebels or more to come to a HfE talk in the run-up to Rebellions.
- and/or
2. **Making a commitment to HOST or ORGANISE** three Heading for Extinction (HfE) talks in the run-up to Rebellions.
- and/or

3. **Making a commitment to MOBILISE** three new rebels or more to come to 'the April Rebellion'!

## 1.6. - CULTURAL INFLUENCE

Around the UK, there are individuals who are treated as pillars of communities large and small. The time has come for the influential to make commitments that see them standing with resistors.

Faith leaders, NGOs, councillors: genuine leadership is absent throughout society. We will not continue to accept a society that has no leadership.

This year we will challenge individuals: across the spectrum, all demographics, all politics, all spheres of influence. Prioritising individuals known for their social or professional skills and contributions, not their ideology or partisanship. Wider is better, a mixed bag is best.

Showing moral leadership and example-setting while opening a new public conversation: the need to de-legitimise the creeping normalisation of a lack of care.

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## Growth

XR was born of a brilliant combination of **BIG** organising and **MASS** participation, nonviolent civil disobedience. We have created the largest movement of civil disobedience in the UK since the Suffragettes, and yet, we have not realised our original aim - to mobilise 3.5% of the UK population into active participation in

rebellion. The original blueprint created a momentum building style of mobilisation. With self replicating systems and groups which can quickly expand and support each other to take action without the need for sticky consensus processes.

**We are at an opportunistic point in movement growth.** Of course, we are at risk of decline, co-option, becoming moderate or infighting. But we can choose to not follow those paths.

Our learning and reflection is crucial now to how we move forward. Reminding ourselves of why we are here, our principles and the bigger picture. (More on this in the Strength section!)

We have gone back to some first principles for this strategy, thinking about what we got right at the start (some of which may have been lost along the way), and also what needs to change. We know that people are much more likely to join XR in line with a sense of identity, alignment with those they know or can see taking action. A mass movement needs to show that there are a lot of different types of people working together.

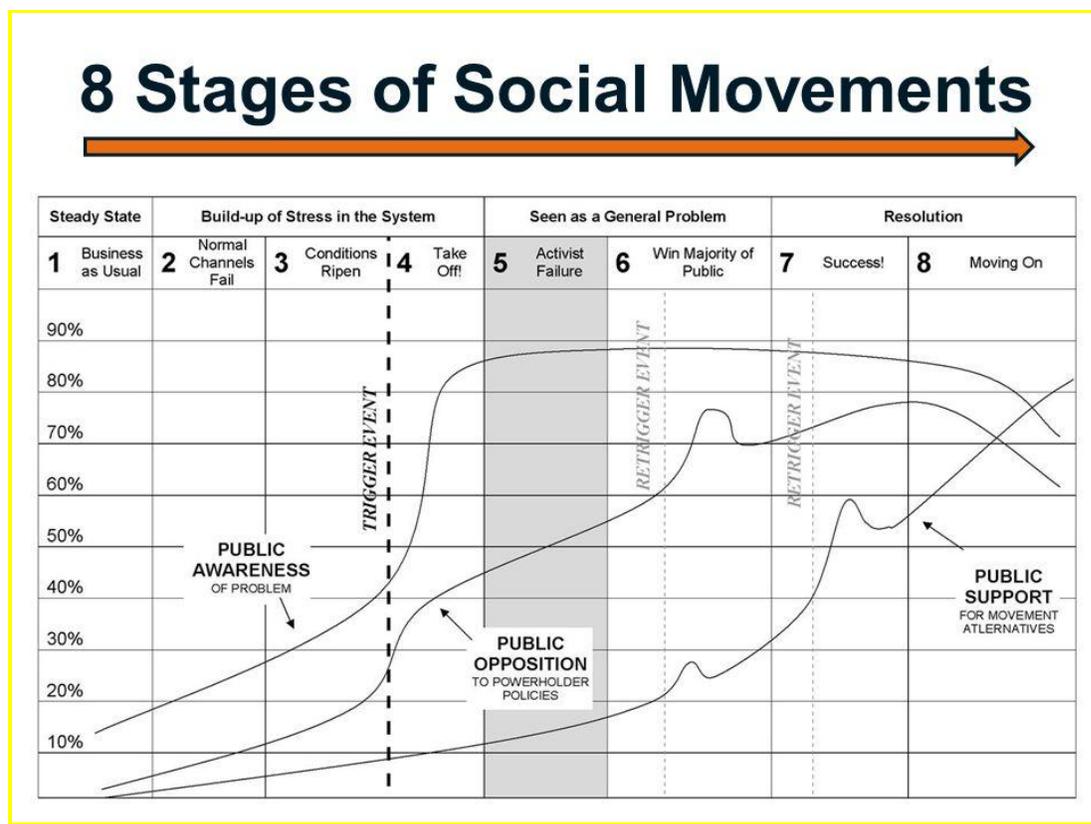
**Diversity, openness and ease of participation are key.**

## **2.1. - MOBILISING**

**We need a clear and simple plan on how to mobilise,** and we know that personal connections matter a lot for this. A distributed model is best suited to this style of work which is why we have a team currently running trials for **Project 3.5**, supported by advice from the Bernie Sanders' team and other experts in BIG Organising methodologies.

The big organising concept suggests that a **streamlined national working space that can give a clear and coherent plan to a network to use for mobilising will succeed**. We retain a wider network that remains autonomous (and can report back to a core mobilising team on the results). This facilitates dynamic and experienced teams creating assets and plans to help everyone get on with the job of building the movement.

Also: we need our **experienced activists to become mentors for the new rebels** who will join us this year.



*Bill Moyer's Movement Action Plan*

XR is at a crucial point in our development. [Bill Moyer's 1980s research](#) is worth looking at. We are at that strange place in the diagram above where “Activist Failure” sits next to “Win Majority of Public” – both a precursor to “Success!”.

**3.5 is totally achievable.**

## **2.2. - ORGANISING - LOCAL GROUP HEALTH**

After three and a half years of movement building and a global pandemic we need to strengthen and nurture our networks. Local Group structure needs revitalising, empowering local coordinators to set up new local groups as they expand. Simple actions need to happen on a regular basis locally to keep people engaged. Weekly local group meetings need to welcome people, feed them, love them and train them up towards mass rebellion!

We must be aware that there is a **difference between mobilising and recruiting**: Mobilise people to take action first, recruit into a role once they've got the jist of what we do! We have made mistakes of throwing people into significant roles and watching them drown in our complex structure. Whilst we welcome everyone and we are a volunteer organisation, making sure new recruits find the best role that suits their skills is essential to our functionality and rebels' wellbeing.

As part of XR's focus on growing the movement this year, we are **re-launching the Local Group Development circle** to provide support and connection to our amazing local groups. These groups are fundamental to our success in mobilising – rebels join XR because of the climate and ecological crisis, but they stay because of the community and connection they find. Local groups are XR's beating heart, where rebels learn the skills needed to design and take part in NVDA, plan more outreach to continue our growth, and begin building the world we want to live in.

Through the Local Group Development circle we want to create a “one-stop-shop” where local groups can find the resources they need to set up, grow and flourish. We will make clear guides available on how to do things, and we'll ensure they are all available in an easy-to-find place. We also want to provide advice and guidance through an email “hotline” where you can ask questions and learn where to find

training, advice, resources and support. As part of this we'll be offering Local Group Coordinator Training to help coordinators develop the skills needed to provide regenerative, "power with" leadership in local groups.

[Email us at localgroupsupport@protonmail.com](mailto:localgroupsupport@protonmail.com)

**Follow Through** : Resources already available on Rebel Toolkit: [How to start a local group](#)

**Recommendation** : For Communities to work with the Hive to organise Local Group Coordinator drop in Zoom sessions to share learnings and offer ideas and support to each other. Inviting UK coordinators to empower and inspire local group coordinators.

## 2.3. - HAVE A MOBILISING CONVERSATION WITH THE PUBLIC

We need to be telling a story that **aligns us** with unity and strength across the UK movement, making the urgency of the crisis tangible for people

**Follow Through** : **Coming soon: resources around how to talk about the CEE as a rebel** - we all have our own way of telling the story. We will cover key points around mobilising conversations whether you have these down the pub, door-knocking, flyering, or with your own friends and family.

## 2.4. - MOBILISING TECHNIQUES

There are [lots of ways of mobilising](#) that you can do with your local group or community group: traditional speeches, door knocking, flyposting, stalls, leafleting, and we can get creative: flash mobs, picnics, concerts, whatever it takes!

<b>Mass leafleting</b>	<b>Mass flyposting</b>	<b><a href="#">Door-knocking</a></b>	<b><a href="#">Rebel Ringing</a></b>
<b>Talks</b>	<b>House Meetings</b>	<b>Stalls</b>	<b>Parties!</b>

**Project 3.5:** Door-knocking pilot: This project is offering to work with local groups to run door-knocking campaigns and will be iterative, developing tactics to mobilise 3.5% of the UK population based on what works as we go along!

**Follow Through :** [Sign your Local Group up to Project 3.5!](#)

**Mobilising our existing database:** This year we will grow our lists and make more personal contact through rebel ringing. We need to give all rebels the opportunity to mobilise around their lives, and create some diverse pathways for participation that aren't just into NVDA.

**Follow Through :** [Sign up for Rebel Ringing!](#)

**Talks:** The single most effective thing you could do to grow the movement is by hosting 'Heading for Extinction' Talks. This is the first step for potential new rebels to go to and really understand the gravity of the emergency and our theory of change. If hosting a talk in your home or locally and inviting the community via your local [Mutual aid](#) chat, recruit new rebels from it, with over 4000 groups alone in the UK – what are you waiting for!

**Follow Through :** [Sign up to train](#) to give the Heading for Extinction Talk

**Recommendation :** Strategy Team to work with Communities, the Gardeners and the Hive to develop outreach packs and scalable plans for the above tactics, developing a team of Super Trainers who will tour the country delivering Heading

for Extinction, DNA and NVDA Workshops and training up new trainers across the UK. Working to improve and keep freshly up to date the [Rebel Academy](#) and [Rebel Toolkit](#).

## 2.5. - SISTER MOVEMENTS

**We're inviting all sister groups from our network to collaborate towards a mass civil resistance campaign in April to end fossil fuels.**

Sister Movements, such as, [Animal Rebellion](#), [HS2 Rebellion](#) and [Money Rebellion](#), are aligned with our demands and values, but have been created to focus upon particular aspects of the Climate and Ecological Emergency. Sister Movement strategy is about the growth of activism around the emergency. We honour our Sister Movements, in their courage, resilience and creativity.

**Follow Through**: If you're part of a sister movement and want to collaborate on the resistance campaign in April, contact [relationshipsxruk@protonmail.com](mailto:relationshipsxruk@protonmail.com)

## 2.6. - RELATIONSHIPS WITH EXTERNAL GROUPS

**We must remember we are not the entire environmental movement. We play a specific role in the wider ecosystem, mobilising thousands of people to take part in nonviolent civil disobedience targeting the government.** We need a broad range of organisations working on climate, as no one entity can cover everything essential to accelerate the economic, political and social change we need. Similarly we need to build on the relationships we have developed with organisations whose primary focus is outside the climate space – our collaboration as part of the Kill The Bill movement has shown how we can be greater than the

sum of our parts. This work continues in 2022. If you're an existing group or an individual who wants to start a group tackling the climate crisis in a way that is strategically or tactically different to XR, we would love to join forces. We want to make sure XR is connected to the many amazing organisations working to end fossil fuels (yep, even NGOs and Just Stop Oil) , ensuring the climate movement is as aligned, strong and healthy as it can be.

### **Follow Through :**

- We'll be allocating funding to work on crucial relationship-building, especially the work to engage **notables and community leaders** that can help us mobilise millions! If you feel like you have the connections and skills to do this and want to support the UK Relationships Team - email [relationshipsxr.uk@protonmail.com](mailto:relationshipsxr.uk@protonmail.com)
- If you're an external group working to end fossil fuels in the UK, please get in touch on how we can collaborate better.

## **2.7. - YOUTH AND STUDENTS**

In the last year we have seen the development of the [Affinity Youth Network](#) which is a new umbrella coordination group founded by [XR Youth Solidarity](#), [Radical Restart](#), and [Global Majority Vs](#) focusing on youth climate action based on solidarity and justice. They are engaging and growing relationships with [XR Youth Support](#) and [XR Universities](#). XR UK supports the growth of this youth network with funds and resources and connects with a link role in UK Operations, Relationships and the Integrated Budget Group. The Affinity Youth Network are currently working on a youth strategy harmonisation process.

**Follow Through :** If you'd like to find out more or are a young person and want to get involved, reach out:

@xryouthsolidarity // main campaign: [www.wtfwwf.org](http://www.wtfwwf.org)

@globalmajorityvs // www.globalmajority.earth  
@radicalrestart // [radicalrestart.org](http://radicalrestart.org)

**A message from XR Universities UK:** “Throughout recent history, university students have been at the forefront of social change movements, being a radical demographic, pushing boundaries and demanding the level of change we know to be necessary for justice. XR Universities are taking a stance against those responsible for climate breakdown and the racist, classist genocide this entails. We are rising in nonviolent civil disobedience, proven by history to be what works and driven by our love for all life and rage at its destruction. We are not just demanding change, we are making it and we need you as a student, lecturer or other university staff to take on your responsibility at this time and join the rebellion for life while there is still time to save it and create the better world we all deserve!”

**Follow Through:** Are you a student, or university staff? **Please contact XR Universities to get involved**, especially if you are coordinating a uni group or want to set one up. Lots of resources and support available and we can guarantee there are lots of like-minded students at your uni. This is a time for bravery and courage! You are exactly who you have been waiting for! [Insta](#) / [Facebook](#) / [Email](#)  
**Come to XR Universities Refreshers Event:** Virtual and In-Person! Please keep an eye on social media for more info.

XR Youth UK Local Groups continue to create youth leadership in their cities. Youth groups in Bristol, Cambridge, Brighton, Sheffield and the Midlands are all active, with many more as well. If you're interested in joining or growing your youth local group, [reach out on Instagram](#).

## 2.8. - INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY AND ANTI-RACISM

We recognise that being in XR as a rebel of colour, a minority demographic or a non-UK resident takes greater courage. We thank you for staying with us and know we have to stand together better. As the UK Government becomes increasingly oppressive and we sleep-walk into authoritarianism, we recognise a need to strengthen our bonds across communities more than ever. For those living in the UK from diaspora communities, in contact with families and friends on the frontline in the Global South, thanks for your commitment, we see you and we love you.

**We are proud of our continued relationship with XR's [Internationalist Solidarity Network](#) (ISN)** that works with communities of resistance across the globe to build solidarity and share knowledge and support in a two-way relationship. We appreciate the communication we receive via ISN to help us understand, here in the UK, just how present the crisis is across the globe and that the harm is being done NOW. We are part of a global rebellion.

**We recognise that there are communities in active resistance in many different ways across the globe, including shutting down ecocidal projects and building [planet repairs](#). We hold our UK Government to account for its role in destruction and exploitation globally and will not be bystanders.** People in the UK are conditioned and dragged into being accomplices in ecocide, because it is done in your name, with your taxes - so stand up, say you won't allow it, get active!

**Recommendation**: For all rebels planning actions: Commit to making sure the message of your action is internationalist: recognising the harm is being done NOW. **Keep an eye on facebook events for when the next Oppressions workshop is being held.**

## 2.9. - DEFECTIONS AND WHISTLEBLOWING

Defections of people in power are a well researched factor in many successful nonviolent resistance campaigns. A great example of this is when 2 thousand [US](#)

[Military Veterans](#) joined the campaign at Standing Rock with Sioux Native American Indian people to protest the Dakota Access Pipeline from being built, supporting the protection of indigenous land.

