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Kingsbury Oil Terminal update - further arrests made

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A further seven people have been arrested in connection with protest activity at Kingsbury oil terminal, which takes the total number of arrests made to 199.

Yesterday a suspected tunnel was discovered in the Trinity Road area where a road closure remains in place while the structure is assessed. Five people were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage in connection with this incident:

- A 31-year-old man from Radstock, Somerset
- A 56-year-old woman from London
- A 49-year-old man from Totnes, Devon
- A 47-year-old man from London
- A 55-year-old man from Shoreham-by-Sea, West Sussex

This morning, a further two arrests were made after protestors entered the site at Kingsbury:

- A 27-year-old man from Redditch was arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass and criminal damage
- A 29-year-old man from Manchester was arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass and criminal damage

All those arrested remain in police custody at this time.

Chief Superintendent Mike Smith from Warwickshire Police said: "Our priority continues to be to minimise any disruption to the community and the local road networks, while ensuring the terminal can go about its day-to-day operational activity.

"We will always respect the right to the peaceful protest, but will take action against anyone found to be acting outside of the law. The tunnel found yesterday has caused disruption to the road network and could have led to safety risks to road users, had it not been discovered.

"While there are not believed to be any further protestors on site today or in the vicinity of Kingsbury, it is important that we stay alert, and we know that local people can be our eyes and ears in the community, as the information you provide can be vital in helping us to prevent and intercept criminal activity linked to the protests.

"I would therefore urge anyone who sees anything suspicious in and around the Kingsbury Terminal, to please get in touch and report this to us as all reports from the community are

investigated by our officers. Any information, however small, may help us to minimise any potential disruption or impact.

“Officers will remain on site to monitor the situation and respond where needed, so you can still expect to see a heightened police presence in the area over the coming days. A High Court injunction remains in place which provides officers enhanced powers to prevent and disrupt any unlawful activity. Breaching this injunction can carry a maximum penalty of two years’ imprisonment.

“I would therefore strongly advise anyone considering coming to Kingsbury to conduct any protest activity to read the order and ensure you understand what it means. If you are believed to be in breach of it, you will be arrested and taken into police custody until you have to appear before the courts.

“Thank you once again to the local community for your ongoing patience. I recognise it continues to be a challenging time but we are working closely with our partners to minimise any disruption so you can go on to enjoy the weekend.”

If you notice anything suspicious or have information that you think could help with our enquiries, please do get in touch by calling 101 and referencing Kingsbury protests or reporting online via our [website](#).

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Tunnel found at Kingsbury oil depot during protests

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The Kingsbury depot has been at the centre of weeks of protests by climate change activists

A tunnel has been found by police near an oil depot which has been at the centre of weeks of protests.

The underground structure was discovered on Friday in the Trinity Road area, next to the Kingsbury depot, Warwickshire Police said.

Five people have been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage in connection with the tunnel.

The road has remained closed while the tunnel is checked as the force said it could pose a risk for drivers.

Protesters have spent weeks trying to disrupt the depot and other sites, demanding an end to new oil and gas projects.

The force said 199 people had been arrested at the site since 1 April.

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The five arrested over the tunnel include men from Somerset, Devon and West Sussex and a man and a woman from London.

Two men, from Redditch and Manchester, were also arrested after protesters got into the depot on Saturday, police said.

The oil firm which owns the depot, Valero Energy, previously secured a High Court injunction aimed at restricting environmental protesters from targeting its sites.

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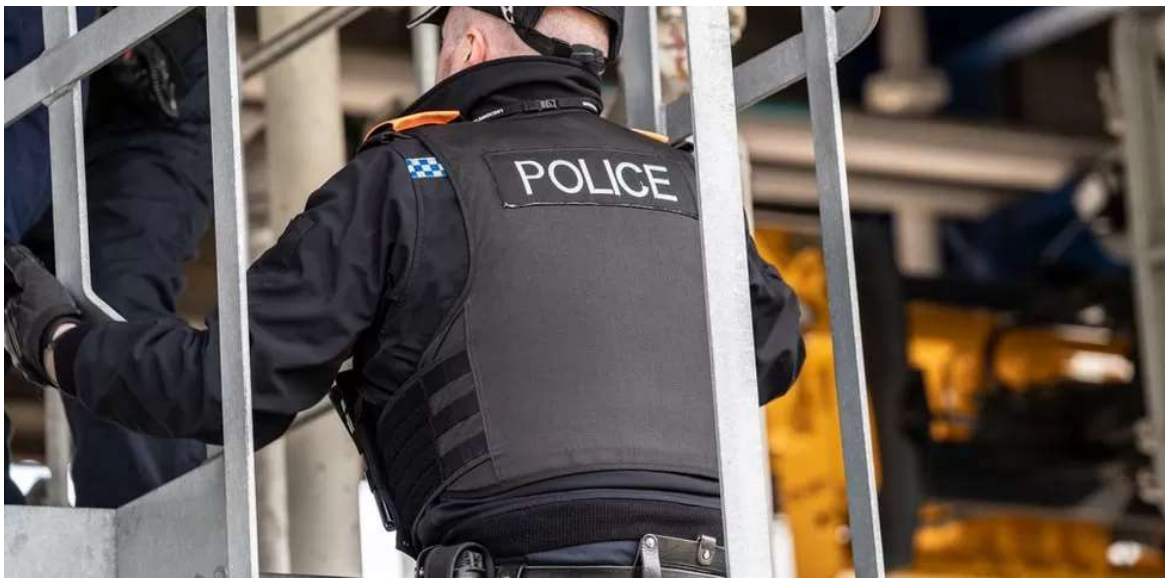
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Police at the entrance to Kingsbury Oil Terminal earlier this month (Image: CoventryLive)

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All remain in police custody at this time. Just Stop Oil have been staging protests at the site throughout April but the group announced last week that they would be suspending operations until Monday.

Chief Superintendent Mike Smith from Warwickshire Police said: "Our priority continues to be to minimise any disruption to the community and the local road networks, while ensuring the terminal can go about its day-to-day operational activity. We will always respect the right to the peaceful protest, but will take action against anyone found to be acting outside of the law.

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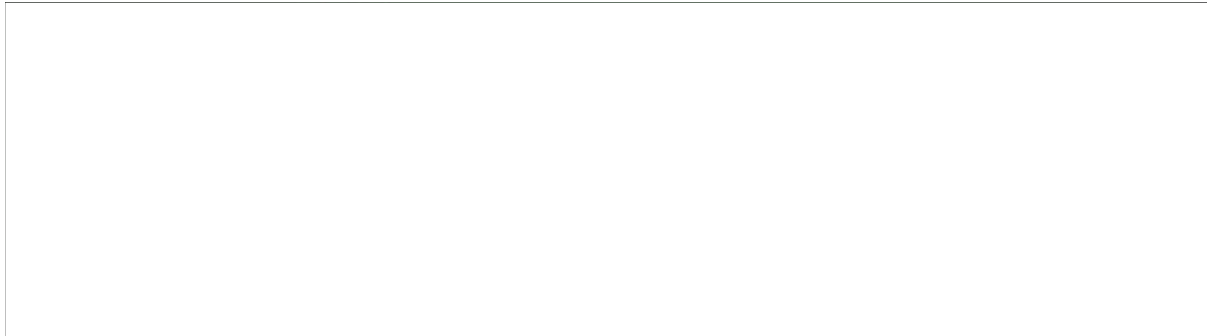
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Just Stop Oil protesters including ex-NHS doctor who says she willing to 'risk prison' brand themselves 'dangerous radicals' as they breach injunction by demonstrating outside of oil terminal (AGAIN)

- 16 Just Stop Oil protesters are demonstrating outside Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire this morning
- They are breaching injunction with placards saying 'dangerous radicals' and 'if only they listened to petitions'
- Group say police approached to warn they will be arrested at what is Britain's largest inland oil storage depot
- Just Stop Oil has been blocking oil terminals since April 1 and says nearly 1,000 arrests have now been made

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A further group of **Just Stop Oil** protesters are set to be arrested today after breaching an injunction by standing in front of an oil terminal holding placards saying 'dangerous radicals' and 'if only they listened to petitions'.

The 16 activists outside Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire said police approached them to say they would be arrested for breaching an injunction which stops them demonstrating at Britain's largest inland oil storage depot.

The group of protesters held white signs saying 'investing in new fossil fuels is moral and economic madness'; 'oil is stealing my future'; 'don't stop us - stop oil'; 'we are breaking the injunction'; and 'dangerous criminals'.



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person or object'.

Three days later on April 14, a second injunction was granted in the High Court for North Warwickshire Borough Council, Warwickshire County Council and Warwickshire Police, which gives the authorities more powers of arrest.

Just Stop Oil, which is linked to the wider Extinction Rebellion group, said any arrested protesters are likely to face a charge of contempt of court - and could then face an unlimited fine or up to two years in prison if found guilty.

Warwickshire Police confirmed the protesters arrived at 7.30am and said at 11am that 'a number of arrests have been made'. The force could not yet give a confirmed number because the activists were being processed.



These Just Stop Oil protesters demonstrating outside Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire today are set to be arrested



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The activists outside Kingsbury today said police approached them to say they would be arrested for breaching the injunction

Eco-warrior ex-NHS doctor says 'I'm no criminal' in latest protest

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The protesters are today breaching an injunction granted to Valero Energy, the Texas-based company which owns Kingsbury



Police at Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire today as the protests by Just Stop Oil activists continue

One former NHS doctor at today's protest said: 'I'm not a criminal, I've worked 32 years in the NHS as a doctor. But I'm risking arrest and imprisonment simply by standing here today breaking an injunction against protesting about new fossil fuels. It's not a big ask that our Government, one of their climate pledges, stop new UK oil.'

Another protester added: 'I'm here because we are receiving warnings like 'it's now or never', 'code red for humanity', 'direct existential threat', things like that - and we are extremely concerned that we are expanding production of fossil fuels. So we're here to demand that we stop doing that, it's very simple.'