Doctors and nurses have a professional duty, the Hippocratic Oath says that they will protect life. We have a number of former city workers, media professionals and service people in our movement (among others). But we need to get more people to consider siding with the resistance. We must ensure that wherever relationships are held with especially visible leaders in communities that the request to openly support our work is made to them and we should be unafraid to persist! Many of them do want to be on the right side of history but some just haven't realised yet!

**[TRUTH TELLER](#)**: We are looking for whistleblowers to hold climate-damaging companies to account. If you work, or used to work, for a company that is committing, or covering up, harm to the planet, species and people. If your employer is saying the right thing in public, but failing the Earth in private. If you have insider knowledge of plans that will damage our common future. Then please let us know confidentially through the secure anonymous whistleblowing platform [Truth Teller](#) and we will find the safest way to get the truth into the public domain.

We'd especially love to hear from people working in:

- **Fossil fuel intensive industries;**
    - Energy, Transport/Aviation, Construction, Heating, Weapons, Agriculture, Fishing and Manufacturing.
  - **Fossil fuel industry investors/facilitators;**
    - Finance/Investment Banking/Insurance
    - Law Firms
    - Media & Advertising
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# Action

**It's time to get serious about our actions.** Research has shown us that one of the barriers to trust in XR is a widespread mistrust of our motivation. We should avoid any activity that deepens the belief that we are not motivated by stopping harm: actions that are simply symbolic and not also disruptive do not always translate via the media filter, they can often give the impression we are doing this for our own enjoyment. This includes dancing actions and yoga: **it is always best when we can be creative and disruptive.**

**Audacity and novelty in action design** will be far more impactful in achieving objectives like mobilisation, and influencing without incurring this risk. We need to communicate the immediate risks of the CEE and the ways in which it will affect our lives right here in the UK, but **we need to be careful not to make 'visionary' be unachievable 'utopian', our actions need to have relevance with lived experience.**

## 3.1. - LOCALISED MOBILISING ACTIONS

Local group actions are an essential part of every rebel's journey and a good way to retain and grow your group's membership. That's why there needs to be regular actions happening! This strategy invites local mobilisation actions from January - March, in the run-up to Mass Resistance in April and May - August in the run-up to September's Mass resistance and thereafter.

These can be focused around the immediate demand and any local related issues, encouraging autonomy and decentralisation, XRUK Action Circle & Action Design

Space are working on aligned action plans that will help them hang together as a nationally coordinated effort.

**The single most important point for local groups is to make actions relatable to where people are at in the HERE and NOW!** Does your area suffer from flooding? Does your city have illegal levels of air pollution? The next time nature does it's thing, be ready with a related action to go for when that happens to build really clear links between climate change disrupting people's lives now. Consider storytelling via video before the action. Why do you intend to do the action as a way of growing an emotional relationship with the public, then share on socials on the day of the action.

**What makes or breaks a good action is the message and how it's received, speaking in simple language for all to understand and avoiding using language that can be alienating.**

**Recommendation:** We ask UK Media & Messaging Team to enhance the network of regional M&M coordinators, increasing skills across the UK to document and share actions with local press and social media, as well as aligning our message across the UK more effectively. Training to be available for local groups to have skilled-up media and messaging teams e.g. live streaming and press release writers working closely with design teams from conception stage.

**Action Circle UK will be developing new action design ideas and related toolkits for all those that wish to use them. Coming soon!**

### **Local Coup D'etat Action**

On May 1st, 2019 the UK parliament declared a Climate and Ecological Emergency along with hundreds of [councils around the country](#), indeed over 1,900 local governments in 34 countries. Three years on and our leaders still don't have a plan and are perpetuating mass crimes against humanity, which shows us that their words were sadly all lies. This year we must hold them all to account for lying to the

public on their commitments, for not acting fast enough or proportionally to the crisis. We the people need to take back our power – our DEMOCRACY. This starts by targeting your local council. It's also election time for some regions on May 5th, so it's a perfect time to target councils. **Find out how [here](#).**

### **Paint the Symbol!**

Flyposting and stickering is a popular (lower risk) action. In the month leading up to Mass Resistance periods we will be inviting rebels to get even more creative on the streets with Paint The Symbol! We want to see the XR symbol EVERYWHERE. Flyposting, spray painting, stencelling, subvertising, murals, graffiti and more. We're talking XR symbol takeover. **Here's [some inspiration](#) to get you started.**

## **3.2. - AFFINITY GROUPS**

What happened to Affinity Groups!? Affinity groups are a practical structural tool for organising our mass rebellions and supporting each other. We learned about them from successful actions planning of the past, they are a tried and tested organisational design that creates a resilient network of groups ready to organise effectively on the ground. They are especially useful in changing circumstances where we may be unsure of the likely Police reaction/presence.

With a rebooted Affinity group Support Network, XR UK can better support rebels' journey from recruitment to action, from arrest, to post arrest, from stepping into higher risk actions, to self repping in court and facing legal consequences.

Seeing a high-risk action through all the way to court, considering how an AG is formed and who will be speaking on the dock with you - how about a scientist, a doctor, a mother? Especially in the coming Mass Resistance in April, we need everyone to help rebuild the XR UK Affinity Group network, upskilling and building confidence for rebels to take simple action.

**Recommendation:** Local Groups: Prioritise the forming of affinity groups in the action planning stage, rather than leaving this til the last minute: allowing friendship bonds to form!

Action Circle: Designing the next rebellion with multiple levels of risk for inclusivity and building confidence on rebels' journey as an activist.

**Follow Through:** [Find out more about what an Affinity group and how to set one up here](#)

### 3.3. - PARTICIPATION IN ACTION

Whilst our actions to date have had a significant impact, we are moving into changing times and we know that the embodiment of resistance is what true climate justice really means in action.

Earth protectors and activists on the front line of climate impacts around the world are being water cannoned, pepper sprayed, imprisoned, tortured, and murdered for defending life and land. [In fact, cases hit an all time high in 2020](#). Therefore it's our responsibility to examine our privileges here in the UK and fully commit to this urgent work.

Behind each arrestee we need a huge network of supportive rebels doing all kinds of work from food to back office, police station support, legal teams, regen and more. There are very good reasons why some rebels may not intentionally risk arrest. They may be from a marginalised group that faces greater police repression, or they may have immigration risks, health challenges, care responsibilities, or other things that make arrest the wrong choice for them right now. **If you are one of these rebels, we want you to know that you're very much loved and needed in the movement,**

**whilst acknowledging that we all risk some possibility of arrest when in open rebellion with the UK Government.**

### **3.4. - THE POLITICAL CONTEXT**

The suite of legislation the UK government is putting through right now, including the PCSC bill seeks to put an end to effective protests. Guess what, this ain't the first time they have done this to us. Last time they used the [Public Order Act 1986](#) which “provides the police with powers to place restrictions on protests and, in some cases, prohibit those which threaten to cause serious disruption to public order.”

**Are we going to let them intimidate us and win? No!** But we must prepare for the state to continue to push our limits and expect further overreach.

### **3.5. - LEGAL STRATEGY**

Extinction Rebellion challenges the courts and the legal system. We have a new UK Legal Strategy Team working to continue escalating [this work](#). It should be noted that every thing we do, and every action we take has a risk.

*The following applies to England and Wales. Please seek additional advice in Scotland.*

**Know Your Rights!** For more detailed legal guidance please visit: [Informed Dissent](#): Arrest, prosecution and on occasion prison sentences are consequences of civil disobedience. We will provide the information and support that rebels need before deciding to risk arrest and criminal conviction. We will also prepare and support those working in the circles who are at risk of preemptive police actions or conspiracy charges. The advice we give rebels being prosecuted through both the

Magistrates and Crown Courts will include moral, emotional and movement considerations as well as strictly legal ones.

**Magistrates Court Trials:** Every rebel facing prosecution in the Magistrates Courts will be given the support and information they need to decide whether to plead guilty or to plead not guilty and go to trial. For those who feel able to, there are strategic advantages in choosing the not guilty route: it reinforces the moral position that rebels are acting in the public interest; it advances the legal one that rebels were exercising their rights to protest when they were arrested and that their actions were proportionate and therefore lawful; it creates practical disruption by adding to the court's caseload; and it creates emotional disruption through connections with the judges. We will develop a comprehensive, accessible guide to direct rebels to sources of legal, practical, financial and emotional information and support to help them through the process. We will continue to collect, build and publish an archive of rebels' court stories and statements.

**Crown Court Trials:** Our success so far with juries supports the continuation of the strategy to design actions in order to reach the crown courts. Jury acquittals support our third demand for deliberative democracy and the empowerment of ordinary, informed citizens. Lessons from past crown court cases will be used to inform both the design of future actions and the strategic approach to upcoming jury trials. Trials scheduled for 2022 include those for actions that targeted the Department of Transport, the Treasury, the Home Office, the Brazilian Embassy, HSBC, Barclays, and Morgan Stanley. We will develop complementary actions, press and support strategies around these trials (with consent), which we will share with the movement once dates are confirmed.

Those being prosecuted through the Crown Courts, will have access to financial (limited), emotional, legal, practical and strategic support, including access to a network of former Crown Court defendants.

**High Court:** We will identify cases that we can appeal in the higher courts in order to set new precedents in protest laws that shift the balance in our favour (as the Ziegler judgement has done). We will also look for opportunities for Judicial Review where laws are being incorrectly implemented on the ground.

**Disobey in the Dock:** Contempt of court actions have a place in our Magistrates Court strategy, in the form of livestreams, glue ons and other creative actions. Disobey could also be a refusal to engage at all with the process by ignoring charge notices, failing to appear in court, and refusing to pay court costs or fines. Disobey actions extend the non-cooperation strategy used on the streets (e.g. going floppy); they escalate disruption in the courts; and they provide preparation in the way of short prison sentences for those considering more high-risk actions. We will create a team to provide rebels with action design, messaging, practical and prison support.

Our support for contempt of court will not include contempt in the crown courts, as this would undermine our primary strategy of communicating directly to ordinary people, in support of the third demand.

**Raids:** No building or vehicle associated with XR or action is considered 'safe' from raids or arrest by association as we are in open rebellion with the UK government. That's why we encourage every rebel to do Know Your Rights training when they join us. Further training and communication on raids will be developed, so that everyone is fully briefed on the risks related to everything we do.

**The government's new policing bill, currently going through Parliament, is likely to strengthen existing laws, introduce a number of new offences, and increase sentences for those convicted. This strategy will need to respond to those changes once the bill is finalised and brought into law.**

**Follow Through:** Find [here](#) **Legal Resources including:** Legal briefing / Bustcards / Stop and search cards / Raids leaflet / How to witness arrest / Security and phones info.

**Remember the 5 key messages when facing arrest: No comment! No personal details! Under what power? No duty solicitor. No caution.**

### **3.6. - ACCOUNTABILITY**

Extinction Rebellion is completely nonviolent, all XR actions are done in full public view and we take responsibility for them. Being accountable for our actions is a strategic decision XR made at the very start, it is Principle number 4 and part of our Action Agreement. Read the rationale [here](#).

As the climate and ecological crises escalate in 2022, and we face increased state repression, we ask that all rebels continue to take responsibility. Much of our power in nonviolence comes from our openness, that we show respect, and are honest. See [here](#) for an exploration of property damage as a concept from our embedding nonviolence team.

**Accountable action really pisses on the establishment's chips and inspires people worldwide!**

We remain in solidarity with movements who take covert action to protect themselves and nature, for example by disabling a fracking rig or putting a detention centre out of action. We ask all rebels considering disabling actions under the XR banner to do so accountably, in full view to the public and media. XRUK can still be in solidarity with groups that use different tactics whilst upholding our foundational, long standing agreements which thousands of rebels have committed to.

**Follow Through:** [“Advantages of Accountability for nonviolent direct action”](#) by Embedding Nonviolence Circle.

### **3.7. - TACTICS**

Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA) is the main bread and butter tactic we use to bring about system change. We are often using the terms non violent civil disobedience, or nonviolent civil resistance. **Nonviolent [Civil Resistance](#) is a form of peaceful conflict or confrontation**, often associated with the advancement of democracy. It means proactively challenging the government’s harmful behaviour, using a variety of tactics, to create the best chance of getting rapid political and social change. It means intentionally breaking the law as an act of protest.

Rebels will urge juries and judges to uphold the citizen’s rights to prevent government wrongdoing by acquitting resisters. Civil resistance upholds the principle that citizens have responsibilities to their societies/democracy, and to resist government crimes or aggression. We act out of necessity to prevent a much more serious crime. Civil disobedience can lead to prison sentences. Rebels don't resist arrest or sentencing, and, as a result, the legal consequences become part of the protest.

### **3.8. - OPEN ORGANISING / SECURITY CULTURE**

Open organising mass actions is understood as one of the key reasons for why XR was so successful in growing exponentially in 2019. Our transparency is the greatest tool we have against counter-insurgency.

**Because it created:**

- Mass participation
- Decentralised but working on the same big plan
- “We are all crew” culture
- Everyone knew the plan
- Accountability
- Welcoming, not exclusive, aiming to be as accessible as possible.
- Creates dilemma for state
- Builds interest in press
- Less paranoia without a secrecy culture.

However, the state quickly learnt what to expect from us and it became much harder to hold space in 2021. That doesn't mean we should stop open organising, but it does mean we need to evolve our tactics, be more agile and take basic steps to minimise pre-action arrests.

**Basics Action Planning: Action Circle recommend you use;**

- XR cloud or Cryptpad, NOT google docs/forms
- Remove google from android devices.
- Use Signal for chat/calls if not on mattermost.
- Email accounts with riseup
- Zoom (but not the chat), Jitsi or Big Blue Button on Mattermost
- Travelling to a reccie: use cash, don't use bank cards, turn off gps
- Buy everything in cash as much as possible
- Keep electronics, notepads, phones somewhere secure before and during an action.

**Basics During Actions**

- Use a Burner Phone
- Leave ID at home
- Don't take anything on an action you can't afford to lose

### **3.9. - ACTION DESIGN TRAINING / BUDGETING**

In 2022 Action Circle will be developing training and space for peer2peer skill sharing around actions, design, planning and implementing. Stay tuned for more info, and get in touch with your regional or national action circle to find out more!

Action Circle will make sure that action designers and related trainings consider accessibility/inclusivity needs to further make actions as accessible where possible and will continue to work closely with the Disabled Rebel Network on this. Action Circle will continue to collaborate with the Digital Rebellion team to make sure that there is an aligned offering of actions both in person and remotely for all. All action planners are encouraged to do the same.

#### **Criteria for local and regional actions:**

- Economic disruption (could be via engaging state resources such as the police)
- Engages public / creates space for public to join in: attractive
- Building alliances:
- positive vision: opens space for other groups to showcase approaches to transformative behaviour change & solutions
- Strengthens the movement; networks, upskills, has a variety of levels of participation designed in.
- inspires creativity, autonomy and confidence of LGs and AGs within it.

### **3.10. - AUTONOMY WITHIN A STRATEGIC PLAN**

**We need a radically simple action plan during rebellion periods.** One that is clear, has a coherent message, creates space for everyone to take direct action together and one that creates a rebel pathway.

Over the last year or two the movement has contracted and during mass rebellions, we have tried to do more and more actions with fewer people to accommodate everyone's wishes. The media can't follow loads of different messages/actions which means the public & government definitely can't either, and it's not easy for new rebels to join in so not easy for us to grow.

But isn't this a bit too centralised or breaking Principles & Values? Nope. Every group is empowered to take action any day of the week in their local area and beyond, and should continue to. **This is simply an open invite to take collective action in mass resistance together**, to have the greatest possible chance of us winning our demands. It's also a kind request not to plan autonomous/divergent actions during mass resistance periods.

Teams are working hard to design the details for April and to ensure that they are easy to work with, leave space for rebels to input on but offer enough definition and clarity that we can get the movement all singing in harmony.