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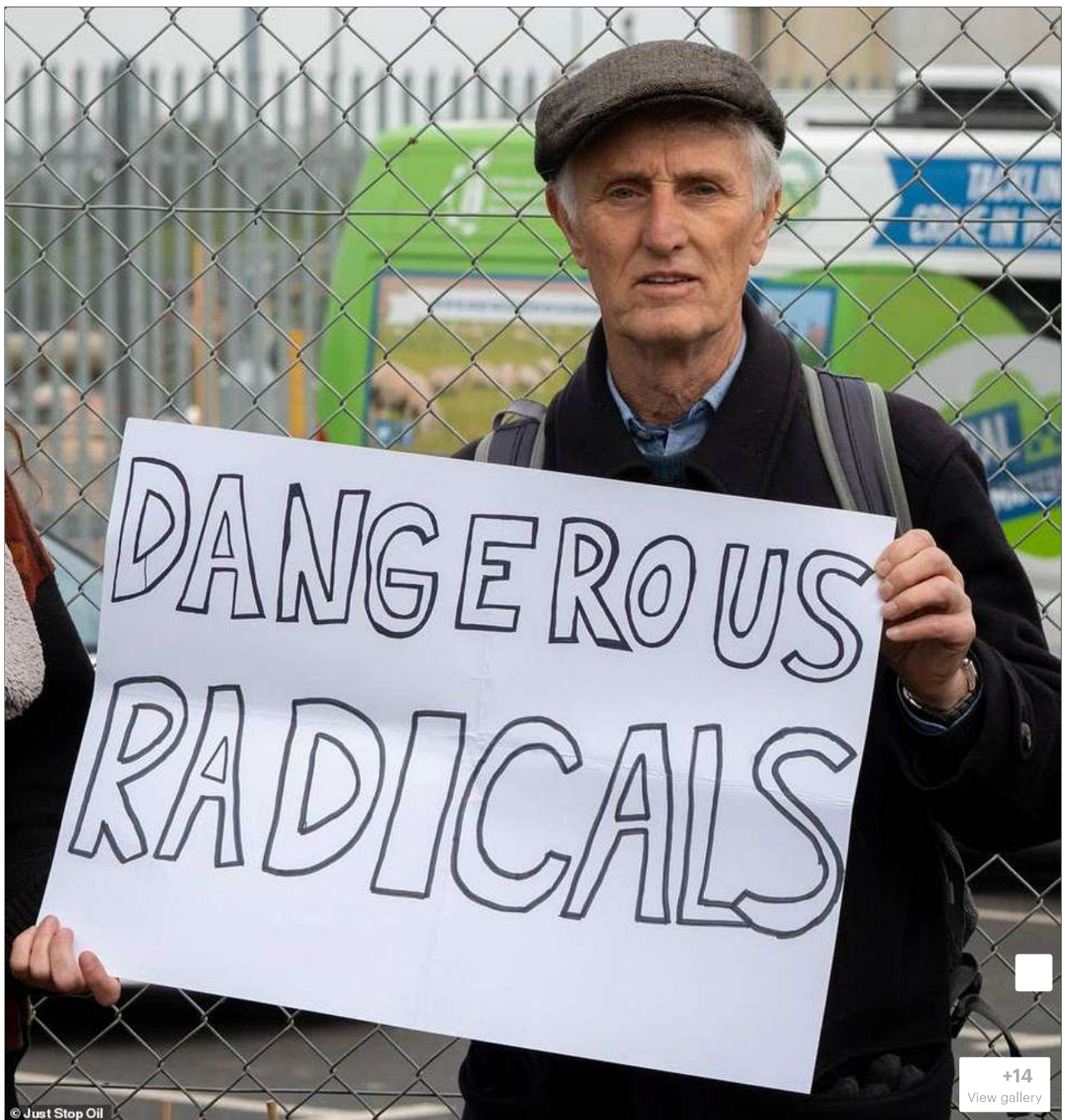
The organisation has been blocking oil terminals and tankers across England including in Birmingham, Essex and Hampshire since April 1 and said nearly 1,000 arrests have now been made over the past month. It said disruption would continue 'until the Government makes a statement that it will end new oil and gas projects in the UK'.

Just Stop Oil protester Amy Pritchard, 37, a care worker from London, said prior to the demonstration at Kingsbury today: 'If my imprisonment helps wake people up to the seriousness of the situation, it's worth it.'

'The UN Secretary-General clearly states 'fossil fuels are a dead end' and 'delay means death'. No new oil and gas is not a controversial demand. I want to have children and I want them to have a future.'



Police at Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire today as the protests by Just Stop Oil activists continue



One of the Just Stop Oil demonstrators stands outside Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire this morning



Just Stop Oil said any arrested protesters outside the Kingsbury oil terminal are likely to face a charge of contempt of court



These Just Stop Oil protesters demonstrating outside Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire today are set to be arrested

She was quoting a statement by United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres in February in which he said 'fossil fuels are a dead end – for our planet, for humanity, and yes, for economies'.

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Sarah Webb, 51, a special educational needs tutor from Oxfordshire, was also involved in the demonstration today.

Speaking prior to the action, she said: 'I'm injunction breaking at Kingsbury and risking two years in prison, to stand peacefully on a grass verge, not blocking anything.'

'Our Government and judicial system have now effectively outlawed peaceful protest. Is this Russia, is this China? No, it's the UK.'

'It's down to us ordinary people now. Can you trust the government to do what is right and end new fossil fuel licences? Can you trust the fossil fuel companies to stop drilling and start building wind turbines? No, me neither. So we all need to stand up and force the government to take action.'



Police at Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire today as the protests by Just Stop Oil activists continue



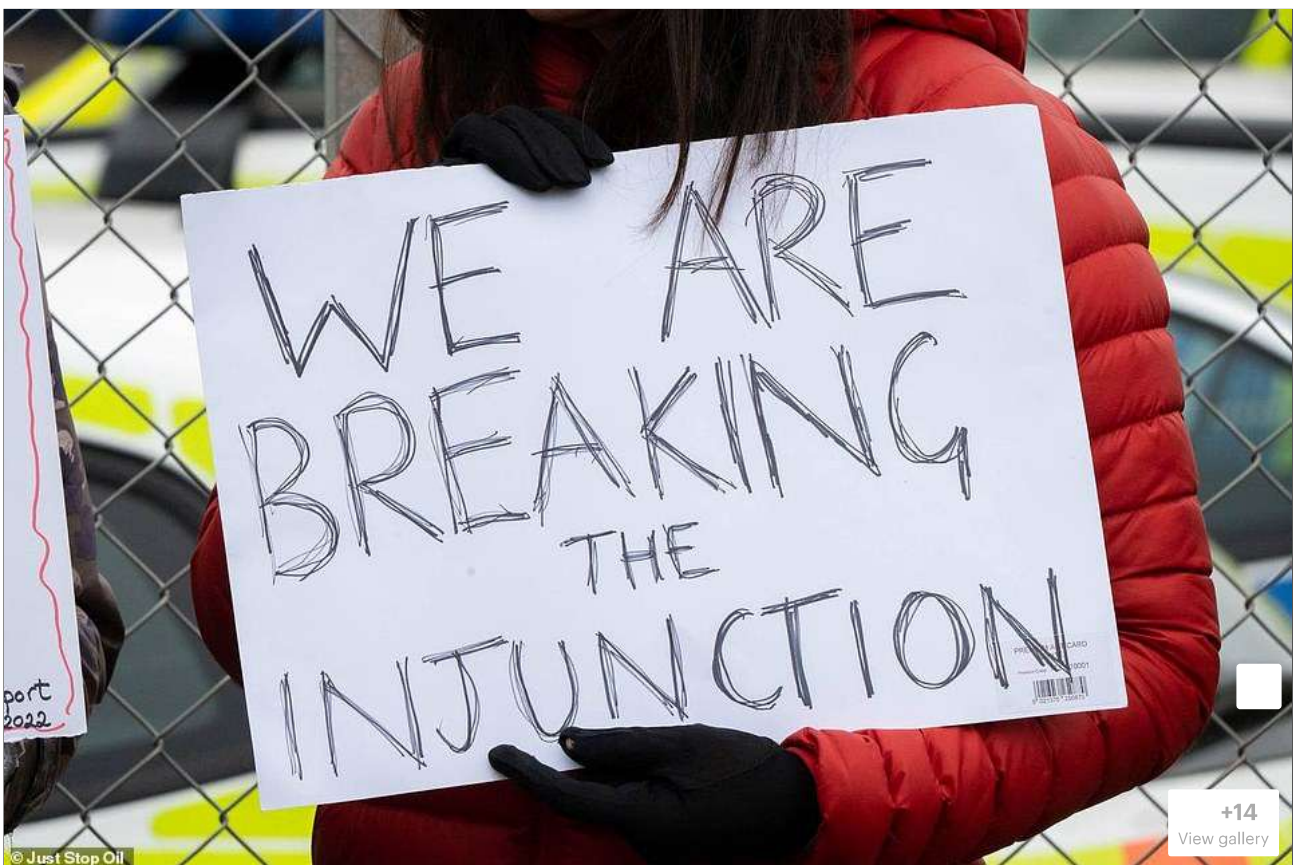
Just Stop Oil said any arrested protesters outside the Kingsbury oil terminal are likely to face a charge of contempt of court



The group of protesters held white signs today saying 'investing in new fossil fuels is moral and economic madness'



Police at Kingsbury oil terminal in Warwickshire today as the protests by Just Stop Oil activists continue



The demonstration in Warwickshire today comes after nearly 1,000 arrests have already been made over the past month

Warwickshire Police's Assistant Chief Constable Dave Gardner said: 'The High Court injunction remains in place and I would strongly advise against people coming to Kingsbury to conduct any protest activity.'

'Although the force respects the right to the peaceful protest, we will always take action against anyone found to be acting outside of the law.'



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Just Stop Oil protests: Protesters breach Kingsbury Oil terminal injunction

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| Just Stop Oil protesters outside the Kingsbury Oil Terminal

A number of activists have been arrested after breaching an injunction outside an oil terminal in Tamworth.

Members of the Just Stop Oil group blocked access to the Kingsbury Oil Terminal from 07:30 BST on Tuesday.

A new High Court injunction in the area grants police "enhanced powers to prevent and disrupt any unlawful activity".

Warwickshire Police said it had detained 16 people following the demonstration.



Warwickshire Police has said a number of arrests have been made

A breach of the injunction, granted by North Warwickshire Borough Council on 14 April, carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison.

Activists aged between 23 and 75 years old have been arrested on suspicion of obstructing the highway.

The force has advised against protest activity in Kingsbury and said officers will "take action".

"A number of arrests have been made this morning and our priority continues to be to minimise any disruption to the community and the local road networks, while ensuring the terminal can go about its day-to-day operational activity", said assistant chief constable Dave Gardner.





The care worker added: "No new oil and gas is not a controversial demand. I want to have children and I want them to have a future."

In recent weeks more than 200 activists have been arrested during demonstrations.

Members of Just Stop Oil and Extinction Rebellion obstructed 10 fuel sites in the Midlands and southern England in the early hours of 1 April to stand against "expanding UK oil and gas production".

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

Last week, police found a tunnel next to the Kingsbury depot following weeks of protests.

The **underground structure was discovered on 22 April** in the Trinity Road area, Warwickshire Police said.

Five people were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage in connection with the tunnel.

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Just Stop Oil protesters due in court for protesting outside Kingsbury failed to turn up - because they were blocking the oil terminal instead.

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Today (May 4) the group said: "A group of 11 Just Stop Oil supporters face arrest today for standing peacefully outside the Kingsbury Oil Terminal holding placards in breach of an injunction granted to North Warwickshire Borough Council on 14th April.

"Of the 11, eight had been summoned for a full committal hearing at Birmingham County Court for previously breaking the injunction, and three have a bail hearing at the court. All chose instead, to not attend court and to travel to Kingsbury breaking the private injunction again."



Just Stop Oil protesters outside Kingsbury Oil Terminal - they decided not to go to court but block the depot instead (Image: NICK WILKINSON/BIRMINGHAM LIVE)

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Police outside Kingsbury oil depot on Good Friday (Image: Birmingham Mail /Darren Quinton)



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North Warwickshire Borough Council - supported by Warwickshire Police and Warwickshire County Council - secured two orders against environmental groups who "caused a serious risk to themselves and others during protests". The order gives a power of arrest outside the terminal and at the junctions of the roads leading into the zone.

[READ MORE: Just Stop Oil activists 'refuse to leave cells to attend court' after Kingsbury protest](#)

It follows Just Stop Oil protesters who have been arrested and charged after protests outside Kingsbury in recent weeks. Just Stop Oil claimed activists have been held for a "nonviolent and non-disruptive protest".

But they carried out the demonstration in defiance of police warnings to stop. The eco-activists have repeatedly said they see Kingsbury as a legitimate target.

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Extinction Rebellion Birmingham said other activists from Birmingham had protested in London. A tweet said: "Meanwhile more Birmingham rebels went down to London to take action outside the Royal Courts of Justice. @JustStop_Oil activists (and friends) are being imprisoned for stating the obvious - we have no future with fossil fuels."

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Live: Police block road amid reports oil protesters have dug up road near to Kingsbury Oil Terminal

They have reportedly been digging under a main road

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A flashback to the blockade at Kingsbury Oil Terminal in North Warwickshire back in April (Image: Jacob King/PA Wire)

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Police have blocked off a main road in Kingsbury as oil protestors have reportedly struck again today (August 22). It has been reported that traffic cannot get through to Kingsbury past Piccadilly this afternoon.

Reports on social media suggest police officers have been turning traffic away on Trinity Road by Kingsbury Link for almost an hour. Oil protestors have reportedly been digging under the road, making it unsafe.

The area is covered by a high court injunction. It was granted back on April 14 to prevent further protests at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal following two weeks of chaos caused by the Just Stop Oil group.

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We have contacted Warwickshire Police in regards to the situation.

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Activists claim oil terminals were ‘totally blocked’ in new protests

Early yesterday protesters staged demonstrations in Kingsbury, Grays and Thurrock, calling for the Government to end oil and gas projects. The action to disrupt fuel distribution resulted in more than 20 arrests.

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With dozens of environmental protesters blocking critical oil infrastructure, police were ‘working to resolve the situations quickly and safely’ with a spokesperson assuring: “We have plans in place to deal with incidents like these and have acted swiftly. Road disruption is currently minimal and I’d like to thank local drivers, workers, and business for their patience.”

Tuesday morning saw around 50 people taking part in protests targeting the three oil terminals. About 30 targeted Grays and Thurrock, blocking a road leading to the Na oil terminal, with others occupying tunnels dug beneath terminal access roads.



At Grays a small group of protesters trespassed onto the site in the early hours, climbed up into the loading bays and then on up into pipework, where they attached themselves with glue.

A specialist heights team were deployed by the police to remove them.

The campaign also claimed to have had about 20 people blocking access roads to Kingsbury oil terminal with others occupying two tunnels near that site.

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The protest group, Just Stop Oil, said the tunnels resulted in a “total block of access to Kingsbury and Navigator oil terminals”.

In separate protests the group also targeted three series stations on the M25 disrupting fuel availability by vandalising pumps. No fuel was available at Clacket Lane whilst there is some availability at Cobham with several pumps remaining unusable due to the damage.

Ongoing protests

Recent months have seen regular action taken by Just Stop Oil with several weeks of coordinated protest actions at oil terminals and other oil infrastructure in the Midlands and south of England from April. Pausing oil terminal protests over the summer, actions continued with pitch invasions at football matches, trespassing on the track at the British grand prix, and gluing themselves to famous artworks in galleries.

There have been hundreds of arrests as well as reports of fuel shortages around the region as a result of their actions. The government recently stated that the group's protests had cost police £5.9m already so far in 2022.

Oil distribution companies and local government responded to the protests by obtaining high court injunctions banning protest activity around a number of sites.

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Just Stop Oil protesters at Kingsbury depot

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| About 50 people sat at the entrance to the depot on Wednesday

About 50 protesters have been staging a sit-in at an oil depot.

Members of the Just Stop Oil group gathered with banners to block an entrance of the Kingsbury Oil Terminal near Tamworth on Wednesday.

In April, North Warwickshire Borough Council had obtained a High Court injunction against protests taking place outside the site.

Warwickshire Police said a number of arrests had been made on suspicion of the court order's breach.

The order gives a power of arrest outside the terminal and at the junctions of nearby roads.

Some tankers were prevented from getting on to the site from about midday on Wednesday, when the protest began. It is believed trucks have been directed to another entrance.



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Some tankers were prevented from getting through the entrance

A local business owner, who said he operated a firm that ran fuel tankers in and out of the base, confronted the activists and urged police to "get these idiots out the way".

The man, who did not wish to be named, claimed activists had previously "drilled the sidewalls of 364 tyres" on trucks, vans and cars at the terminal, a nearby truck works and another neighbouring depot, causing damage estimated at £184,000.

Zoe Cohen, from Just Stop Oil, highlighted the new King's comments **to the COP26 global climate summit in Glasgow last year** that "we're out of time" in terms of damage to the environment.

"He said time has run out and we need to be on a wartime footing, a war-like footing, and that's the level of transformation we need in society," she said.

In a statement, Warwickshire Police said the force was aware of protest activity in Kingsbury and officers were in attendance.

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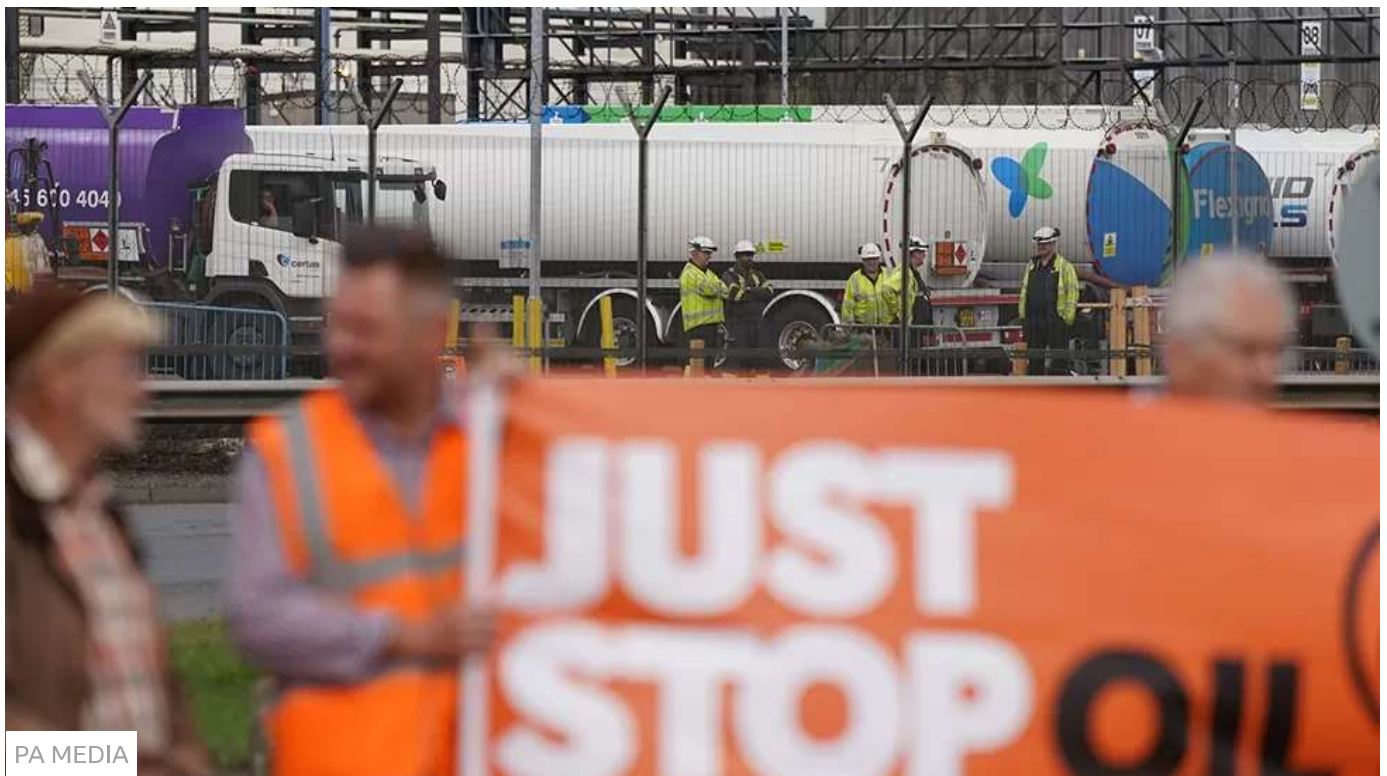


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Kingsbury oil depot protesters remanded in custody

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Demonstrators blocked the main entrance of the Kingsbury Oil Terminal

A group of 51 activists accused of breaching a civil injunction limiting protest at an oil terminal have been remanded in custody.

Demonstrators from Just Stop Oil sat across the main entrance of the Kingsbury Oil Terminal near Tamworth on Wednesday.

Activists appeared at hearings in London and Birmingham on Thursday following the protest.

Contempt of court proceedings are due to start next week.

The injunction, which includes a power of arrest, was originally granted to North Warwickshire Borough Council in April.

Various protesters who appeared in court told a judge they would not voluntarily return to court if bailed and that they intended to break the injunction.

Environmental activist Christian Murray-Leslie, 78, said he felt "morally obliged" to oppose the injunction to highlight "catastrophic climate change".

"I will not return to this court and I will break the injunction again," he added.



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It is thought tankers were able to access the site on Wednesday via another gate

Max Shephard, representing North Warwickshire Borough Council, told the court that it was alleged protesters had breached the terms of the injunction.

Police officers attending Kingsbury Oil Terminal had observed about 50 people "sitting in the road blocking the access to the depot" on Wednesday.

Mr Shephard added that one officer described the majority of them as wearing orange bibs with the Just Stop Oil motif and displaying signs with the Just Stop Oil logo.