### **3.11. - MASS RESISTANCE PLAN: APRIL 2022**

**10am, Saturday 9th April 2022, Hyde Park, London**

Every rebel is **invited** to take part in mass resistance together in **London on April 9th onwards.**

Rebels are invited to participate in a very simple action plan with varying risk levels. This would mean no more scattergun actions but to **come together in unity with a**

**single message, demand and a flexible action design.** The moments of mass participation will be designed to be simple to join, openly organised, and with the ability to continue for weeks at a time. The model will be developed by a small experienced team and organised/implemented using a distributed model, like all of XR's most iconic and impactful actions.

**TARGET:**

**WHO?** UK Government, & related polluters investing in global extinction of all life.

**WHAT?**

- **Grow the movement** exponentially
- Get our **immediate demand** met
- Help **rebels take the next step** on their journey of resistance.
- Create **proportional disruption** to the crisis and response required,
- Move the **overton window, on the immediacy of the CEE** and the direct impacts on everyone's life and personal health in the HERE and NOW.
- **Overwhelm the state/police through mass resistance** and attrition tactics.

[Please commit to taking disruptive action or supporting those that are during April here.](#) More info coming very soon!

## **3.12. - REGIONAL SUMMER UPRISING**

When: Late July 2022

What: **Decentralised** UK-wide aligned disruptive actions, trainings and workshops.

Why: Get our IMMEDIATE DEMAND met

Aim: **Material/functional disruption** and mobilisation.

### 3.13. - XR DIARY FOR 2022 - 2023!

KEY: Planning/Mobilising Action Social

Late Jan - Mid Feb Strategy Tour/Movement Gatherings - UK

Jan - March: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous  
Planning, Training & Mobilisation

March: Paint the Symbol! UK Campaign - Decentralised

Mar 27th Earth Ball - London

**April: Mass Resistance - London**

May: Celebration, Rest, Onboarding/Training, & Strategy update

May - July: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous

June - July: Planning, Training & Mobilisation

Late July: Regional/National Summer Uprisings Nation-wide -  
Decentralised

Onboarding

August: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous

August - Sept: Planning, Training & Mobilisation

August: Paint the Streets UK Campaign - Decentralised

Sept: Mass Resistance

Nov: Celebration, Rest, Onboarding/Training, & Strategy update

Nov - March 2023: Local Group/Affinity Group Actions - Autonomous

Dec - March 2023: Planning, Training & Mobilization

March: Paint the Streets UK Campaign - Decentralised

April: Mass Resistance

May: Celebration, Rest, Onboarding/Training, & Strategy update

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## Strength

### 4.1. PRINCIPLES FOR BUILDING STRENGTH INSIDE OUR MOVEMENT

**Honesty and Accountability:** We want our Government and institutions to be accountable. We need to hold this principle inside XR too, we remain accountable to each other.

**Agility and Efficiency:** Our structure has been resilient over the last few years but it has also been bogged down with process. We need to be able to move faster in a changing operational environment. This means prioritisation of work and remembering our SOS seeks not to be consensus focussed but consent focussed.

**Clarity:** we must prioritise improving communication channels.

**Respect:** We know each other now, tensions have built between individuals and teams. We need to reconnect and move ahead with kindness and respect. We can only do this work well if we stick together and have each other's backs. This does not require us to agree on everything all the time!

**Unity:** We are a broad movement and commit to alignment in our key messages and tactics, recognising the need to balance strategic planning with autonomy.

**A note on XR meeting culture** - XR was set up with a specific approach to meetings and the way we treat one another in our work. This strives to be a culture where everyone is heard, check-ins break the ice and help us to build trust together. Our regenerative cultures meeting statement is [here](#).

**Follow Through :** There are support systems available in our structure: TESN, Rebel Listeners (link) etc. [New Regen mandate proposal](#).

## 4.2. - STRUCTURAL CHANGE

**XR UK needs some streamlining in its structure**, as per the advice from [Systems Realignment](#) Project. Our Self-Organising System (SOS) allowed for fast growth but has led to a complex structure lacking in clarity over who's doing what in some areas. There are difficulties balancing our principles with our hybrid model of [sociocracy](#) and [holacracy](#). There have also been updates to the [XRUK Constitution](#).

**Movements need leadership!** This does not mean individuals hoarding power or dictating to others what to do, but it does mean sub-group or parent circles working to a set of priorities that achieve alignment in our purpose. This will prove to be more regenerative as rebels will feel empowered they are doing useful work and we

are achieving more as a whole. We all know that there are rebels who want to organise more autonomously, but we also know there are many who want guidance or plans they can plug into because they can't work on rebellion all the time. This strategy seeks to provide a framework that offers an aligned way of mobilising and then taking collective action.

**To grow in our strength as a movement we need to feel empowered that we are working towards aligned goals and able to move in an agile way and make decisions fast.** This strategy recommends we streamline our core teams in XR UK, combining those that have similar mandates but are working at low capacity and often have a crossover of membership. Empowering teams to prioritise and focus.

**Our Self-Organising System that is used [constitutionally](#) by XR UK teams has within it a hierarchy of purpose.** This can appear to clash with our principle of autonomy, which in turn is confused with the concept of decentralisation. We must be **aligned in our core purpose or decentralisation becomes a complete mess** of hundreds of different messages and no alignment, therefore less power as a whole movement. It also puts more pressure on the national working groups as they try to support masses of decentralised actions, then clashing with our principle of regenerative culture and making it hard to create a culture of accountability.

**Recommendation**: The strategy team, following this, will work with the Hive, Operations and a 'Tour Team' to make sure that we succeed in Momentum-Driven organising. We will encourage a distributed authority model, as our SOS is intended to create at the UK-level. Local and Regional Groups have autonomy and can opt in to following a coherent UK-wide plan.

### **4.3. - SUCCESSION**

Many key coordinators in XRUK teams are facing the real possibility of prison this year and we are all at some risk of burnout in our stressful work. We will make sure to hand over the depth of knowledge gathered over time and empower distributed leadership. The complexity of our structure can make it difficult to step into roles, putting more continuous pressure on current coordinators who end up holding too much.

**Throughout our networks 2022 is the year that those of us who have been here for some time become mentors.** To achieve the growth we need we need to build good relationships and share the responsibilities as much as possible. Rather than delegation in an SOS system we seek to distribute responsibility. This may mean we need to look carefully at how we support each other to do that, it's not always easy to hand over work which you feel responsible for, and it can be difficult to onboard new folks at the same time as keeping up with your workload. [Contact the SOS team](#) if you want help and support to think about how you are coordinating teams.

**Follow Through:** [Explore the new Hub!](#)

**Recommendation:** For key coordinators in teams in XR UK to become mentors to rebels willing to step up more into key roles.

## 4.4. - RESOLVING XR TENSIONS

It has come to the strategy team's attention that rebels are not clear on what to do when they feel unheard; an issue raised was not resolved; when they identify a structural problem or when a coordinator or circle is breaking the [XR Constitution](#). (XR UK teams are bound by the constitution, it does not apply to all regional or local groups.)

When these issues are miscommunicated as with any form of public naming and shaming of an individual or circle, and without taking accountability it can result in

unnecessary harm, upset and division to the movement, it also breaks our core Principles & Values!

Let's start by putting it into perspective, remembering we are not the bad guys, we are a mass movement, we **are all volunteers**, doing our very best under extreme pressure. We are from all walks of life, with different skill sets, personal responsibilities, and with different levels of time/commitment. **However, we share one thing in common - our commitment to nonviolent civil resistance.**

**The strategy team recommend the below steps to resolve tensions:**

1. Give feedback directly to each other or communicate directly with the Internal Coordinator of the circle involved. (See the [Hub](#) for XR UK's structure and contacts.)
2. Ask the regen team to help convene a meeting of concerned parties including IC's.
3. If a resolution cannot be met with the IC's and facilitators help, the next step is to speak with the IC of the wider "mother" circle of said circle for further assistance.

**Other avenues to consider:**

If it's related to the XR structure then [speak to the SOS team](#) for further [advice](#) and guidance.

If it's an individual problem and neither IC was able to help you resolve it then a [conflict resolution process](#) is the final stop.

## **4.5. - BUILDING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE & RESISTANCE**

Since COVID, XRUK has closed all office spaces and local groups stopped meeting in person regularly. Luckily XR was already using online video meetings, which kept the movement alive. However, two years on and:

- People have video-call and meeting fatigue.
- Working groups can become siloed. As a result mis-communication can breed distrust.
- We crave in person face-2-face emotional support, and many of us have faced long periods of isolation, a hostile political and media landscape, plus climate grief and anxiety.
- We can easily get stuck in our own bubble – we need to make it easy for new people to find and join us outside of actions.

We recommend taking an enterprising approach in your local area and creating XR community hubs as a; not-for-profit community interest company where rebels can;

- grow the movement
- connect with their local xr community over coffee
- offer emotional support for climate anxiety
- learn more about the CEE, our ToC and how to get involved
- see related film screenings/HfE talks
- read/borrow/buy nvda related literature.
- host workshops such as art blockers
- join xr planning meetings and actions
- accommodate visiting rebels
- vision through taking prefigurative local action

These spaces could be XR's "shop front", open daily/weekly depending upon capacity! This could be a 'Climate Canteen', or 'EmergenTEA break cafe', a community owned pub, or a mini art factory, whatever your local group wants it to be! This wouldn't have to be a big money making enterprise, but could have the potential to self-sustain the expense of renting an otherwise unused space, maybe even help supplement some local fundraising?

How is this idea different from a Climate Emergency Centre (CEC)? CECs are awesome - we love them. However, they are separate from XR and have different goals. They are an alliance-building project designed to bring the community together to develop solutions to adapt locally to the social and environmental crises facing us. XR members are welcome to be involved in CECs as members of their community, and can use the spaces as local community groups but CECs cannot be associated with any illegal activity.

We highly recommend that your XR group set up its own Hub, so that you can focus on XR activities and have autonomy. It is best to make sure the space is self-funded, registered as a non-profit enterprise, and independently-owned (not council owned), so you are free to have an XR community presence of your choice. Another funding option could be to have a membership fee and/or volunteer scheme - a hybrid cooperative model.

Where? There are literally thousands of empty buildings of all kinds on the highstreet right now due to covid that could be better used at a discounted rate or free! Ideally with a shop front to be as accessible to the public as possible.

If you're low on capacity then find someone doing something similar like this already via the [Transition Network](#) and ask if they would be up for collaborating to host xr events, talks, and workshops etc. Inspiration: [The Remakery](#), [Civic Square](#), [Brixton Pound](#), [Community Pub](#).

Alternatively, why not test run the idea by hosting a **pop-up store/cafe** for a month or two for doing local outreach in your town or city centre, where rebels can “sell” the public their future back through donations in a number of creative ways!

## **4.6. STRATEGIC FINANCE**

Strategy informs the movement budgeting, making sure we spend our precious funds in the best way to achieve our goals! We will review spending from the last few years in order to assess the spend and the impacts and this will help the team to go forwards from here.

**We need to spend on critical core functions that support the whole and create a movement budget that focuses on growth, action and enabling maximum participation.**

### **Strategic Finance Priority list:**

- Prioritising UK-wide action plans that create sustained material disruption and dialogue, not purely symbolic or one-off actions.
- Prioritising funds for growing the movement, including outreach resources and supporting a fundraising plan including growing our audiences online and our mailing lists.
- UK Volunteer Living Expenses (VLE) Policy: This needs to be reviewed and make sure that we are offering VLE to those that are doing strategic essential work and most need financial support to do the work.
- Supporting participation in rebellion for rebels

## **4.7. - MOTHERSHIP**

XR acting as an incubator has been one of our key successes. If specific projects are able to carry out strands of work that are necessary, but XR is not best placed to actualise them, we don't have to hold all of the innovation in the environmental movement. Our research suggests that experimentation and filling strategic gaps is needed but we can't be all things to all people. It's important to create focus in our own work whilst showing support and solidarity to people and groups with a diversity of approaches.

The key for successful outcomes in this area has been shown to be a matter of effective **communication, coordination and collaboration**. XRUK will take the primary responsibility for organising the periods of collective mass action.

## **4.8. - SUPPORT STRUCTURES & REGENERATIVE CULTURES**

In these times of crisis, we must support each other. Our work is emotionally, physically and mentally draining. We have suffered burn out and talk about 'regenerative culture' as insisting rebels take a day off now and then, but it is much more than that. Nurturing regenerative cultures in our movement is part of our vision of a better society. **We will be more effective if we are nourished, rested and feeling strong in our connections and support of each other.**

We need to encourage one another to take on work with reasonable boundaries that protect our wellbeing, we are responsible for our own workloads so we need to make sure we share honestly when we are struggling to cope with the demands on our time or on our emotional resilience.

**We must support those who risk prison sentences.** This involves practical support structures, but also **how we talk to and about each other**, and how we

must centre **love** and **compassion** in all we do. After all, we are here because we have extraordinary love and care for our planet and all the living beings.

**Although the situation is terrifying, love is the strongest motivator and ultimately the source of all our work. This year we will recommit to hold each other, and to be our best courageous and resilient selves, with [ferocious love of these lands in our hearts](#).**

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Not in the UK? Visit the [Extinction Rebellion Global Website](#).



## **END FOSSIL FUELS NOW: Extinction Rebellion and Just Stop Oil block oil facilities across the UK**

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**BREAKING:** In the early hours of the morning, Extinction Rebellion UK and groups in the Just Stop Oil Coalition have blocked 10 major oil facilities across the UK. We will continue to block the sites until the UK Government agrees to end all new fossil fuel investments immediately.[1]

Extinction Rebellion is blocking the Esso West Terminal near Heathrow Airport, and the Hamble and Hythe Terminals in Southampton. People are locked on at the entrances using large pink oil barrels filled with concrete, with the words 'END FOSSIL FUELS NOW' on them. Two people are up bamboo structures at the Esso Terminal and the Southampton locations each have one of the iconic Extinction Rebellion boats blocking the entrances with people locked to them. At the Esso terminal in London, 4 people have climbed on top of an oil silo and have hung large banners that say 'JOIN US – LONDON APRIL 9' and 'END FOSSIL FUELS'.

Scores of people sat in the road to block oil tankers from leaving each site, while others climbed on top of oil tankers.