He said the group was described as being "peaceful and polite".

As the nation mourns Queen Elizabeth II, climate change protesters said their actions on Wednesday were "not disrespectful", claiming King Charles III had **spoken at the COP26 summit** of being on a "warlike footing" in the battle to save the planet.

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

CLAIM No: QB-2022-000904

QUEENS BENCH DIVISION

Before Mr Justice Bennathan

On: 11 April 2022

BETWEEN

**(1) VALERO ENERGY LIMITED
(2) VALERO LOGISTICS UK LIMITED
(3) VALERO PEMBROKESHIRE OIL TERMINAL LIMITED**



-and-

QB-2022-000904

**(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 AND/OR
PREVENT THE FREE FLOW OF TRAFFIC AND INTERFERE WITH THE
PASSAGE BY THE CLAIMANTS AND THEIR AGENTS, SERVANTS,
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Defendants

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS

This Order prohibits you from doing the acts set out in this Order. You should read it very carefully. You are advised to consult a solicitor as soon as possible. You have the right to ask the Court to vary or discharge this Order.

UPON the Claimants' Application by Application Notice for a further anticipatory injunction dated 6 April 2022 (the "Application")

AND UPON READING the documents set out in the First Schedule to this Order

AND UPON hearing Toby Watkin QC for the Claimants

AND UPON the Claimants giving the undertakings set out in the Second Schedule to this Order

AND UPON the Claimants confirming (for the avoidance of doubt) that this Order is not intended to prohibit lawful protest in the vicinity of the Claimants' Land which does not breach the terms of this Order, nor does the order seek to prevent lawful use of the Access Roads by any person.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Order of 21 March 2022

1. The interim injunctions set out within paragraph 2 of the Order of 21 March 2022 is discharged and replaced by the interim injunctions contained in paragraph 3 of this Order.

Definitions

2. For the purposes of this Order,

2.1 the “**Claimants’ Land**” means all of the property referred to and defined in paragraph 3.1 hereof;

2.2 “**Site**” means the Claimants’ site at any location, forming part of the Claimants’ Land and identified in paragraph 3.1 of this Order, and which is either (i) from time to time wholly or substantially enclosed or bounded by walls, gates, fences, barriers, hedges, bodies of water or other man-made or natural boundary features or (ii) forms private roads and car parks outside of such enclosure or boundary feature;

2.3 the “**Access Roads**” means those parts of the roads in the vicinity of the Claimants’ Land which provide access to each of the sites forming parts of the Claimants’ Land, the location and extent of which are more particularly shown for identification purposes coloured variously red, yellow and blue on the plans annexed hereto at Annex I to this Order.

Injunction

3. With immediate effect until 23:59 on Friday 21 January 2023, unless varied, discharged or extended by further order, the Defendants and each of them are forbidden from doing the following:

3.1 Entering or remaining upon any part of the following property without the Claimants’ permission:

- a) the First Claimant’s Site informally known as ‘Pembroke Refinery’ situated at Angle, Pembroke SA71 5SJ, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the plan exhibited hereto in Annex A (“**Pembroke Oil Refinery**”);
- b) the First Claimant’s Site, informally known as ‘Tanker berthing jetties at Pembroke Refinery’ situated at Angle, Pembroke SA71 5SJ, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in blue on the exhibited hereto in Annex B (“**Pembroke Oil Refinery Jetties**”);

- 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 5th 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.

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:

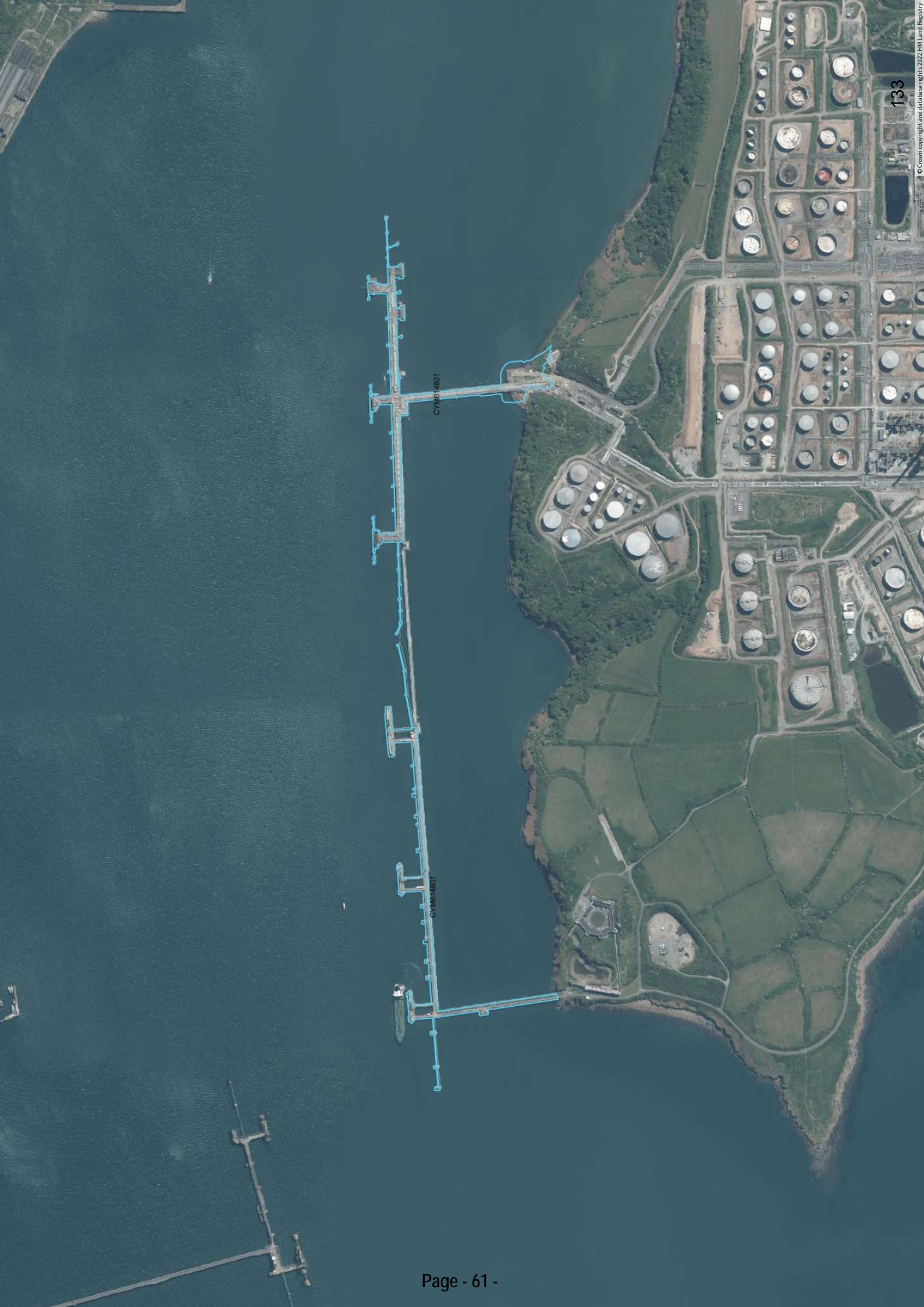
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The "Refinery Map"

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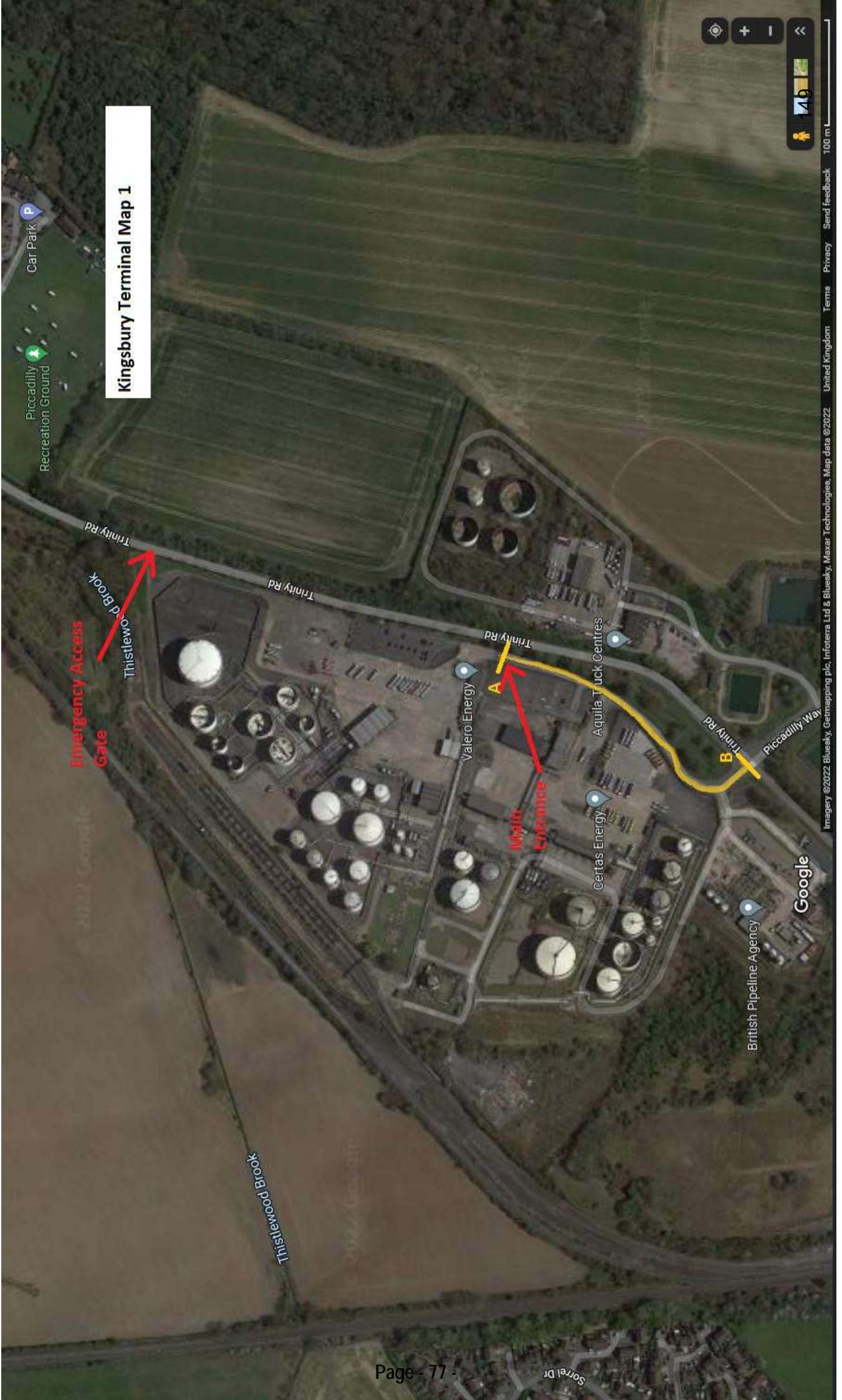
Manchester Terminal Map