The action is taking place at a crucial time: The UK public is waking up this morning to a 54% rise in the energy price cap, which the Citizens' Advice charity say will leave millions of people unable to pay their bills.[2] As war wages in Ukraine – a war that Christiana Figueres describes as being “financed by those in the West who import Russian oil and gas” – governments around the world are making plans to get off Russian oil and gas at speed.[3] However, instead of doing what's necessary to move away from fossil fuels to align with Paris Climate pledges, World leaders are choosing to appease oil companies and pursue extraction elsewhere. This is despite the recent IPCC report stating that staying on fossil fuels means that half the population of the continent of Africa could be displaced within the next eight years. These are the people and nations who have done the absolute least to cause the crisis.[4]

Extinction Rebellion is here to say: **Not in our name.**

**Clare Farrell, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, said:** *“Today the climate movement is asking you to pay attention, to join the dots on environmental destruction, the peril faced by our world family and the gross profiteering that is trying to cancel the future of humanity.*

*“The dots are being joined for us all in the current context, from the wars fuelled by fossil fuel money, the blatant global racism on show in the response to the refugee crises, the exacerbating inequalities in the cost of living crisis, and energy companies shamelessly making record profits from the plight of the ordinary person. It's predicted that in just a matter of months 1 in 4 people in the UK will be unable to pay their energy bills. The Gillet Jaune had a catchphrase – end of the month, end of the world, same struggle.*

*“It is now clear in the UK too, we're being ripped off, our future is being burned, sold, decimated and all the while our government sits back doing nothing to help ordinary people. Enough of the lies, deceit and deadly political failure. Only a few months ago our*

*leaders were crying in Glasgow because they had failed the world, now they are seeking to bend the rules of physics to meet their political project and give oil and gas companies a pass. We know it won't work, and it's too late for denial and delay."*

The blockades come just over a week before the Rebellion begins in London on April 9th.[5] For anyone watching the blockades over the coming days, we call on everyone who wants to bring an end to the fossil fuel economy to go to Hyde Park at 10am on April 9th and join us in civil resistance until fossil fuel investments come to an end. We will be big and loud and impossible to ignore and we will return day after day until our immediate demand is met: **No new fossil fuel investments, no new fossil fuel licences, end fossil fuel subsidies now.**

The government is making a choice to continue its addiction to fossil fuels as war wages in Ukraine, instead of accelerating the transition to a renewable led future. They could choose not to. Just a few months on from the "last chance" of COP26, Boris Johnson now claims the current crisis demands a "climate change pass".[6] The Prime Minister says he wants to "remove barriers" to increased extraction of fossil fuels from the North Sea and has now gone begging Saudi Arabia to increase its oil supply.[7][8] The UK is also set to approve licenses for 40 new fossil fuel projects.[9]

The recent IPCC report tells us in no uncertain terms that the window is closing on adaptation, let alone mitigation.[10] The Environment Agency put it bluntly in its October 2021 report: Adapt or Die.[11] Breakdown is happening in a way that isn't allowing time for adaptation. According to the UN Secretary General, staying on fossil fuels will cause an atlas of human suffering and 'delay means death'.[12][13]

All of this is taking place despite **recent polling showing that the UK public wants climate action now in face of the energy crisis.**[14] As fossil fuel multinationals use the war in Ukraine to lobby for new extraction, they are also getting huge tax breaks, while its expected that 1 in 4 people in the UK will not be able to pay their bills by September.[15][16]

**But more UK extraction won't help ordinary people with rising energy costs.**

The government's own advisors, The Climate Change Committee, said: "*Any increases in UK extraction of oil and gas would have, at most, a marginal effect on the prices faced by UK consumers in future,*"[17] More drilling in the North Sea will not provide the UK with a secure supply of affordable energy.[18] It would mostly be exported and exploration for new gas supplies would take around thirty years to come into effect. So, even if the government were to license a new gas field today, it would likely be 2050 – the year the UK has pledged to be net zero – before it produced anything we could use in

our homes. Even the Energy Secretary has admitted this won't address the cost-of-living crisis.[19] It won't help with the war in Ukraine. It won't give us energy security.[20]

**Former deputy director of the UK's National Crime Agency and director of plan B, Tim Crosland, said:** *"We are not facing a cost of living crisis, it's a cost of living scandal. The cost of living scandal and our dependence on petrostates for oil and gas are the consequence of our addiction to fossil fuels. The government is prioritising political pandering and vested interests over the public good in decision making while fossil fuel companies exploit this moment to expand their reach. Protestors are not the problem, policy failure is."*

*"For any chance of a livable future, the response to war in Ukraine can and must be integrated with the logic of urgent and radical action on the climate crisis. The Government has no democratic mandate to use the war as a pretext to destroy the conditions which make the planet habitable. It is people's duty to intervene to protect each other. They are exploiting public fear and disorientation at a time of crisis to advance corporate-friendly policies incapable of attracting democratic support."*

All the more, we are not preparing the workforce for the transition away from fossil fuels, leaving them vulnerable to shocks. Extinction Rebellion Youth are blocking the Fawley refinery to hold Exxon to account for their hand in the destruction to communities in the Global South, and to stand with workers who are planning to strike for better pay on 8th April.[21] The strike is planned due to Exxon offering a mere 2.5% pay rise to staff, despite Exxon's profits in 2021 topping an eye-watering £6.75 billion. The young people held banners calling for a just transition for workers as well as the cost of the living scandal to be paid for with the excessively high profits of oil and gas companies.

**Swallow, 20, from Extinction Rebellion Youth, said:** *British workers and families should not bear the brunt of the energy crisis while oil and gas executives make insane profits. The public wants a transition that is rapid and fair, to support workers to retrain and start building a better future, but we're being lied to daily by politicians who tell us we can't afford to change, while supporting corporate interest over people's lives and livelihoods."*

*"It should come as no surprise that young people are choosing to step up and take action like this. Our futures are being sold and burned by the selfish few all while watching people's lives being decimated in the Global South already, and the betrayal we feel runs deep. If people had been doing what we're doing now 10 years ago maybe we wouldn't be in this situation, but we are. So, now there's nothing left for us to do but act because we refuse to be the last generation, we refuse to be bystanders."*

A worker at the Esso terminal in London said to an XR protestor this morning, *“Good on you love, this has got to happen, fossil fuels have to end”*.

Decarbonising is not unaffordable even according to the UK’s own Office for Budget Responsibility (OBR)[22]. We should and could have been investing in renewables, heat pumps, home insulation, public transport, and the green economy for decades. As the OBR has said, these policies will create thousands of jobs and save billions of pounds for the UK public.[23] But the Government has been actively blocking them, enriching fossil fuel executives and oil state autocrats and subsidising climate breakdown instead.[24]

**Rev Helen Burnett from Extinction Rebellion, said:** *“Compared to the horrific bloodshed in Ukraine, the fight for 1.5 °C may seem abstract, but it is, in reality, all too real. It is the fight for all those on the frontline of the climate crisis, in particular our children and our young people and the majority of the world’s population in the Global South. It is the fight for a peaceful and organised international community, it is the fight for the story of humanity and the fight for all those whom we love.*

*“We, the general public of the UK, are strong and resilient in times of crisis and will be ready to pull together to support each other as we roll up our sleeves and chip in to do our bit to make the change we need. But people deserve to have a say in what comes next. As the government is unwilling to do the right thing, ordinary people should be given a say in how we transition away from fossil fuels. That’s why XR calls for a Citizen’s Assembly. Your next door neighbour or your local shop keeper participating in a Citizen’s Assembly would be far more trustworthy than this government.”*

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### **A few facts on the oil industry:**

In an article published by Unearthed, it was revealed that, in 2021, the UK oil and gas industry reached a record high in carbon emissions, an increase of 15% compared to 2020. This is due in part because of pipeline outages to refineries. In fact, approximately 20% of oil is delivered to refineries from production sites via pipelines

In 2020, fossil fuel companies spent £7.1 million on 25,147 greenwashing facebook adverts, highlighting their investments in renewable energy and promoting natural gas as a sustainable energy source. Just over half of this spending came from one company: ExxonMobil.

The UK oil and gas industry is extremely carbon intensive due to the flaring carried out at refineries. Flaring is the burning of unwanted natural gas into the atmosphere, and is usually carried out to save money by getting rid of gas which is considered to be too unprofitable to transport [3]. This is done frequently, for example, at Fawley oil refinery.

Shell's profits for 2021 overall rose to \$19.3bn compared with \$4.85bn the year before, in part due to strong earnings from shipping liquified natural gas (LNG) on the international market amid a global squeeze on gas supplies.

### **A few facts on Hamble Terminal:**

Hamble oil terminal is currently owned by BP. It was opened in 1924, and imports jet and ground fuels, and exports crude oil.

On March 28th, Energy Vice published an article stating that BP's climate targets to “set a net zero ambition covering operations, production and sales by 2050 or sooner” – so to reduce its absolute emissions – only account for 1/5 of the companies total greenhouse gas emissions. Importantly, its targets do not take into account its material sales. Global Climate Insights has estimated that oil and gas products will still account for 91% of BP's sales by 2050.

In an article by Unearthed, it was revealed that BP used money from a “low carbon transition” fund to buy shares in companies finding new ways to find and use fossil fuels. Furthermore, on the edge of the largest known cold-water reef in the world along the coast of West Africa, BP is developing a new gas field.

### **A few facts on Hythe Oil Terminal:**

Hythe oil terminal is part of Fawley oil refinery, owned by oil and gas company ExxonMobil. ExxonMobil has known about the devastating effects of fossil fuel production on the environment for over 40 years, and concluded in 1979 that production “will cause dramatic environmental effects”, saying that “the potential problem is great and urgent”. However, instead of acting responsibly on this knowledge, ExxonMobil spent tens of millions of pounds funding climate denial and misinformation. A senior ExxonMobil lobbyist recently admitted that the company was aggressively fighting against climate science. One example of this is when ExxonMobil ran a behind the scenes US lobbying campaign against legislative efforts to restrict the toxic PFAS “forever chemicals”.

Additionally, Exxon is being legally challenged by communities in Guyana and Indonesia. In Indonesia, villagers of the Aceh Province have finally reached the courts in claiming justice for the tortures of dozens of Indonesian peasants at the hands of Exxon-hired armed guards: for 20 years, Exxon has slowed down justice for these families that saw family members maimed in the name of fossil fuel profit.

In Guyana, scientists and youth have filed a constitutional case on the grounds that Exxon's expansion of oil extraction in Guyanese territory violates the right to a healthy environment and the rights of future generations.

Fawley refinery is now the largest oil refinery in the United Kingdom, and one of the most complex refineries in Europe. With a capacity of 270,000 barrels (43,000 m<sup>3</sup>) per day, **Fawley** provides 20 percent of the UK's refinery capacity. [16]

## A few facts on the West London Oil Terminal:

The West London oil terminal is owned by Esso, a subsidiary of the Exxon Mobil corporation. In 2021, Esso was granted a Development Consent Order by the Secretary of State to replace and expand 97km of underground aviation fuel pipeline to carry 40% more fuel across the South East of the UK; however Exxon can continue to use the old pipeline too enabling a potential 140% increase in capacity for at least the next 20 years.

## ABOUT EXTINCTION REBELLION

Time has almost entirely run out to address the ecological crisis which is upon us, including the 6th mass species extinction, global pollution, and increasingly rapid climate change. If urgent and radical action isn't taken, we're heading towards 4 °C warming, and the societal collapse and mass loss of life that that implies. The younger generation, racially marginalised communities and the Global South are on the front-line. No-one will escape the devastating impacts.

Extinction Rebellion believes it is a citizen's duty to rebel, using peaceful civil disobedience, when faced with criminal inactivity by their Government.

Extinction Rebellion's key demands are:

1. Government must tell the truth by declaring a climate and ecological emergency, working with other institutions to communicate the urgency for change.
2. Government must act now to halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.
3. Government must create and be led by the decisions of a Citizens' Assembly on climate and ecological justice.

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April 08, 2022 by Extinction Rebellion

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When scientists and doctors are gluing themselves to oil company headquarters and being arrested en masse, we should take that as a warning sign, shouldn't we?

Well, that's what's happening and governments around the world are continuing to double down on fossil fuels. What on earth is going on?

**This is what's going on in the world of Extinction Rebellion:**

People from all walks of life are rising up and refusing to be bystanders while the world is sold and burnt by those with power. Over the past week, scientists, doctors, nurses, teachers, students, engineers, mums, dads, grandparents and more have sat in roads, climbed on tankers, hung banners, handed out fliers or had conversations with people

passing by about the emergency we face. **We're building towards a mass movement that cannot be ignored and everyone is needed.** Will you step up too?

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## **JOIN THE REBELLION**

### **WHAT HAPPENED THIS WEEK? (1ST - 8TH APRIL)**

#### **XR AND JUST STOP OIL BLOCKED OIL FACILITIES**

From April 1st, Extinction Rebellion and the Just Stop Oil coalition blocked 10 oil facilities across the UK: Hythe, Hamble, West London, Grays, Navigator, Purfleet, Kingsbury, BP, Esso and Buncefield. Whilst XR used boats and oil drums to block access to the terminals, Just Stop Oil sat in roads, climbed on oil tankers, and dug tunnels. The actions are ongoing. As a result, the dilemma for the government will soon be determined.



Stanwell, UK. 4 April 2022. Extinction Rebellion protesters blocked the entrance to Esso West London Terminal near Heathrow Airport. Protesters erected two wooden structures to block the transit of fuel delivery vehicles. Protesters demand an end to fossil fuels. Credit: Andrea Domeniconi/Alamy Live News

#### **SCIENTISTS SPRAYED FAKE OIL ON SHELL'S BUILDING**

On Wednesday, scientists calling for radical change in the face of the climate and ecological crisis took nonviolent direct action at the London headquarters of Shell. It was part of the world's largest-ever scientist-led civil disobedience campaign. The group used modified fire extinguishers to spray biodegradable fake oil on the building. Meanwhile, they also posted scientific papers to the walls. They were joined by scientists around the world, including NASA climate scientist Peter Kalmus, who was arrested in LA.



6th April 2022, Scientists from Extinction Rebellion, including 93-Year-old scientist Arnold, flypost Shell's London HQ with scientific papers on climate change.

### **XR DOCTORS AND NURSES LOCKED ON IN FRONT OF HM TREASURY**

Brave Doctors for Extinction Rebellion took action outside HM Treasury in London on World Health Day. They were calling for an end to the UK government's financial support for fossil fuels. Six of them locked onto oil barrels in the road, whilst others held banners saying 'For Health's Sake: Stop Financing Fossil Fuels'.



## **OCEAN REBELLION SET A BOAT ON FIRE**

Ocean Rebellion lit up the ship sculpture outside the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). They used the words from António Guterres' (UN Secretary-General) IPCC speech: "The world's biggest polluters are guilty of arson of our only home."

The oil slick below the ship, poured by the two Fossil Fool Oil Industry heads, was a testament to the continued ignorance of the IMO. Moreover, the IMO is a UN body that still allows the burning of Heavy Fuel Oil (HFO), even in the Arctic region.

4th April 2022. International Maritime Org., London, UK. Ocean Rebellion echo the words of the secretary-general of the United Nations Antonio Guterres who accuses the world's biggest polluters of committing 'arson on our only home'.

## **BANNER DROP AT TOWER BRIDGE**

At 7am this morning, rebels hung a large 22m x 3m banner from Tower Bridge in London. It reads 'END FOSSIL FUELS NOW'. On the eve of Rebellion in London, that's a sign that we intend to be easy to find and impossible to ignore over the coming week!

Tomorrow the Rebellion begins at Speaker's Corner in Hyde Park, London at 10am. We will continue in resistance to stop all new fossil fuel investments. Will you step up and join in?

We need everyone now to give fossil fuels the final shove out the door. In short, why not head down and be a part of this exciting moment in history? You are necessary, you are powerful, you are needed.

Now is the time, this is the moment. Don't be a bystander while this beautiful world slips away.

Look up, step up. [Join the Rebellion.](#)

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## Extinction Rebellion Statement on the UK Fuel Shortage

April 12, 2022 by Extinction Rebellion

Extinction Rebellion is continuing its protests this week with bridge blockades, mass outreach and targeted actions, such as today's shut down of financial institution Lloyd's of London. The movement is also supporting disruption at oil facilities with the Just Stop Oil coalition.

As petrol pumps around the country begin to run dry, the government has a choice: continue destroying life on Earth by doubling down on oil and gas and supporting corporate interest over people's lives, or honour the UK's Paris commitments and change course.

In short, **put an end to all new fossil fuel investments immediately.**

Extinction Rebellion is told time and again to stop disrupting ordinary people and target the bad guys instead. But it turns out when we disrupt carbon people feel it, as almost everything we do economically relates to – or relies on – oil and gas. We recognise these protests are hitting people now, but as the UN Secretary General, Antonio Guterres said, we are “on track for an unlivable future” by continuing to invest in fossil fuels. The disruption coming will be far greater and beyond our control unless this stops now.

We are out of time – weather patterns are already destabilised and climate related deaths occurred on almost every continent in 2021. Our current political system is incapable of acting with the speed and integrity needed in this moment of crisis. Life as we know it is going to change, whether or not we choose to act on the climate crisis, and whether or not we like it. The UK government’s refusal to admit this is shameful dishonesty. In the words of its own Environment Agency, we must “adapt or die”.

Polling shows the UK general public wants urgent action on climate, but we are being lied to by a government in the pocket of big oil while energy companies get tax breaks and make huge profits off war in Ukraine. The climate emergency helps us see everything is interconnected and whether it’s Covid, war in Ukraine or the cost of living crisis, we can’t wait for a better time to tackle this because there won’t be one.

Which is why Extinction Rebellion will continue to join the dots through our actions. Disruption is the only power ordinary people have left to change things, to break the law to stop a greater crime taking place.

The plan is simple: We will continue to cause disruption until the government agrees to do what the IPCC, the International Energy Agency, the United Nations, its own Committee on Climate Change, and scientists everywhere are saying we absolutely must do now: **to end all new fossil fuel investments immediately.**

If the government agrees to this first basic step to address the climate crisis, we will go home.

When governments choose betrayal, people will choose resistance. As long as the government continues to choose to destroy the future of humanity, good people will choose to stop them. We all have a choice. That is theirs, and this is ours.

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## Mass Occupation of Kingsbury Oil Terminal halts production again



For the seventh day in a row, supporters of Just Stop Oil have disrupted oil supplies from critical oil facilities in support of their demand that the UK government end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

At around 00.40am today, 37 people entered the Kingsbury oil terminal near Tamworth and climbed on top of tankers and the loading bay and locked on to the pipework. They have sent video messages to explain their actions. [1]

Elsewhere, at the nearby BP Oil Depot entrance, supporters of Just Stop Oil established a roadblock halting tanker routes to and from the terminal, while at the massive Navigator terminal in Essex operations are still suspended due to the ongoing occupation.

It is expected that this will continue to impact on fuel availability at petrol pumps across England

So far this morning there have been at least 10 arrests of Just Stop Oil supporters, and the total number arrested since April 1st is well over 400

Just Stop Oil have issued the following statement

The latest IPCC report issued on Monday made clear that staying below 1.5C is now a fairy tale, what is now at stake is humanity's survival, a liveable planet. Its message was clear: any further delay in implementing rapid and deep carbon cuts will result in the death of millions. Antonio Guterres, the UN Secretary General rammed home the message: "Climate activists are sometimes depicted as dangerous radicals." He tweeted. "But the truly dangerous radicals are the countries that are increasing the production of fossil fuels. Investing in new fossil fuels infrastructure is now moral and economic madness."

Fast forward not 3 days and the publication of the UK government's Energy Security strategy. What do they propose? Granting licences to new North Sea oil fields, another look at fracking and purchasing oil and gas from Saudi Arabia? These are the morally bankrupt plans of a criminal cartel protecting oil over life on earth.

Reducing energy demand through insulating housing is among the most cost-effective measures to cut our carbon emissions and enjoys huge public support, yet it barely figures. The government has fallen under the spell of shadowy lobbyists for the fossil fuel industry and is obsessed with huge infrastructure projects.

Boris needs to get a grip, he has referred to the oil funded war in Ukraine as genocide, what then do you call the planned deaths of millions due to the on-going support of the carbon economy?

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

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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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At this critical moment we find ourselves, as others have through history, having to do what is unpopular, to break the law to prevent a much greater harm taking place.

petrol station forecourts immediately, ahead of the Easter holidays, by committing to halt all new oil licenses and consents.

Ministers have a choice: they can arrest and imprison Just Stop Oil supporters or agree to no new oil and gas. While Just Stop Oil supporters have their liberty the disruption will continue. Now is the moment to come and meet with the coalition.

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A GROUP of climate protesters caused traffic disruption when they planted themselves in the middle of a city centre road this afternoon.

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Officers from Sussex Police were seen talking to the group and frustrated drivers.

Youth Climate Swarm use the tactic of "swarming" or repeatedly blocking roads for short periods to cause disruption and publicise their demands.

The activists are aiming to pressure the [national](#) government into accepting the demands laid out on their website, which are: to "just stop oil", free transport and insulate Britain.



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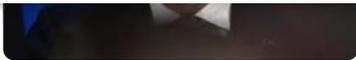
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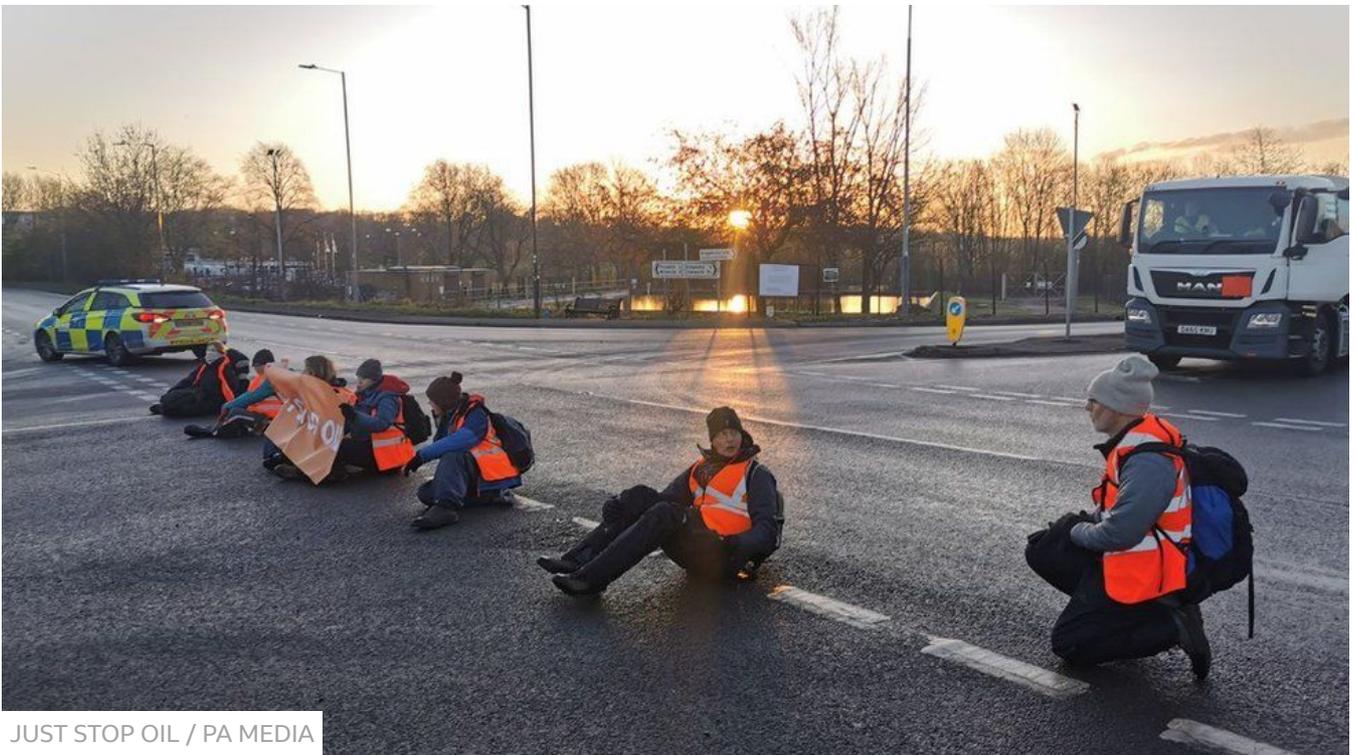
**More than 200 people have been arrested since Friday as protests at oil terminals enter a third day.**

Activists from Just Stop Oil have obstructed access to terminals across England, demanding an end to new oil and gas projects.

In Essex, a total of 155 people have been detained following demonstrations in the Thurrock area.

Meanwhile, Warwickshire Police arrested 54 people at the Kingsbury terminal.

The force said they had been arrested on suspicion of offences including



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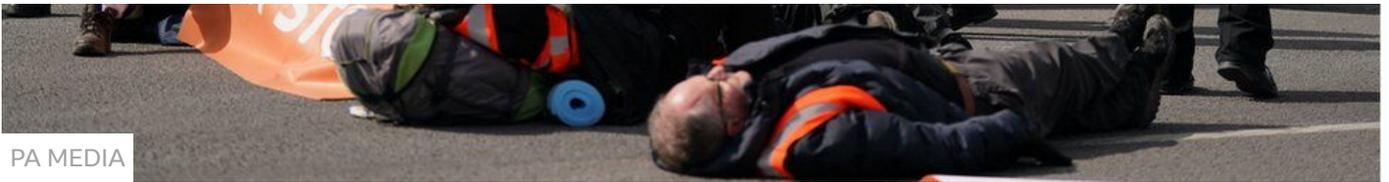
Police said officers remained at the scene after making dozens of arrests

"We fully acknowledge every person's right to engage in lawful protest, however, when that protest becomes unlawful and disproportionate in nature, we will act to protect the rights of others," Assistant Chief Constable Ben Smith, from Warwickshire Police, said.

"Due to the nature and scale of the policing operation, a large number of officers have been deployed over the last two days... I am hopeful the situation can be brought to a swift conclusion so my officers can return to protecting the communities of Warwickshire."

He said a "significant operation remains ongoing" at the scene.





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| A significant police presence remains at the scene in Warwickshire

In Essex, two tunnels are still being occupied at Navigator and Gray's Terminal. On Saturday, the county's police force said **83 people had been arrested after protests in the Thurrock area.**

Essex Police arrested 35 people on Sunday in addition to the 57 people held on Saturday and 63 on Friday.

Seven other facilities also continue to be disrupted near London and in the West Midlands.



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| Police in Essex have arrested 155 people

The arrests come after **activists from Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion obstructed 10 fuel sites** in the Midlands and southern England in the early hours of Friday to stand against "expanding UK oil and gas production".

Protesters glued themselves on to roads and locked on to oil drums and each other.

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ExxonMobil UK, one of the country's largest privately owned underground oil pipeline distribution networks, said it shut down three of its terminals as a result, and police from at least five forces were deployed to tackle the demonstrations.

The Met arrested 14 activists who broke into a facility at Bedfont Road in Staines, Surrey, and West Midlands Police arrested six people at a terminal in Tyburn, Birmingham.

Hampshire Police also made four arrests on Friday following demonstrations at Hythe Terminal and at BP in Hamble Lane and Copse Lane. It has since stood down its presence after protesters left the area.

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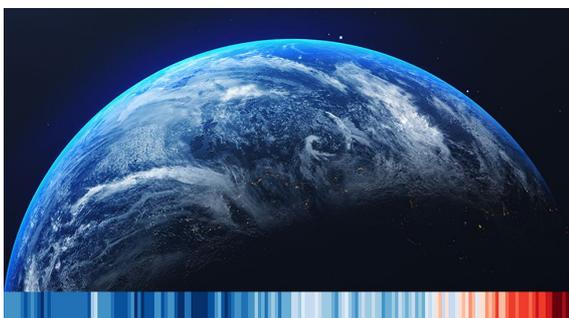
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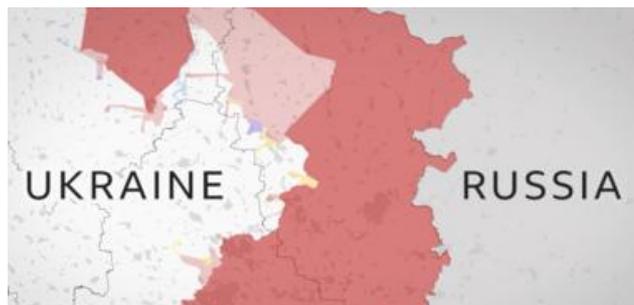
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# Just Stop Oil: More than 200 arrests as climate activists disrupt key terminals for third day

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Activists from Just Stop Oil took part in a blockade at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Warwickshire



**About 100 protesters have disrupted key oil terminals in England for a third consecutive day.**

Activists from the environmental campaign group Just Stop Oil have

and gas projects.

More than 30 members of Just Stop Oil camped outside the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire overnight.

In the early hours of Sunday morning, 12 activists gained access to the site and entered the facility.

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Activists climbed on top of an oil tanker at the Buncefield terminal



Activists seen on top of a tanker at the Buncefield terminal

Some stood on fuel trucks with banners and refused to come down, while others sat outside the gates to prevent tankers from leaving.

Ronan, a protester who slept overnight at the site, told Sky News: "This is an ongoing campaign so there is no end date to it.

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"Our message is that direct action and civil disobedience is only going to ramp up until we see change in the right direction.

"It's just incredibly sad that it takes action like this to force change, but as long as we don't see change, activists will stand up and force change."



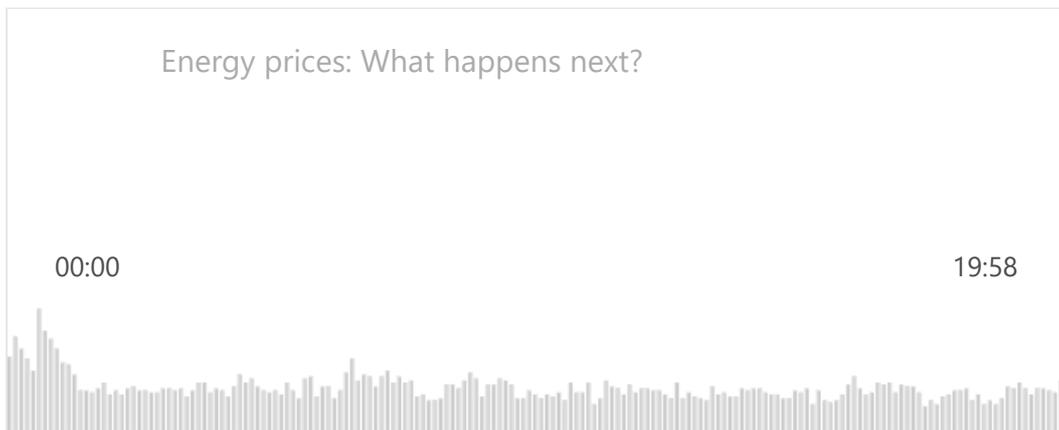
Demonstrators slept outside the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire overnight

When asked whether this is the right time for action like this disrupting fuel supply in the midst of a cost of living crisis, Ronan said he feels he cannot wait any longer.

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The protester continued: "Unless we act today, the questions we will have in the future will be, can we feed ourselves? That's the choice we now have.

"Do we go through mild disruption now, to transition away from fossil fuels rapidly - or do we plough on and end up in a situation where we have massive flooding, potentially mass starvation, as crops fail? This isn't hyperbole."



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Hertfordshire Police and ambulances have been on site since the early hours and have arrested 27 people. Officers flew drones above the site and an extensive exclusion zone remains in place.

Buncefield's terminal was one of seven sites targeted by Just Stop Oil over the past three days and more than 200 people have been arrested

since Friday.

At the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Warwickshire, police arrested 54 people for offences including criminal damage, obstructing the highway and public order.



Activists have been lying in the road at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Warwickshire

Just Stop Oil activists have formed a blockade at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal in Warwickshire

Assistant Chief Constable Ben Smith, who is leading the operation, said: "We fully acknowledge every person's right to engage in lawful protest, however, when that protest becomes unlawful and disproportionate in nature, we will act to protect the rights of others."

Tunnellers who have disrupted the entrances to Navigator and Grays terminals in Thurrock, Essex, since Friday remain in place, with 35 more people arrested on Sunday.



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## Eco mob glue themselves to road outside oil terminal in Warwickshire on FIFTH day of chaos - as total arrested in UK fuel protests tops 275

- Activists from Just Stop Oil block critical oil facilities at Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire
- 20 protesters are involved in today's action with group claiming five have been arrested so far
- Police have already arrested 275 people as fuel protests have caused havoc since last Friday

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Activists from Just Stop Oil today blocked critical oil facilities for the fifth day in a row – with police having already arrested a total of 275 people as the series of fuel protests continue to cause havoc across the UK.

Some 20 protesters from the environmental organisation sat down in the road with banners at the gate to the Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire this morning, which they said was causing tankers to be turned away.

The group claimed five people have been arrested, while those remaining were either glued to the road or locked on - and a roadblock was also established on a tanker route to and from the terminal near Junction 9 on the M42.

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Warwickshire Police said today that a total of eight activists had been arrested, and this brings the UK total to 283.