The map shows an aerial view of the Manchester Terminal area. A red line highlights a route starting from the 'Main Entrance' (marked with a red 'X') on the Manchester Ship Canal. The route proceeds south along the canal, then turns east along Trafford Wharf Rd, and finally turns south along Trafford Park Rd. Key locations and buildings labeled on the map include:

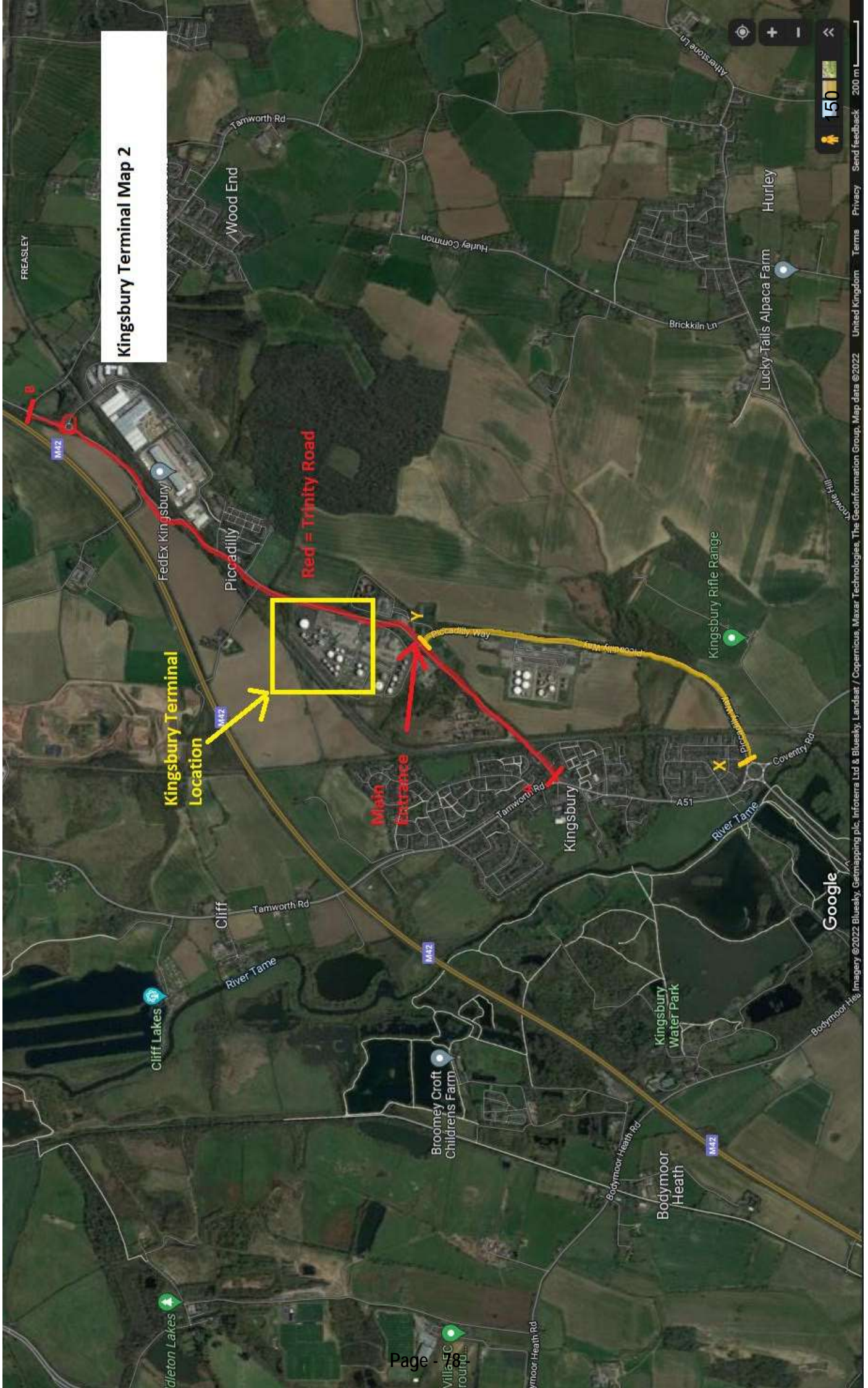
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- MediaCityUK
- Per-Seent Limited
- MediaCo
- Auto Wrap Manchester
- Rye Motors
- Creamline Dairies
- Expeditors
- Millington Rd
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- The Fragrance Shop
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- Illingworth Ingham (M/c)
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- Westbrook Park
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- IWM North
- QUAY WEST
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- Third Ave
- Westbrook Estate
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- Sodexo
- BSS Manchester
- VUE group
- LIMA
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Kingsbury Terminal Map 1

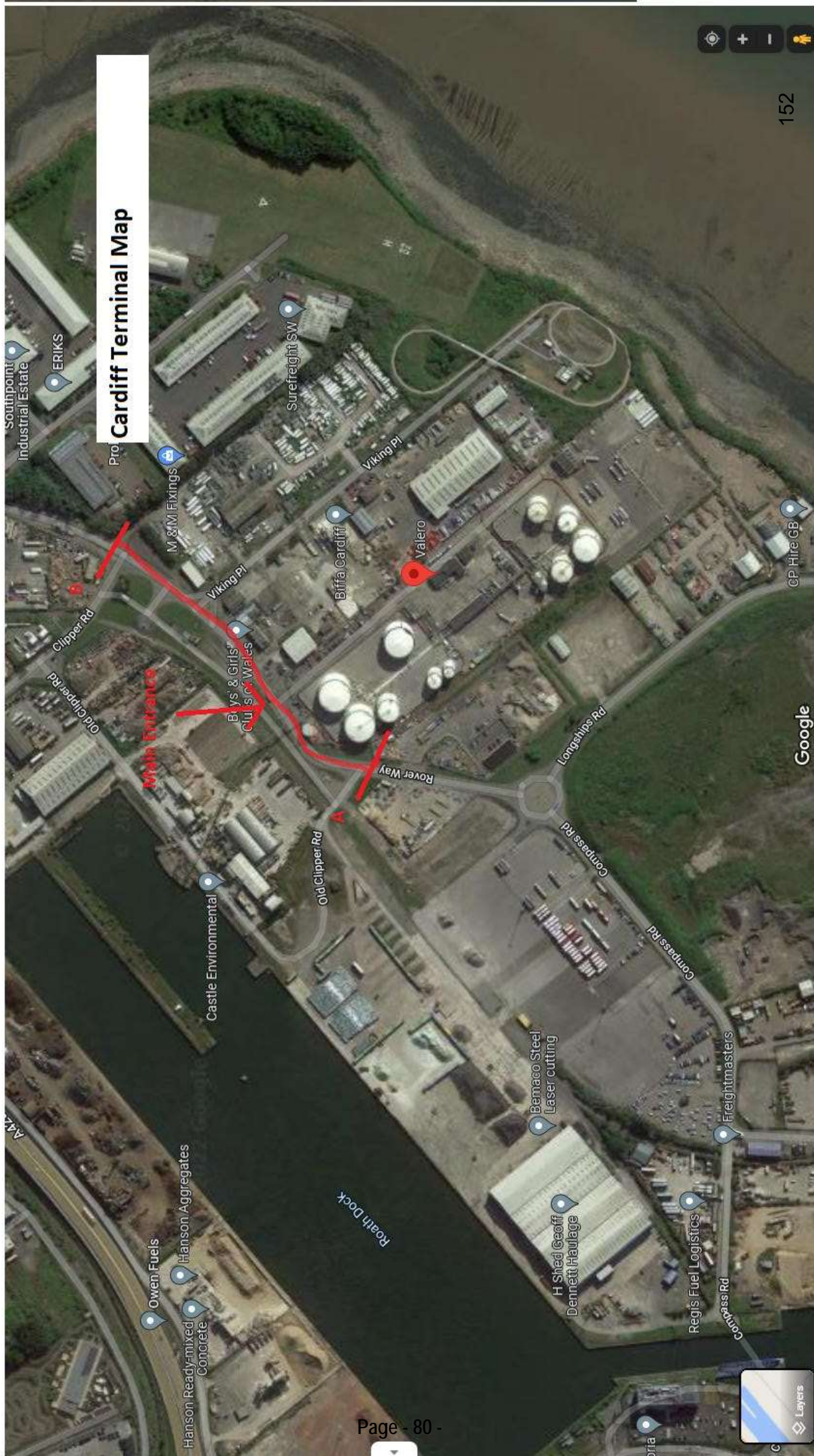


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Plymouth Terminal Map





Cardiff Terminal Map

Avonmouth Terminal Map 2

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Pembrokeshire Terminal Map



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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.

CLAIM No: QB-2022-000904

KINGS BENCH DIVISION

Before: Mr Justice Soole

On: 20 January 2023

BETWEEN

**(1) VALERO ENERGY LIMITED
(2) VALERO LOGISTICS UK LIMITED
(3) VALERO PEMBROKESHIRE OIL TERMINAL LIMITED**



-and-

QB-2022-000904

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PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED IN THIS ORDER**

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(3) MRS ALICE BRENCHER AND 68 OTHERS

Defendants

ORDER

PENAL NOTICE

IF YOU THE WITHIN NAMED DEFENDANTS OR ANY OF YOU DISOBEY THIS ORDER OR INSTRUCT OR ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO BREACH THIS ORDER YOU MAY BE HELD TO BE IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE YOUR ASSETS SEIZED

ANY OTHER PERSON WHO KNOWS OF THIS ORDER AND DOES ANYTHING WHICH HELPS OR PERMITS THE DEFENDANTS TO BREACH THE TERMS OF THIS ORDER MAY ALSO BE HELD IN CONTEMPT OF COURT AND MAY BE IMPRISONED, FINED OR HAVE THEIR ASSETS SEIZED

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE DEFENDANTS

This Order prohibits you from doing the acts set out in this Order. You should read it very carefully. You are advised to consult a solicitor as soon as possible. You have the right to ask the Court to vary or discharge this Order.

UPON the review hearing pursuant to paragraph 17 of the Order of Mr Justice Cotter dated 20 September 2022

AND UPON the Claimants' Application for alternative service dated 9 January 2023 (**"Application for Alternative Service"**)

AND UPON reading the documents in support of the Application for Alternative Service and the documents set out in the First Schedule to this Order

AND UPON hearing Myriam Stacey KC and Joel Semakula for the Claimants

AND UPON there being no appearance or representation on behalf of any defendant

AND UPON the Claimants giving the undertakings set out in the Second Schedule to this Order

AND UPON the Claimants confirming (for the avoidance of doubt) that this Order is not intended to prohibit lawful protest in the vicinity of the Claimants' Land which does not breach the terms of this Order, nor does the order seek to prevent lawful use of the Access Roads by any person.