Demonstrators from Just Stop Oil and **Extinction Rebellion** have been working together to block access to oil terminals across England over the past four days, demanding that the Government stops new oil and gas projects.

They also claimed today that supporters of the group who had dug a secret network of tunnels at the Navigator Oil terminal in Thurrock, Essex, remained underground as part of the action despite going 60 hours with no food.

It comes as UK motorists continue to suffer at the pumps with petrol prices hitting record levels in recent weeks after Brent crude oil hit a high of \$128 last month - up from lows of \$19 seen at the peak of the pandemic.



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**Police on the scene as the eco protesters block a road leading to the Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire this morning**

Just Stop Oil protesters block entrance to Kingsbury Oil Terminal



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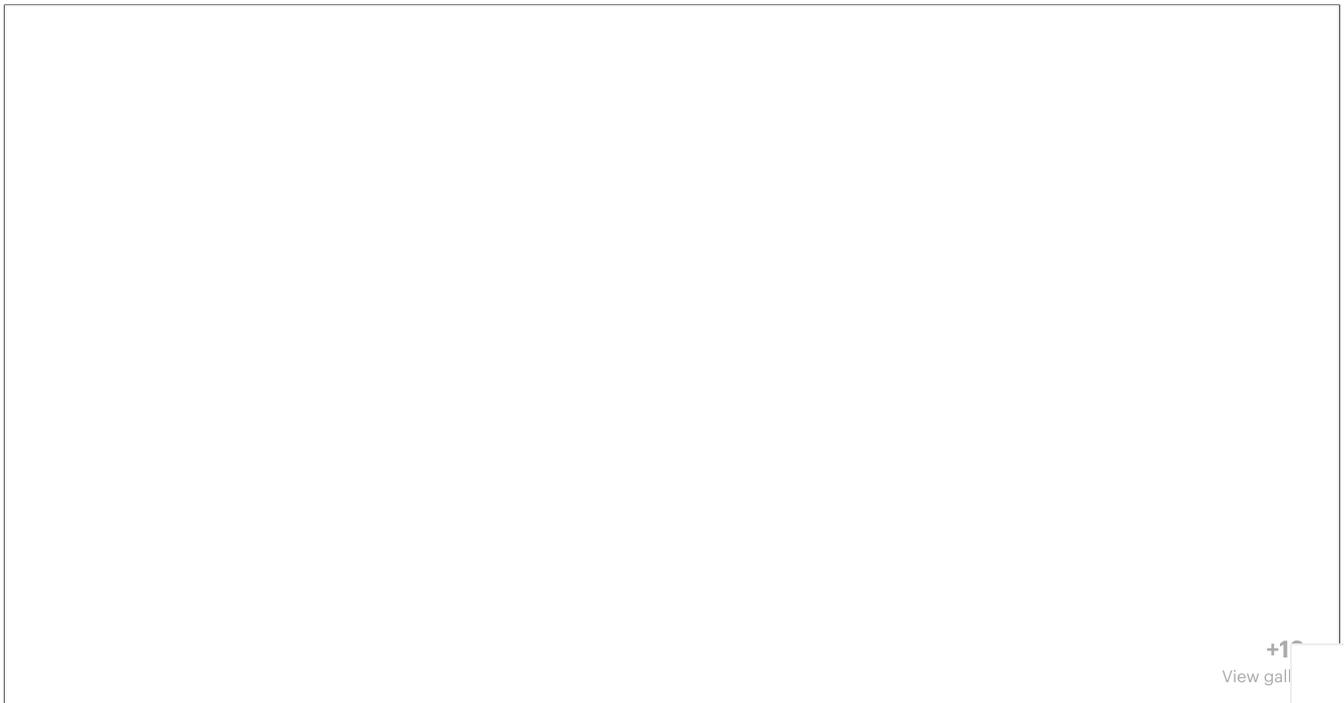
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Just Stop Oil activists climb atop tanker near Kingsbury Oil Terminal



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Among the activists in Kingsbury today was Thalia Carr, 60, from Oxfordshire, who said: 'The IPCC said yesterday that nobody is taking action at the speed we need to avoid wars, starvation and billions of refugees which will be the inevitable result of a broken climate with multiple extreme weather events.'

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'How can that be? I'm sure it makes most people think, 'well it can't be that bad'. Unfortunately that's not true. It is that bad and no-one is doing anything on the scale and at the speed we need.

'Nothing I have tried so far has made a tiny bit of difference so I am forced to put my whole self out there and hope that the government will listen before it is too late.'

She was referring to the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) report released yesterday in which United Nations scientists called for an end to the fossil fuel age and warned immediate action was needed to curb dangerous climate change.

Claudia Penna Rojas, 24, a student activist, added: 'The UN Secretary General said yesterday that the world was on a fast track to climate disaster, so why then is the UK government planning to licence over 40 new oil fields?

'The reality is that everything good, all that we love, the lives of our children...are all at stake. The need for large-scale, radical civil resistance has never been more urgent. This is the fight for our lives and we all need to be a part of it. It's the only chance we've got.'

And Miranda Whelehan, 21, a student from Brighton, said: 'The government and the media sell us a lie that it is impossible to stop oil. We are told there is not enough money for renewables, whilst they drip more than one million pounds an hour into the overflowing pockets of UK oil companies.

'I do not want a future that is dependent on a resource that funds war, climate breakdown, and poverty. I want to live and I want others to have the future they deserve. And that is just not possible whilst we continue with oil.'

As of yesterday, police across the UK had arrested a total of 275 people in connection with the fuel protests - including activists who erected bamboo towers outside an oil terminal near London Heathrow Airport yesterday.

Essex Police said they had arrested 10 people yesterday following a number of demonstrations at fuel sites in the county on Friday.

The force added it had now arrested 172 people in total and it was 'continuing to engage with a small number of people remaining in situ'.

Yesterday, Extinction Rebellion said around 30 protesters returned to the Esso oil facility near Heathrow Airport at 4am, erecting a bamboo structure in front of its entrance.

A spokesman for the Metropolitan Police said four people had been arrested, bringing the total number of

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## Calls to end the fossil fuel age as UN sets out latest stark climate warning

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United Nations scientists have called for an end to the fossil fuel age, as a new report warns immediate action is needed to curb dangerous climate change.

Meeting goals agreed by countries to limit temperature rises to 1.5C or below 2C to avoid the worst impacts of climate change requires rapid, deep and immediate greenhouse gas emissions cuts in all areas, a new UN report says.

And it calls for 'substantial reductions' in the use of fossil fuels to curb emissions.

While there are signs of action, the world is heading for more than 3C of global warming, scientists from the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) warn.

Jim Skea, co-chair of the team behind the report, said the world was 'definitely not on track' to limit warming to 1.5C, beyond which scientists warn increasingly severe floods, droughts, hits to crop yields, rising seas and wildlife die-offs are expected.

The report 'concludes that unless there are immediate and deep emission reductions across all sectors, limiting warming to 1.5C will be beyond reach', he warned.

And he said: 'We know what to do, we know how to do it, and now it's up to us to take action.'

One of the report's authors, Jan Christoph Minx, from the University of Leeds, said: 'We really need to change course, we need to end the age of fossil fuels and enter an age of climate policy. This has not happened yet.'

As the UN science body released the third part of its sixth assessment report, detailing the solutions to climate change, UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres described it as a 'file of shame' of empty pledges made by countries so far, and accused governments of lying over the action they were taking.

'Climate promises and plans must be turned into reality and action now. It is time to stop burning our planet and start investing in the abundant renewable energy all around us,' he urged.

The report, which draws on 18,000 studies and sources, pitches scientific findings on climate change into an already heated debate over energy supplies and costs prompted by rising oil and gas prices amid Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

arrests following protests in London and Staines to 18.

Warwickshire Police meanwhile said it had arrested 68 people for a range of alleged offences including criminal damage, obstructing a highway and public order offences after weekend protests at Kingsbury Oil Terminal.

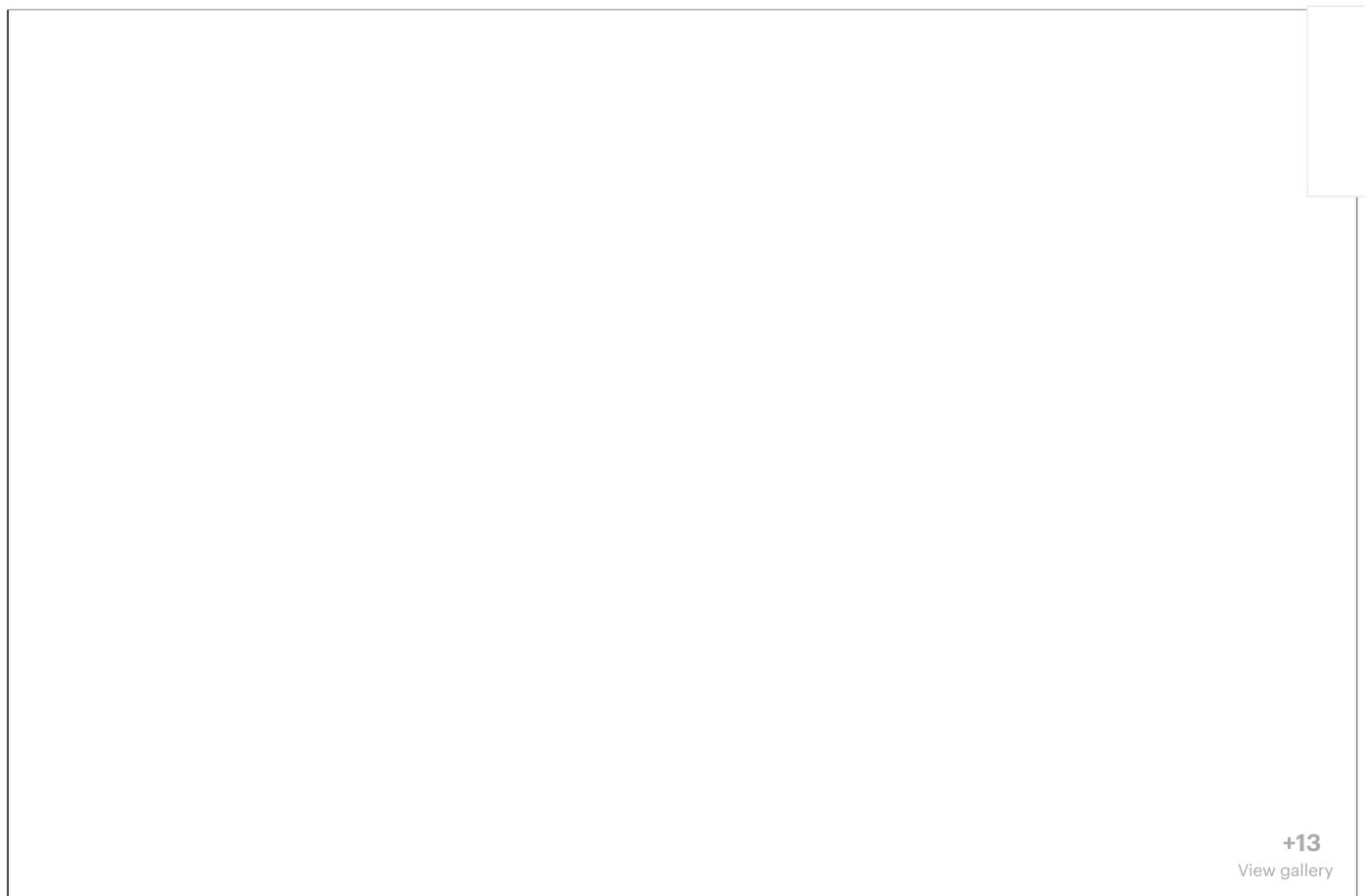
West Midlands Police said 13 people had been arrested following a protest at a terminal in Tyburn, Birmingham on Sunday.

Hampshire Police said its figure stood at four arrests after demonstrations took place on Friday at Hythe Terminal in New Road in Hythe and at BP in Hamble Lane and Copse Lane.

Andrew Smith, from Extinction Rebellion, said following the Esso protest: 'We're here to say that climate action cannot wait. Right now, governments are choosing to exploit the crisis in Ukraine to hand out oil licences and continue the fossil fuel economy that's destroying us.'

'The reality is, the UK public wants faster action on climate as the energy crisis hits. We know what is happening and what needs to be done - by acting in favour of corporate interest over the will of the people, the Government is showing contempt for the people who elected them.'

In the UK, the Government will set out a new energy strategy on Thursday with expectations of support for offshore wind and new nuclear reactors, but not cheap onshore wind, amid clashes over whether to speed up the shift away from oil and gas or boost domestic fossil fuel supplies.



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**YESTERDAY -- 30 protesters returned to the Esso oil facility near Heathrow Airport yesterday, erecting a bamboo structure**

Just Stop Oil activists evicted from occupied tunnel in Essex

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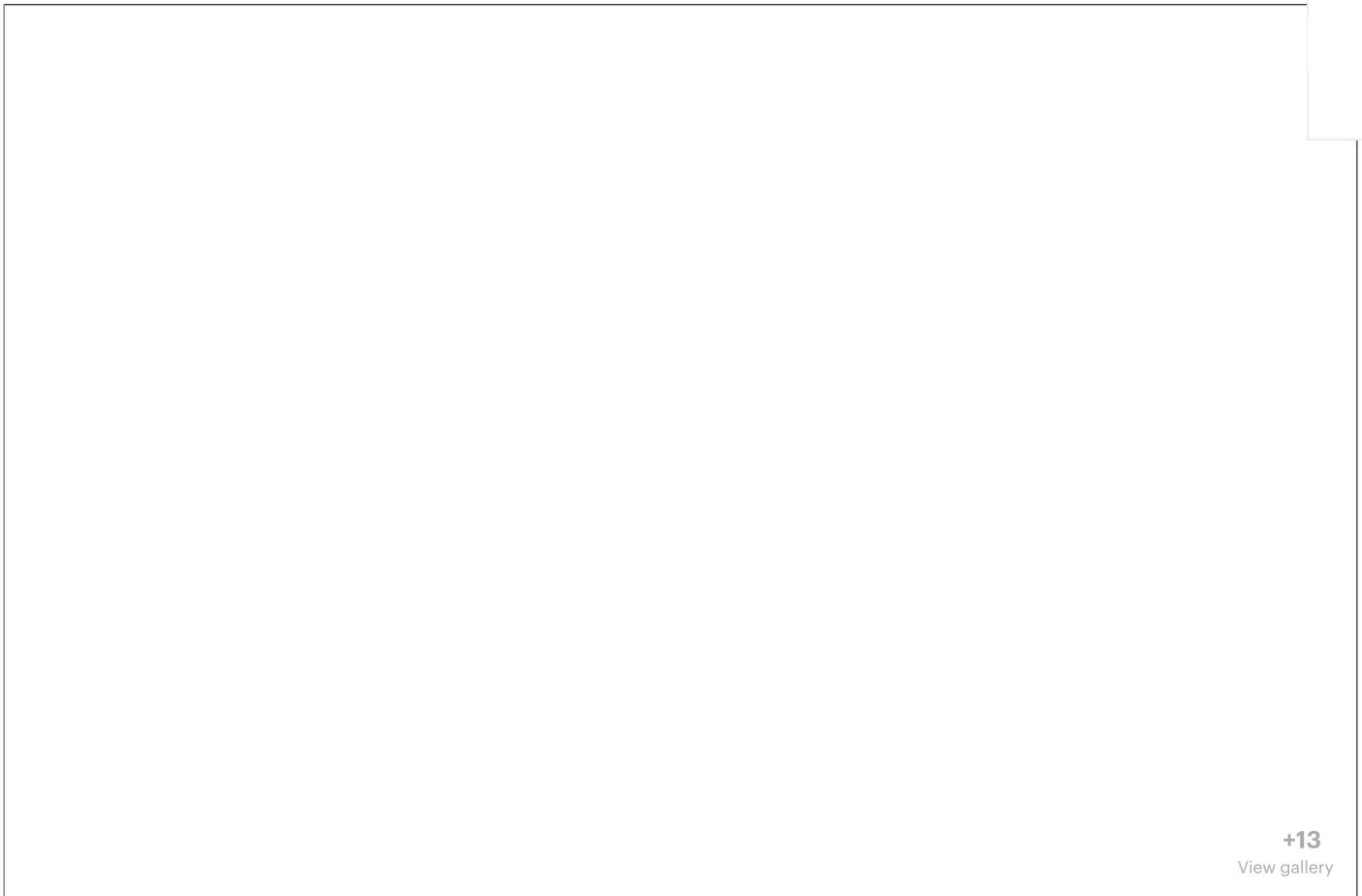
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**SUNDAY -- Police speak to activists from Just Stop Oil taking part in a blockade at the Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire**



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**LAST FRIDAY -- Activists from Just Stop Oil block the route of a tanker as they blockade the Esso Birmingham Fuel Terminal**

'How long ago did our Prime Minister say Cop26 was our last chance to save humanity? And now they're sidelining climate policy once again. This is not living in reality.'