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Alternative Service Application

1. The Claimants are given retrospective permission under CPR Part 6.15 and CPR Part 6.27 to serve copies of the bundle for the hearing on 18 January 2023 and those witness statements pertaining to the hearing (being the statements listed as 11-13 in the First Schedule) , on those Named Defendants who have provided service addresses within the United Kingdom , by the alternative methods detailed below:

- 1.1 by uploading electronic copies of the hearing bundle and witness statements to an electronic folder on the existing Valero “Dropbox” website;

and

- 1.2 by writing to each of the aforementioned Named Defendants and:-

- 1.2.1 confirming that an electronic copy of the bundle and the new witness statements will be made available to view or download on the Dropbox site dedicated to this Claim, no later than 3 working days before the hearing;

- 1.2.2 supplying details of the Dropbox site link;

- 1.2.3 confirming that the Claimants will provide hard copies of the bundles and witness statements if requested to do so by a Defendant, either to the address which they have on record for that Defendant, or to such alternative address as the Defendant shall notify to the Claimants solicitors in writing or by bringing a hard copy of the bundle to the hearing for that Defendant to use.

2. The taking of such steps set out in paragraph 1 shall be good and sufficient service of the witness statements and the hearing bundle on those Named Defendants who have provided service addresses within the United Kingdom.

Order of 11 April 2022

3. The interim injunctions set out within paragraph 5 of the Order of Bennathan J dated 11 April 2022 as amended and restated by the Order of Cotter J dated 20 September 2022 are replaced by the interim injunctions contained in paragraph 5 of this Order.

Definitions

4. For the purposes of this Order,

4.1 the “**Claimants’ Land**” means all of the property referred to and defined in paragraph 5.1 hereof;

4.2 “**Site**” means the Claimants’ site at any location, forming part of the Claimants’ Land and identified in paragraph 5.1 of this Order, and which is either (i) from time to time wholly or substantially enclosed or bounded by walls, gates, fences, barriers, hedges, bodies of water or other man-made or natural boundary features or (ii) forms private roads and car parks outside of such enclosure or boundary feature;

4.3 the “**Access Roads**” means those parts of the roads in the vicinity of the Claimants’ Land which provide access to each of the sites forming parts of the Claimants’ Land, the location and extent of which are more particularly shown for identification purposes coloured variously red, yellow and blue on the plans annexed hereto at Annex I to this Order.

Injunction

5. With immediate effect until 23:59 on 8 February 2024, unless varied, discharged or extended by further order, the Defendants and each of them are forbidden from doing the following:

5.1 Entering or remaining upon any part of the following property without the Claimants’ permission:

- a) the First Claimant’s Site informally known as ‘Pembroke Refinery’ situated at Angle, Pembroke SA71 5SJ, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in red on the plan exhibited hereto in Annex A (“**Pembroke Oil Refinery**”);

- b) the First Claimant's Site, informally known as 'Tanker berthing jetties at Pembroke Refinery' situated at Angle, Pembroke SA71 5SJ, the general location and extent of which is shown outlined in blue on the exhibited hereto in Annex B ("**Pembroke Oil Refinery Jetties**");
- 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"**);

- 5.2 Blocking any entranceway to the Claimants' Land;
- 5.3 Damaging any part of the Claimants' Land;
- 5.4 Affixing themselves to any other person or object on or otherwise to the Claimants' Land or the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads;
- 5.5 Erecting any structure on the Claimants' Land or on the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads;
- 5.6 Abandoning any vehicle or item on the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads;
- 5.7 Tunnelling under or using or occupying existing tunnels under the aforesaid parts of the Access Roads with the intention of preventing their use;
- 5.8 Causing, assisting or encouraging any other person to do any act prohibited by paragraphs 5.1 to 5.7 above;

Disclosure against non-party

- 6. Pursuant to CPR 31.17, the Chief Constables listed in the Third 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:
 - 6.1 documents identifying the names and addresses of any person who 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;
 - 6.2 arrest notes and other photographic material relating to possible breaches of the injunctions granted in these proceedings;

7. The duty of disclosure imposed by paragraph 6 of this Order shall be a continuing one, and shall continue until 23:59 on 8 February 2024.
8. Without the permission of the Court, the Claimants shall make no use of any document disclosed by virtue of paragraph 6 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.
9. 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.
10. This Order shall be served on the Chief Constables listed in the Third Schedule.

Service

11. The Claimants will take the following steps by way of service of this Order and the documents listed in the First Schedule to this Order (to the extent that they have not already been served) (the “**Claim Documents**”) upon the First and Second Defendants:
 - 11.1 uploading electronic copies (in PDF form) to an electronic folder on the “Dropbox” website; and
 - 11.2 emailing electronic copies to the email addresses set out in the Appendix hereto.
12. The Claimants shall remove the existing signage advertising the existence of previous orders and shall:-

- 12.1.1 position new 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
 - 12.1.2 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 5th 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);
 - 12.1.3 the aforesaid signs shall include a link to the Dropbox folder and the Claimants' solicitors' contact details.
13. The Claimants will take the following steps by way of service of this Order and the Claim Documents upon the Named Defendants who have failed to provide an address for service in the United Kingdom:
- 13.1 uploading electronic copies to an electronic folder on the "Dropbox" website; and
 - 13.2 emailing electronic copies of the same (in PDF format) to the various email addresses associated with the protest groups that have previously threatened to and indeed carried out the unlawful activities (as set out in the Appendix to the Order) with the words FOR THE URGENT ATTENTION OF [NAME]" in the email heading and the words "VERY URGENT: ATTACHED TO THIS EMAIL IS AN ORDER OF THE HIGH COURT OF ENGLAND AND WALES WHICH OUGHT TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF [NAME]. [NAME] SHOULD READ THIS EMAIL AND ITS ATTACHMENTS IMMEDIATELY. IF HARD COPIES OF THE ATTACHED DOCUMENTS ARE REQUIRED, [NAME] SHOULD

PROVIDE AN ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF THE SAME WITHIN THE UNITED KINGDOM BY EMAILING valero.service@shoosmiths.co.uk...” in bold letters in the body of the covering email.

14. This Order shall be personally served upon those Named Defendants who have provided addresses for service within the United Kingdom.
15. The taking of such steps set out at paragraphs 11-14 shall be good and sufficient service of this Order and of the Claim Documents, upon the Defendants and each of them.
16. The Court will provide sealed copies of this Order to the Claimants’ solicitors for service (whose details are set out below).
17. 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 paragraphs 11-14.

Further directions

18. 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.
19. 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.
20. The Claimants have liberty to apply to extend, vary or discharge this Order, or for further directions.
21. No acknowledgment of service, admission or defence is required by any party until further so ordered.
22. This Order will be reconsidered at a hearing to be listed between 16 and 27 January 2024 to determine whether there is a continued threat which justifies its continuation.
23. Costs reserved.

Communications with the Claimants

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

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Dated: 20 January 2023

First Schedule

Documents considered by the Court at the hearing:

1. Re-Amended Claim Form dated 26 September 2022
2. Application notice dated 6 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
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12. Witness statement of Kate McCall, dated 9 January 2023
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Second Schedule

Undertakings given by the Claimants to the Court:

1. To file the Claimants' solicitors' note of this hearing by the end of the next working day after the sealing of this Order.
2. By 4pm on 20 January 2023, to file a further witness statement as to the postal service by letters dated 10 January 2023 of the documents referred to below:
 - a. Claimants' Application for alternative service dated 9 January 2023 and supporting Witness Statement of Kate McCall (fourth) dated 9 January 2023;
 - b. Witness Statements of:-

David Blackhouse (third), dated 11 January 2023
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Aimee Cook (first), dated 11 January 2023

- c. Instructions on how to access the Dropbox site containing the Bundle for the hearing on 18 January 2023
3. To provide to any named defendant with 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
4. 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.
5. 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