The group said further action is expected from this Saturday in London's Hyde Park.

A Government spokesman said: 'Any criminal activity will not be tolerated, and swift action is being taken by the police, preventing significant disruption to the public and industry.'

'While we are working to drive down our use of expensive fossil fuels, there will continue to be ongoing demand for oil and gas over the coming decades while we transition to cheaper low-carbon energy.'

'As the Business Secretary has said, turning off our domestic source of gas overnight would put energy security, British jobs and industries at risk, leaving us more dependent on foreign imports.'

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## A STATEMENT FROM THE JUST STOP OIL COALITION



On Sunday afternoon a group of ordinary people, Just Stop Oil supporters, stopped and climbed on top of two oil tankers, and succeeded in forcing two major oil terminals in Warwickshire to cease operations. Further south, a group of young people accessed the Inter Terminal in Essex bringing production to a halt. These were the latest in a series of ongoing, nonviolent but disruptive actions at oil facilities around the country over the past 10 days.[1]

This morning, there remain up to 12 people still locked onto pipework in the Inter Terminal and a number of people still

occupying a tunnel under a major access route to the Kingsbury Oil terminal in Warwickshire, 40 hours after it was first excavated.

Over 400 people have joined actions that have succeeded in stopping operations for up to 24 hours at a time at 11 critical oil terminals that supply fuel to hundreds of petrol stations across the Midlands and South of England. As many as one in three petrol stations are being reported as shut in the South of England due to the disruption caused by the actions. [2]

This is miserable, and our hearts go out to all those who are disrupted. No-one wants to be doing this, but it's 2022 and right now there is a need to break the law so we are not guilty of greater crime, that of complicity with a great evil. We have no choice but to enter into civil resistance until the government announces an end to new oil and gas projects in the UK.

The government knows that if we continue down the path of extracting and burning every last drop of oil, it will destroy families, communities, nations. It means the loss of every pension, every school, our food, law and order. It's going to impact everyone and everything you love. We will face the starvation and the slaughter of billions – and the utter betrayal of our children and their future.

Climate collapse means we must wean ourselves off all oil and gas, including that extracted in the UK without delay. The government knows that investment in new fossil fuel supply projects jeopardises the future of humanity, but encourages it anyway. “Just one more fix to help us transition”, we've been fed this line for decades and it's a barefaced lie. The International Energy Agency knows it and so does the UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres, he said as much in his speech last week. [3]

Today the Just Stop Oil coalition demands that the Government gets a grip, that they stop lying, that they stop recklessly destroying the future of life on earth and that they start by ending new oil and gas. There is no rational, human or moral

justification to continue. The supporters of Just Stop Oil will continue to disrupt until the government makes a statement that it will end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

There aren't endless five minutes to midnight, the Just Stop Oil Coalition is calling on all of those whose futures are being destroyed, who are facing poverty, and who are outraged at yet another betrayal to stand together in the only solidarity that matters anymore, the solidarity with life itself!

Join our daily zoom calls at 7pm. It's 2022 and the time to stand by has passed.

## **ENDS**

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## **Notes to Editors**

[1] Locations

Just Stop Oil

- Inter Terminals UK Ltd, London Rd, Grays RM17 6YU
- Navigator terminals Thames, Oliver Rd, West Thurrock, Grays, RM20 3ED

- Buncefield Oil Depot, Hemel Hempstead HP2 7HZ
- Esso Petroleum Co Ltd, Wood Lane, Birmingham B24 8DN
- Kingsbury Oil Terminal, Tamworth, B78 2HA
- BP Oil Depot, Kingsbury, Tamworth B78 2EF
- Thames Oil Port, Stanford-le-hope, Essex
- Purfleet Fuels Terminal, London Road, Purfleet, Essex, RM19 1RS

#### Extinction Rebellion

- Esso West Terminal near Heathrow Airport
- Hamble Terminals in Southampton.
- Hythe Terminal, Fawley

[2] <https://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-10704779/Petrol-stations-fuel-shortage-Just-Stop-Oil-Extinction-Rebellion-protest-block-oil-depots.html>

[3] “If governments are serious about the climate crisis, there can be no new investments in oil, gas and coal, from now – from this year.” Fatih Birol, IEA

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# Just Stop Oil protestors hiding in Essex underground tunnels with 'no food or water' for 4 days

The protestors are demonstrating against the production of oil barrels of North Sea oil and gas

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## PROTESTERS BLOCK OIL DEPOT IN ESSEX

A number of climate change protestors have been hiding in underground tunnels in Essex for days, with many claiming to have had no food or water. Nearly 200 Just Stop Oil protestors have now been arrested in Essex with demonstrations taking place up and down the country over the last five days.

Here in Essex, protestors targeted Corringham's Thames Oil Port, Inter Terminals UK Ltd in [Grays](#) and Navigator terminals Thames, also in Grays, on Sunday. The protestors are demonstrating against the production of oil barrels of North Sea oil and gas.

Activists from Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion groups obstructed 10 fuel sites in the Midlands and southern England in the early hours of Friday morning to stand up against "expanding UK oil and gas production".

***Read more: [Just Stop Oil activists target depot](#)***

Footage that's been widely shared on social media now shows a number of protestors hiding in underground tunnels. Essex fire crews have been on hand to help police officers in trying to remove them.

In a video shared by Just Stop Oil on April 4, Ben, 27, explained why he has been hiding in an underground tunnel near to the Navigator oil terminal in Essex for four days, and added that he'll leave the road once all new oil and gas projects are stopped. He said: "I'm p\*\*\*\*\* off that our government is still investing in new fossil fuel projects."

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"So, I'm in a tunnel under the road next to an oil refinery. Why am I here? Well, oil is killing people and it's happening now, it's fueling war and it's destroying everyone's future. It's geocidal, basically, it's f\*\*\*\*\* up. So what I'm asking is that the government gets f\*\*\*\*\* grip. We need an emergency response to get off oil and gas now. This needs to be paid for by the fossil fuel companies and the rich, not ordinary people."

Another woman says she's been in the tunnel for two-and-a-half days. She could be seen in a video with what appeared to be heavy black dust around her nose and added: "We've asked ourselves, 'Why are we here?' We're here because we're trying to stop the flow of oil, along with many hundreds of other people who are deeply concerned that there is no livable future on this trajectory that we're on."

"We're in a tunnel under the road and we've been here for two-and-a-half days. We haven't eaten anything in a long time, or slept much, but we're doing okay."



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using a variety of police tactics.

A group of 17 people were arrested shortly after 4.50pm yesterday (April 4) at the junction of Stoneness Road and London Road during a proactive stop by officers on patrol. During a search of the group, officers found a number of items which they believed could be used to cause criminal damage.

All 17 were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit criminal damage. Two other people were arrested last night in connection with the protest during a proactive vehicle stop in Grays. One additional arrest was also made when a car was stopped proactively by officers in Grays.

In total, Essex Police has now made 192 arrests in relation to this incident. Of that number, 24 people have been arrested more than once. Of all the sites originally affected, all but one are now reporting a complete business as usual function and we continue to engage with a small number of people who remain at one site. Police say they want to bring the current situation to a "swift and safe" conclusion.

Essex Police Assistant Chief Constable Rachel Nolan said: "Our response to these protests have now entered the fifth day. Thankfully, we have been able to keep the disruption caused to the affected businesses to a minimum and all but one are now reporting business as usual.



"There is a small number of people who continue to protest, and we are working to resolve this as quickly and – most importantly – as safely as possible. We are continuing to work alongside our key partners on this issue and our priority has always been to bring this incident to a safe conclusion and to bring the areas affected back to normality as quickly as possible.

"A large element of that is our proactive response, which again has yielded results in the last 24 hours, with 20 arrests made. As a result, no new protests have been reported on any sites in the area.

"I want to again emphasise that policing is not anti-protest; we will always endeavour to facilitate protest where we can. However, we must be robust when laws have been broken, that is what our community expects of us.

"That means making arrests when other options have been exhausted and, where we can, pursuing action against those who we believe have broken the law. We are in dialogue with the Crown Prosecution Service, as well as other forces, as we seek to achieve that."

Meanwhile, in response to protestors occupying underground tunnels, a police spokesperson added: "A small number of people remain in situ at one site. Regular welfare checks are being carried out on them, both in terms of their health and the safety of them and the surrounding communities. We continue to liaise with them as we seek to bring the situation to a conclusion."

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# Activists block 10 oil facilities across UK to demand immediate halt to new fossil fuel projects

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April 1, 2022, by Melisa Cavcic

**On a quest to end further fossil fuel extraction, environmental activists from groups in the Just Stop Oil coalition and Extinction Rebellion have blocked ten oil terminals across the UK, demanding a stop to new oil and gas projects and investments on the UK Continental Shelf.**

Hundreds of supporters of the Just Stop Oil coalition and Extinction Rebellion blocked ten critical oil facilities near **London, Birmingham** and **Southampton** to demand that the UK government stop funding new fossil fuel projects in the UK.

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In its statement, the Just Stop Oil coalition quoted **Fatih Birol**, Executive Director of the International Energy Agency, to further underscore its aims and get its point across: *“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 activities undertaken to successfully block these terminals were varied. Some people sat in the road to block oil tankers from leaving each site, while others climbed on top of oil tankers, including over 30 young people at the Navigator Oil Terminal in Thurrock.

Extinction Rebellion blocked three oil terminals – **Esso’s West London terminal**, **ExxonMobil’s Hythe terminal**, and **BP’s Hamble terminal** – while Just Stop Oil blocked the remaining seven: **Inter Terminals UK**, **Navigator terminals Thames**, **Buncefield Oil Depot**, **Esso Petroleum Co**, **Purfleet Fuels Terminal**, **Kingsbury Oil Terminal**, and **BP Oil Depot**.

“ ! BREAKING: EXTINCTION REBELLION AND JUST STOP OIL BLOCK FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE UK ! Earlier this...

Posted by Extinction Rebellion UK (<https://www.facebook.com/XRebellionUK>) on Thursday, March 31, 2022 (<https://graph.facebook.com/100068819366122/posts/287081240262519/>)

While demanding an end to the government’s policy of expanding UK oil and gas production, the Just Stop Oil coalition stated that ordinary people can no longer afford oil and gas, adding that it is time to stop the new investments, as this is funding war and killing people in the global south while destroying the future for young people everywhere.

Amid the current geopolitical crisis – exacerbated by Russia’s attack on Ukraine – the cost of living has increased significantly worldwide while the recent IPCC report indicates that climate breakdown is happening much faster than expected. The Just Stop Oil coalition explained that ordinary people are being made to pay, while the government wastes £230 million – or **over \$302 million** – per week subsidising the oil industry, enabling energy companies to make huge profits.

In light of this, activists felt the need to take action as the Just Stop Oil coalition believes these events should prompt an emergency response to **reduce UK dependence on fossil fuels**. However, the government is doubling down on drilling for new oil and gas, according to the coalition.

One of the activists, **Louis McKecknie**, 21 from Weymouth, remarked: *“I don’t want to be doing this but our genocidal government gives me no choice. They know that to allow more oil and gas extraction in the UK is suicidal and will accelerate global heating. I stop when oil stops.”*

“When Boris said "Build Back Better" what he really meant was "Burn baby burn."

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Furthermore, the Just Stop Oil coalition sees renewables as the key to rapidly transition to a zero-carbon economy, adding: *“There must be no more increases in fuel or heating costs. Fossil fuel companies and the richest must pay. The cost of living crisis is not going to end, but we can insulate ourselves from higher fuel prices by getting off oil and gas. **No new oil, reduce demand and invest in renewables.**”*

Since Russia’s attack on Ukraine started, global governments have been working on enabling the security of energy supply and reducing reliance on Russian fossil fuels as Russia is one of the biggest producers and exporters of oil and gas.

Having this in mind, the United States government already [banned imports of Russian oil](https://www.offshore-energy.biz/u-s-bans-russian-oil-lng-and-coal-imports-while-uk-moves-to-phase-out-russian-oil-imports/) (<https://www.offshore-energy.biz/u-s-bans-russian-oil-lng-and-coal-imports-while-uk-moves-to-phase-out-russian-oil-imports/>), liquefied natural gas, and coal while the UK government has decided to phase out Russian oil imports by the end of the year, prompting calls for an increase in domestic oil and gas output much to the disapproval of environmental campaigners.

**Clare Farrell**, co-founder of Extinction Rebellion, said: *“Enough of the lies, deceit and deadly political failure. Only a few months ago our leaders were crying in Glasgow because they had failed the world, now they are seeking to bend the rules of physics to meet their political project and give oil and gas companies a pass. We know it won’t work, and it’s too late for denial and delay.”*

Extinction Rebellion has announced further blockades in London on 9 April, adding: *“We will be big and loud and impossible to ignore and we will return day after day until our immediate demand is met: **No new fossil fuel investments, no new fossil fuel licences, end fossil fuel subsidies now.**”*

Instead of accelerating the transition to a renewable-led future, Extinction Rebellion believes that the government is making a choice to continue *“its addiction to fossil fuels”* as war wages in Ukraine, while **Boris Johnson** now states the current crisis demands a *“climate change pass.”* The activists reminded that the Prime Minister recently said he wants to *“remove barriers”* to increase extraction of fossil fuels from the North Sea while the UK is also set to approve **licenses for 40 new fossil fuel projects.**

Another activist, **Jack Johnson**, 23 from London, stated: *“**There is no climate change pass.** We all face a choice – stand by and do nothing while the government destroys your future or take action. Nonviolent civil resistance works. It’s our best hope of forcing the government to take responsibility. Now is the time for action, thousands of us are taking to the streets. We will go home when the government makes a meaningful statement to **end new fossil fuel production in the UK.**”*

Extinction Rebellion further elaborated that increasing UK extraction will not help ordinary people with rising energy costs as more drilling in the North Sea will not provide the UK with a secure supply of affordable energy.

**Tim Crosland**, former deputy director of the UK’s National Crime Agency and director of plan B, stated: *“The government is prioritising political pandering and vested interests over the public good in decision making while fossil fuel companies exploit this moment to expand their reach. Protestors are not the problem, policy failure is.”*

This is not the first that activists have blocked an oil facility. Back in October 2021, Extinction Rebellion Scotland [blocked an oil rig maintenance facility \(https://www.offshore-energy.biz/activists-block-invergordon-rig-facility-in-protest-against-fossil-fuels/\)](https://www.offshore-energy.biz/activists-block-invergordon-rig-facility-in-protest-against-fossil-fuels/) with a prop oil rig, demanding a stop to fossil fuels extraction.

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# Petrol Stations Forced To Close Due To Protesters



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Petrol stations in Britain have been forced to close as a result of ongoing protests against oil terminals.

The Just Stop Oil campaign launched their demonstrations on Friday (1 April), in a bid to urge the government to 'stop planning the **destruction** of their future' and put an end to 'all new oil and gas'.

Campaigners occupied the busiest oil terminal in south-east England, located in Thurrock, Essex, in the early hours of the morning on Wednesday (6 April), and continued their efforts the following day by breaking into the **UK's** largest inland oil terminal in Kingsbury, in Warwickshire.

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The demonstrations brought distribution to a halt, and it seems that as a result a number of petrol stations were unable to offer fuel to their customers.

Drivers took to social media to share their experiences with the shortage, with one warning of a shortage at a petrol station in Saffron Walden, Essex, while another described a closure at a petrol station in Portsmouth and a shortage at a petrol station in the nearby village of Hordean.

A third **Twitter** user said a petrol station in Newmarket, Suffolk had been closed 'most of the time for three days' as a result of the protests.

Demonstrators managed to break in to the terminal in Kingsbury via an unguarded rear gate, after which they deflated the tyres of tankers, climbed on to the trucks and handcuffed themselves to pipes.

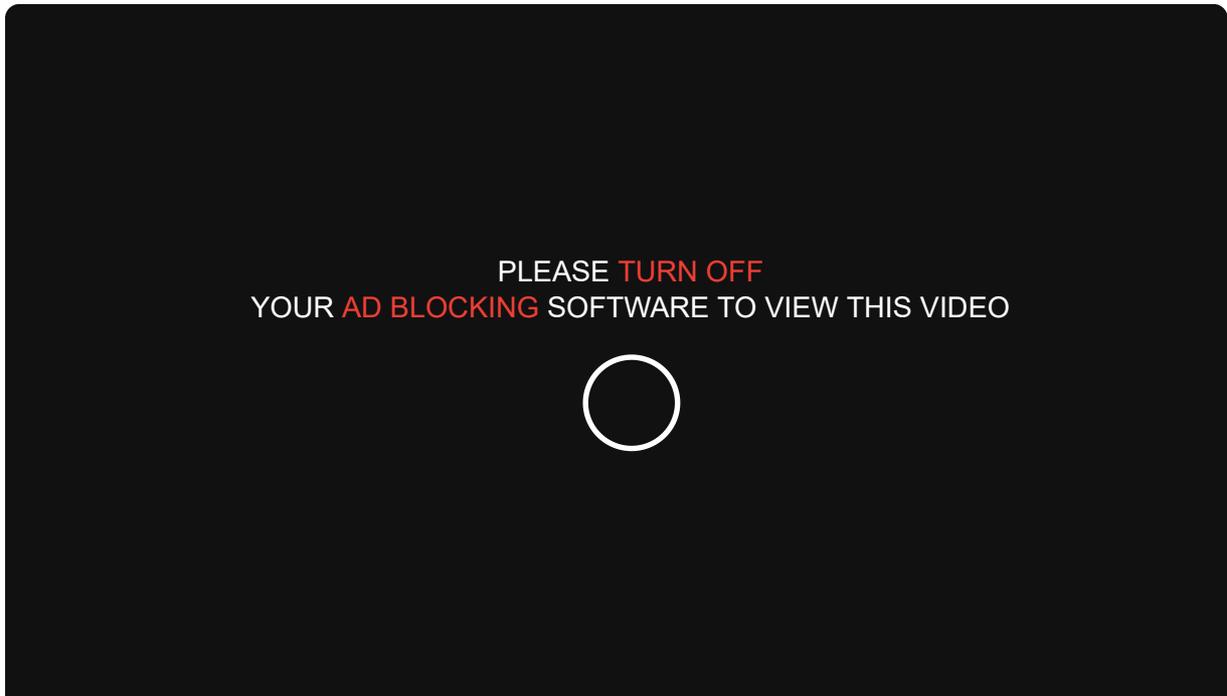
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Speaking to [The Independent](#), the protesters assured they knew they faced arrest, but felt their actions were 'vital' to 'confront the complacency' towards fossil fuels.

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One protester, Paul Sheeky, commented: "People have tried holding banners and going on protests and marches, and nothing has changed – we are still killing the planet.

"And this might not achieve anything beyond some disruption either but no-one else I've come across has come up with a better plan so it's vital we do this stuff."

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Sheeky went on to stress he did not 'want' to be protesting at the 'horrible industrial plant', noting it was 'freezing cold' and he was 'going to end up being arrested', but added: "It's the only way I can see to try and get through to the government and to people, and to confront the complacency around the damage fossil fuels are doing."

As well as occupying terminals, protesters have set up roadblocks to prevent tankers from passing to other terminals.

More than 100 protesters have been arrested at the Kingsbury terminal, with those arrested ranging in age from 25 to 71.



### **Environmental activism**

## **Climate activists 'disrupt supplies from three oil terminals in England'**

**Just Stop Oil says action will affect fuel availability at petrol pumps across south-east and Midlands**

### **Helen Pidd**

Sun 10 Apr 2022 19.26 BST

Clean energy campaigners claim to have disrupted supplies from three oil terminals in the Midlands and south-east of [England](#), as motorists complain that some petrol stations are running short of fuel.

The government said only one terminal was out of action on Sunday afternoon as a result of [the Just Stop Oil protests](#), and that local police forces were working with the industry to ensure that fuel supplies can be maintained.

“Currently all supply points are operational except one and this will allow deliveries to be made to those sites which have experienced shortages,” said a government spokesperson.

[On Monday morning a spokesman for the Department for Business [Energy](#) and Industrial Strategy said all supply points were operational.]

There was also disruption in central London as Extinction Rebellion activists stopped traffic crossing Lambeth and Vauxhall bridges.

Hundreds of climate campaigners took to Lambeth bridge, which links Westminster and Lambeth, backed by speakers playing dance music creating a festival atmosphere. Cars and buses were stopped, but demonstrators parted to allow ambulances to pass. By 6pm Lambeth had been cleared of protesters, while traffic resumed on Vauxhall Bridge about an hour and a half later. Police said 38 arrests had been made.

Howard Cox, the founder FairFuelUK, which campaigns for low fuel prices for motorists, said he had been “bombarded with messages that garages up and down the country are short of petrol and diesel stock”.

Cox said the blockades by Just Stop Oil were to blame for the shortage, accusing campaigners of carrying out “a pointless crusade they believe will save the planet”.

But Caroline Lucas, the Green party MP, said such disruptive protests were the “only way that people feel they can make their voices heard”. Just Stop Oil said on Sunday that activists were disrupting supplies from fuel supply points in Warwickshire, Hertfordshire and Essex.

The group said supporters had dug a tunnel under a tanker route to the Kingsbury terminal in Warwickshire. “The tunnel was concealed by a modified caravan parked on the roadside and surrounded by Just Stop Oil supporters. Despite a number of police arrests, five people remain inside the caravan this morning working on the tunnel,” the group said in a statement.

At 2.30am, 40 campaigners approached the gates of the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire and locked themselves on to it, blocking the entrance, the group said. This was followed at 6.30am by a further action at Inter Terminals in Grays, Essex, where about 40 people swarmed into the facility, climbed the loading bay pipework and locked on, they claimed.

“It is expected that this morning’s actions will continue to significantly impact on fuel availability at petrol pumps across the south-east and the Midlands,” the group said on its 10th day of action demanding that the UK government end new oil and gas projects in the UK.

A government spokesperson said: “We are aware that protest activity at some oil terminals has led to short-term disruptions to fuel deliveries over the past few days. The local police forces are working with the industry to ensure that fuel supplies can be maintained.”

In an interview on the Sunday Morning show on BBC One, Lucas said: “I am sorry that it has come to this and that this is the only way that people feel they can make their voices heard.

“The International Energy Agency says that ... the latest IPCC [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] report says that, and yet this government and this energy strategy ... is foreseeing getting out even more oil and gas from the North Sea. That is frankly immoral and the UN general secretary said that is frankly both morally and economically mad.”

This article was amended on 11 April 2022 to include a later statement from government saying that all supply points were now operational.

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# Just Stop Oil protests continue amid fuel shortages in Cambridgeshire



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Just Stop Oil have continued protests into Sunday (April 10). - Credit: Just Stop Oil

Protesters from Just Stop Oil are continuing to disrupt fuel supply today despite [widespread shortages across Cambridgeshire](#).



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Warwickshire today (April 10), marking the tenth day of action.



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Police on scene early this morning (April 10). - Credit: Just Stop Oil

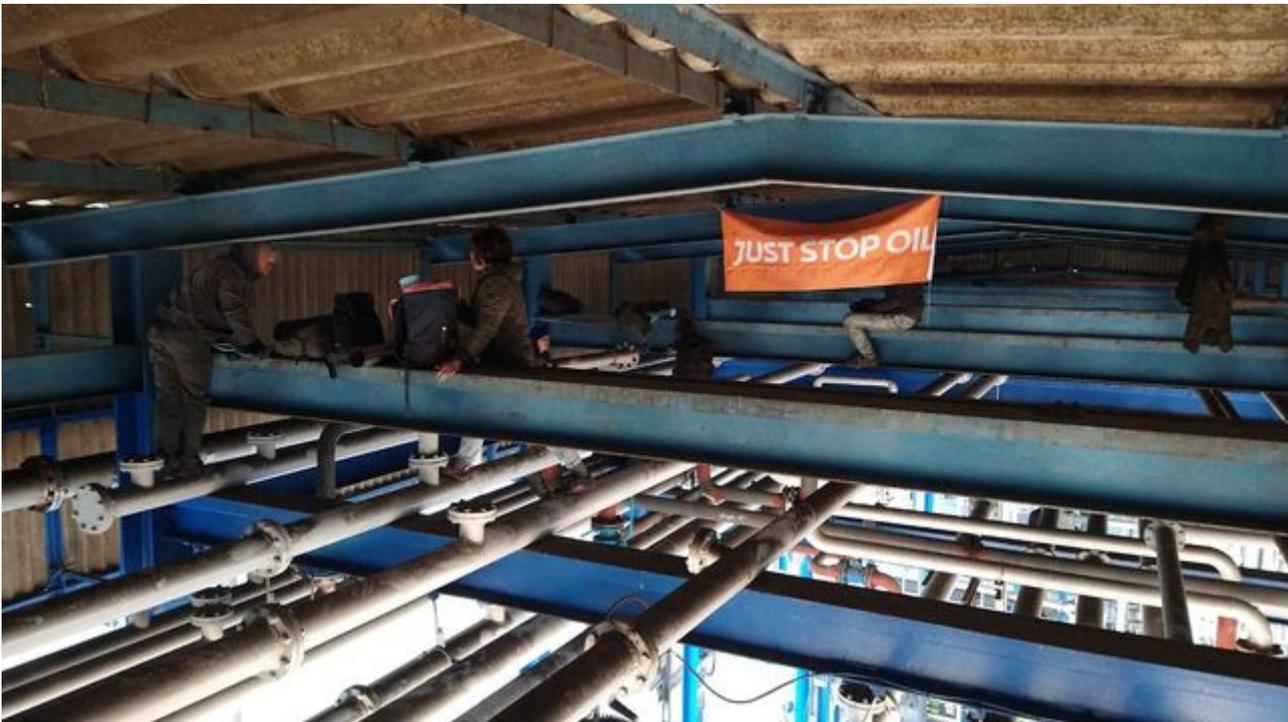
Forecourts across Cambridgeshire have been [forced shut this morning](#) after pumps ran dry, with several still having no supply of diesel.

Overnight, supporters of Just Stop Oil dug a tunnel under a key tanker route to the BP

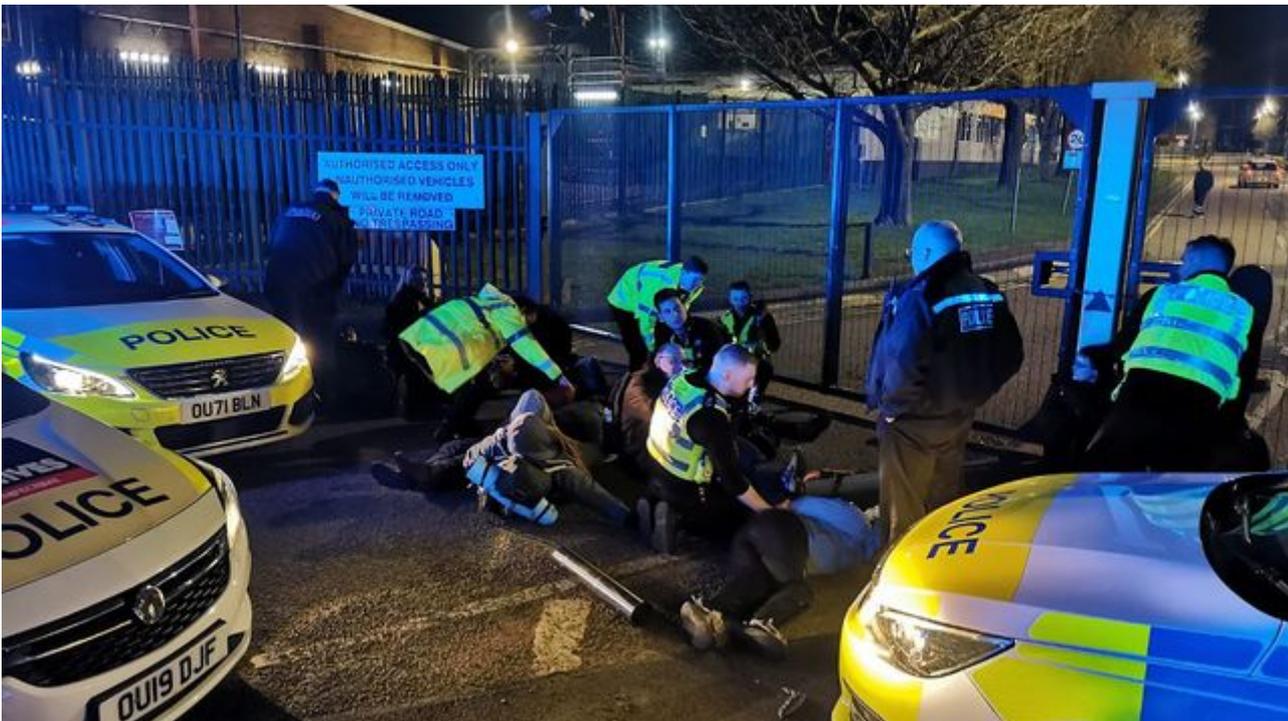


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At around 2.30am today, and despite a heavy police presence, 40 people approached the gates of the Buncefield oil terminal in Hertfordshire and locked on, blocking the entrance.



Protesters displaying a Just Stop Oil sign. - Credit: Just Stop Oil



Police have arrested 800 protesters so far! - Credit: Just Stop Oil

This was followed at 6:30am by a further action at the Grays Inter Terminal in Thurrock where around 40 young people swarmed into the facility, climbed the loading bay pipework and locked on.

It is expected that this morning's actions will continue to significantly impact on fuel



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There have been over 800 arrests, with at least 80 more expected today.

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A 19-year-old Just Stop Oil supporter, speaking from Grays Terminal this morning, said: "I'm terrified and I hate heights but I've come here anyway because I'm more terrified of my future with fossil fuels.



Fuel supply issues at Bar Hill Tesco in Cambridge.



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No HGV fuel on the M11. - Credit: Terry Harris

“We need to ensure that the government gives out no new oil and gas licences. I will keep going until that happens.

“I’ve been strip searched and treated badly by police and it’s been a really traumatising experience at times, but I will keep going because I know that this is the only option.”

Another supporter, a 71-year-old retired priest from Swindon, said: “I’m here because our government is useless, they make a lot of noise but they are doing nothing.



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A closed BP garage in Soham this morning (April 10). - Credit: Terry Harris

“As a priest I have a duty of care for people, and also for creation.

“What I’m doing here, with everyone in this caravan, is what our government should be doing – that is trying to protect our families and our loved ones from the appalling future that stands before us.

“I hope we can continue what we’re doing and stop the flow of oil, if the government won’t.”

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