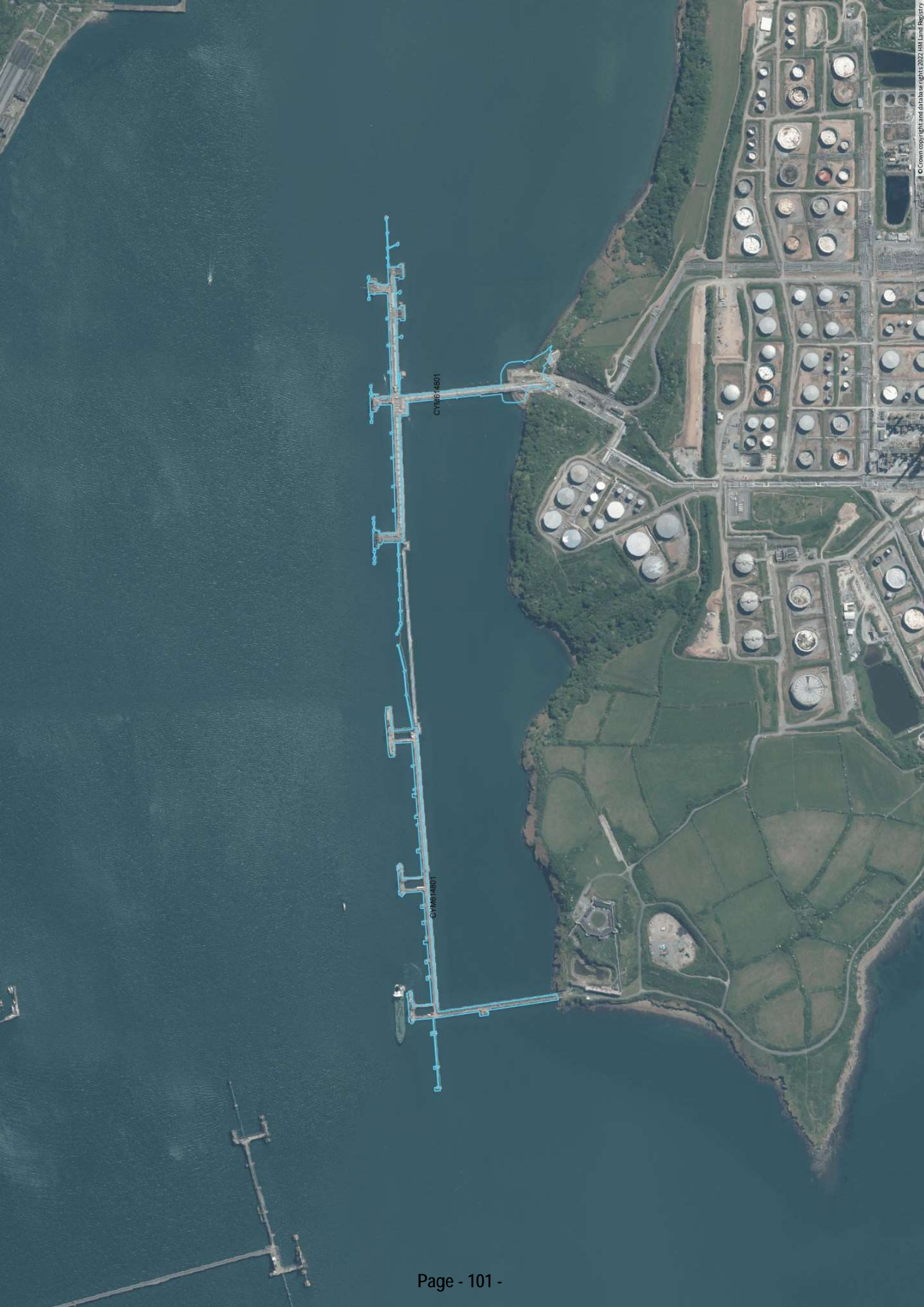
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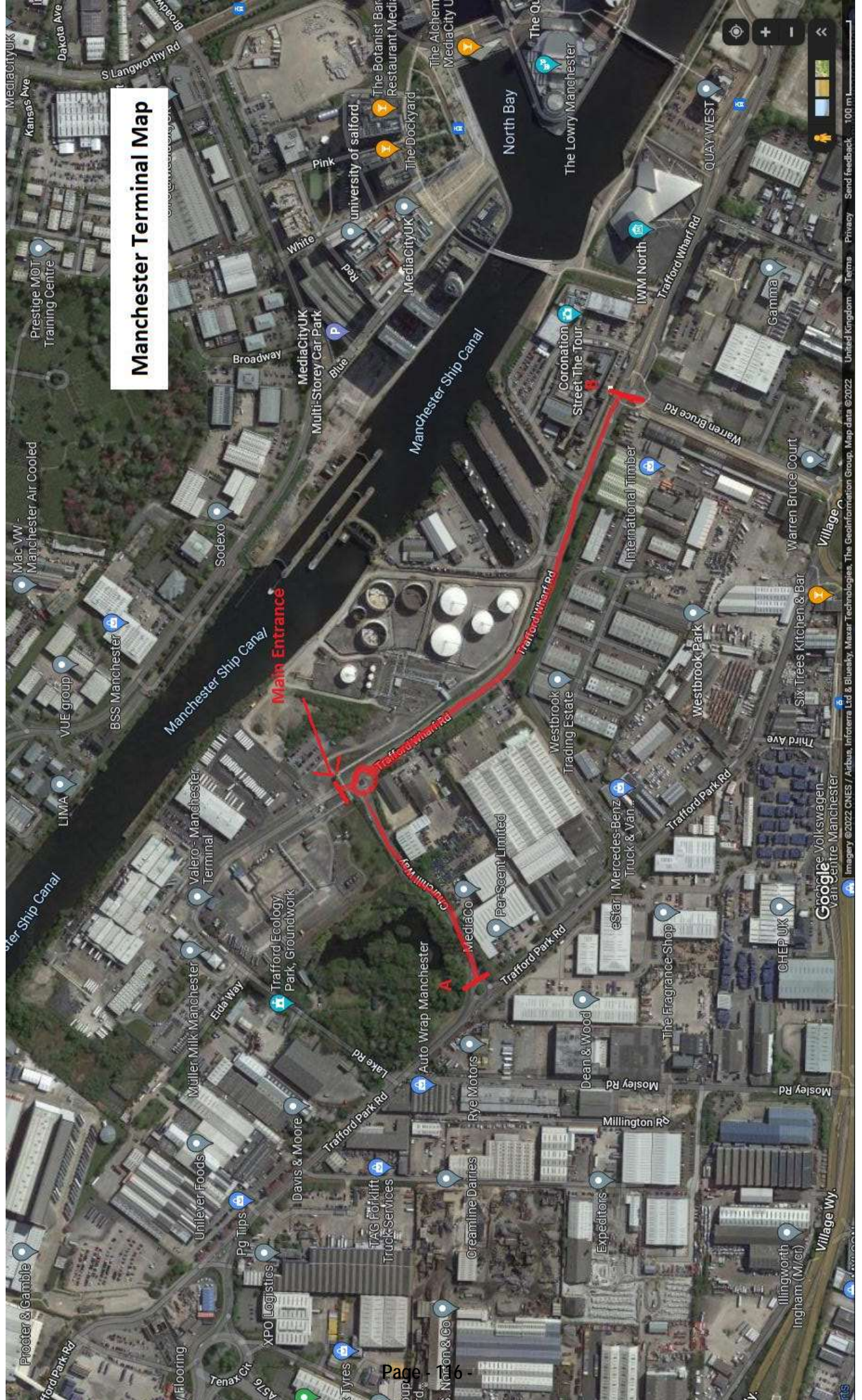
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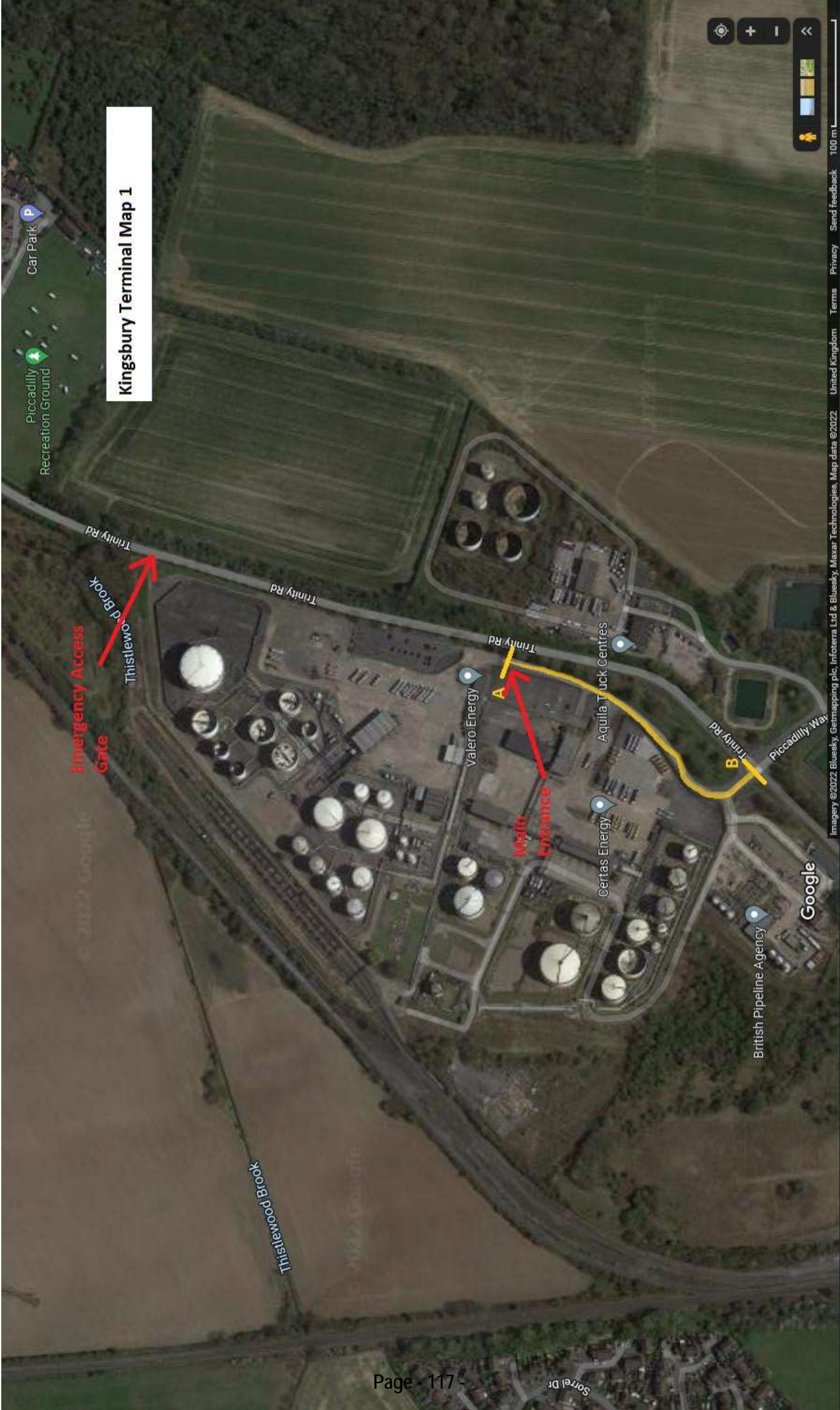


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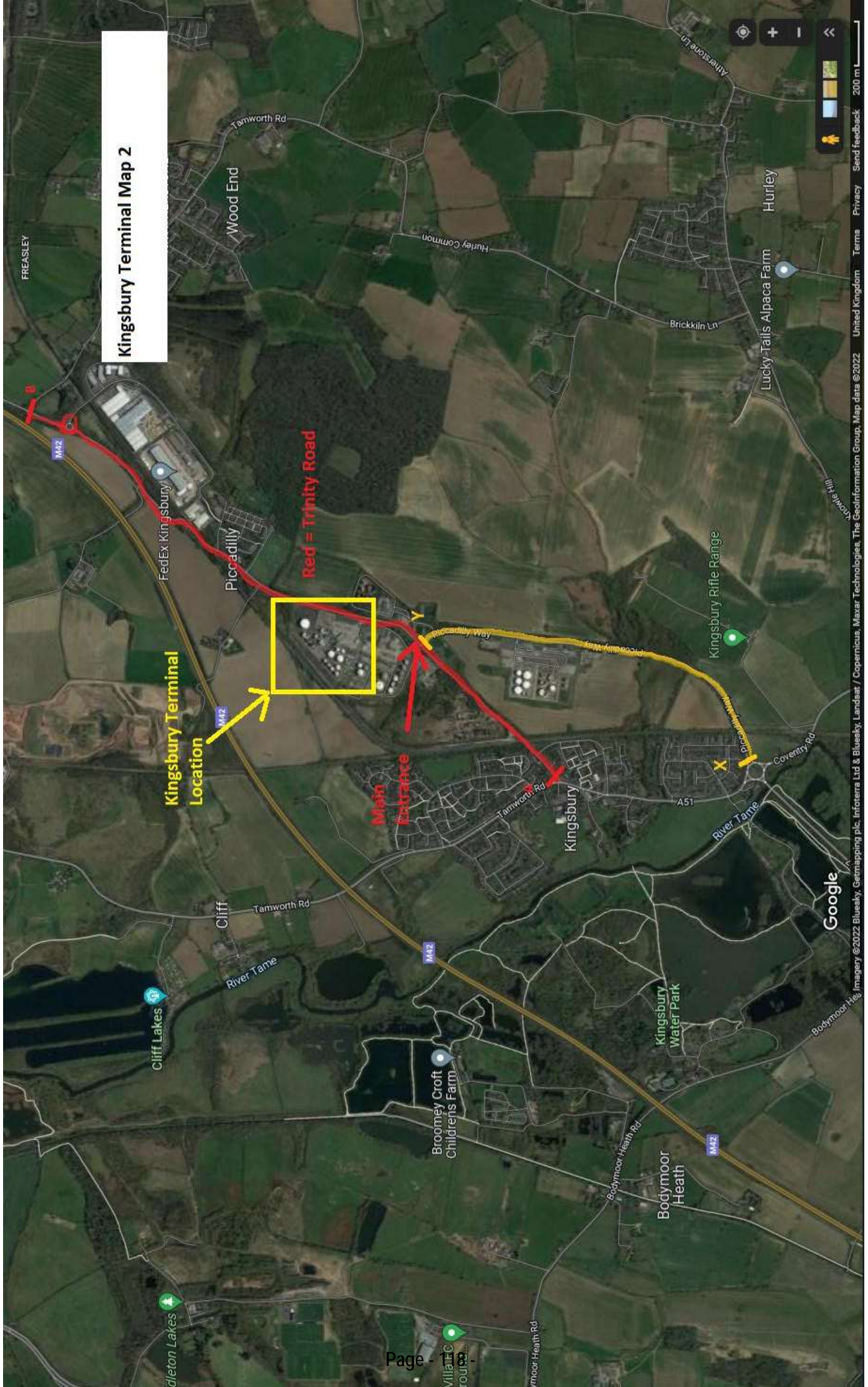
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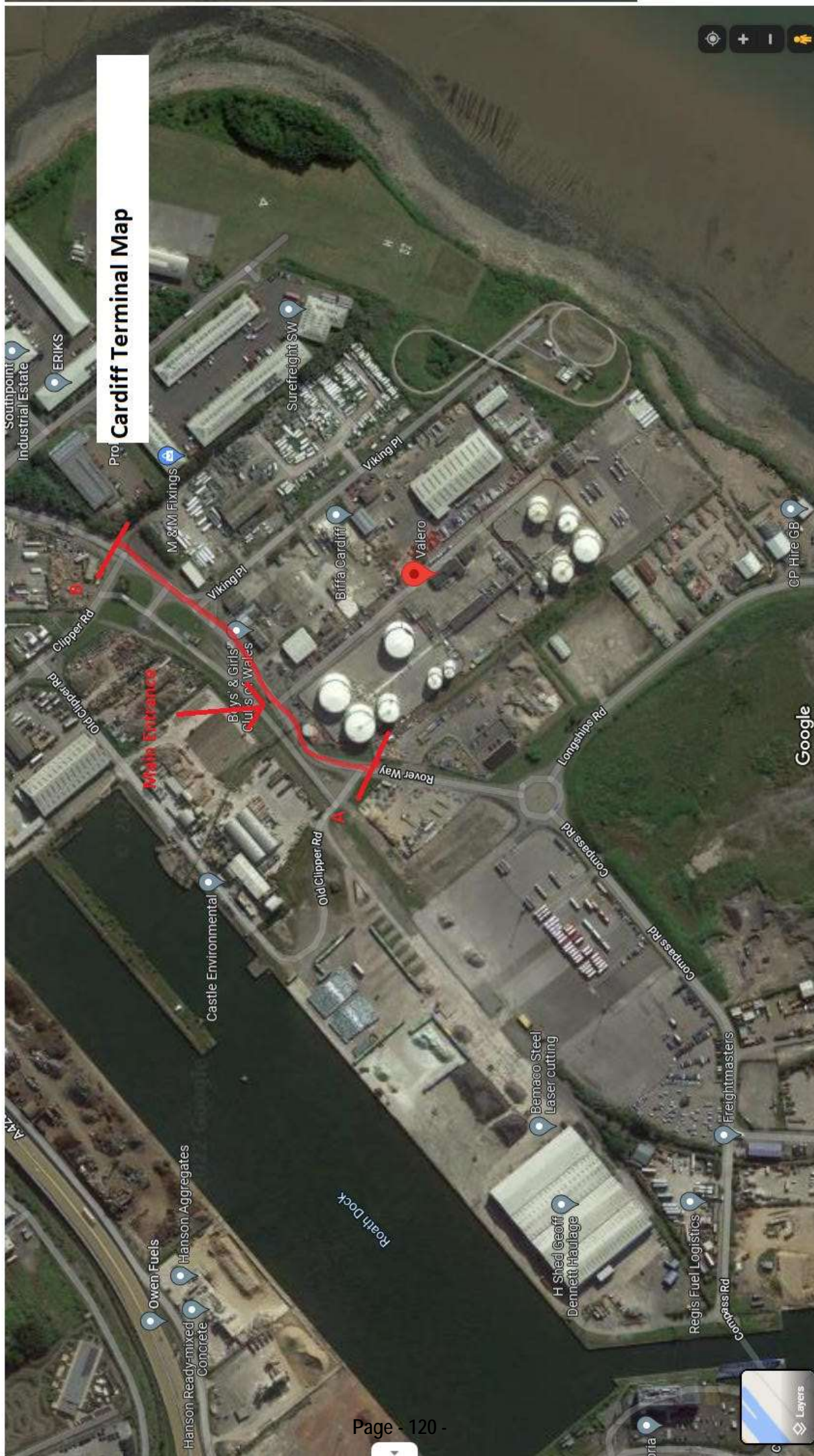
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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
QUEEN'S BENCH DIVISION

Claim No. QB-2022-001236

In the matter of an application for an injunction under s.222, Local Government Act 1972 s.130(5), Highways Act 1980 and s.1, Localism Act 2011.

B E T W E E N

NORTH WARWICKSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

and



QB-2022-001236

- (1) DAVID BALDWIN**
- (2) THOMAS BARBER**
- (3) MICHELLE CADET-ROSE**
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(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

INTERIM INJUNCTION ORDER

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On the 5 May, 2022, before Mr Justice Sweeting, sitting at the Birmingham Magistrates' Court, Victoria Law Courts, Birmingham B4 6PH, the Court considered an application by the Claimant to continue, in an amended form, an injunction granted by the Court on 14 April 2022.

UPON hearing the Claimant's said application and an application to discharge the injunction brought by Mr Jake Handling and Ms Jessica Branch (the "Applicants")

AND UPON hearing counsel Mr Manning and Ms Crocombe for the Claimant, and Counsel, Mr Simblet QC for the Mr Jake Handling and Ms Jessica Branch, with no other party attending;

AND UPON considering an application for an interim injunction brought by the Claimant pursuant to the above statutory provisions, inviting the Court to exercise its discretion to grant injunctive relief pursuant to s.37(1) Senior Courts Act 1981

AND FURTHER UPON the Court being satisfied for the purposes of section 12(2) of the Human Rights Act 1998 that the Claimant has taken all practicable steps to notify the Defendants of this application.

AND FURTHER UPON the Court having previously been satisfied for the purposes of section 12(3) of the Human Rights Act 1998 that the Claimant is likely to establish at the trial of this claim that any publication restrained by this Order should not be allowed.

AND FURTHER UPON the Court having particular regard to the importance of the Convention right to freedom of expression but finding in the circumstances, having previously been satisfied that it is just and convenient, and proportionate, to grant injunctive relief in the terms set out herein, pending the trial of this claim.

AND FURTHER UPON the Court having previously been satisfied for the purposes of s.27(3), Police and Justice Act 2006, that there is a significant risk of harm to a person or persons from

the conduct prohibited by this Order and that a power of arrest should therefore be granted.

AND pending the court giving its judgment and reaching its decision on the applications mentioned above considering it appropriate to maintain the current position in relation to there being an injunction and a power of arrest until judgment or further order on the applications before the court.

IT IS ORDERED THAT

1. The Defendants SHALL NOT (whether by themselves or by instructing, encouraging or allowing any other person):
 - (a) organise or participate in (whether by themselves or with any other person), or encourage, invite or arrange for any other person to participate in any protest against the production or use of fossil fuels, at Kingsbury Oil Terminal (the “Terminal”), taking place within the areas the boundaries of which are edged in red on the Map attached to this Order at Schedule 1.
 - (b) in connection with any such protest anywhere in the locality of the Terminal perform any of the following acts:
 - (i) entering or attempting to enter the Terminal
 - (ii) congregating or encouraging or arranging for another person to congregate at any entrance to the Terminal
 - (iii) obstructing any entrance to the Terminal
 - (iv) climbing on to or otherwise damaging or interfering with any vehicle, or any object on land (including buildings, structures, caravans, trees and rocks)
 - (v) damaging any land including (but not limited to) roads, buildings, structures or trees on that land, or any pipes or equipment serving the Terminal on or beneath that land
 - (vi) affixing themselves to any other person or object or land (including roads, structures, buildings, caravans, trees or rocks)
 - (vii) erecting any structure
 - (viii) abandoning any vehicle which blocks any road or impedes the passage any other vehicle on a road or access to the Terminal
 - (ix) digging any holes in or tunnelling under (or using or occupying existing tunnels under) land, including roads;
 - (x) abseiling from bridges or from any other building, structure or tree on land or
 - (xi) instructing, assisting, or encouraging any other person to do any act prohibited by paragraphs (b)(i)-(x) of this Order.
2. A power of arrest, pursuant to s.27 Police and Justice Act 2006 shall apply to paragraph 1(a) and (b) above.
3. This Order and power of arrest shall continue until the hearing of the Claim unless previously varied or discharged by further Order of the Court.
4. Any person served with a copy of, or affected by, this Order may apply to the Court to

vary or discharge it, on 48 hours written notice to the Claimant at the address set out at the foot of this Order.

5. Pursuant to CPR rules 6.15, 6.27 and 81.4(2) (c) and (d), the Claimant shall be permitted to serve the Claim Form and supporting documents relied on, and this Order and power of arrest, by the alternative methods specified at Schedule 2 to this Order. Reservice of the Claim Form and supporting documents is dispensed with.
6. The deemed date of service of the documents referred to at paragraph 5 above shall be the date of the relevant certificate of service on completion of the steps described in Schedule 2 to this Order.

If you do not fully understand this Order you should go to a solicitor, Legal Advice Centre or Citizens' Advice Bureau.

Name and Address of the Claimant's Legal Representatives

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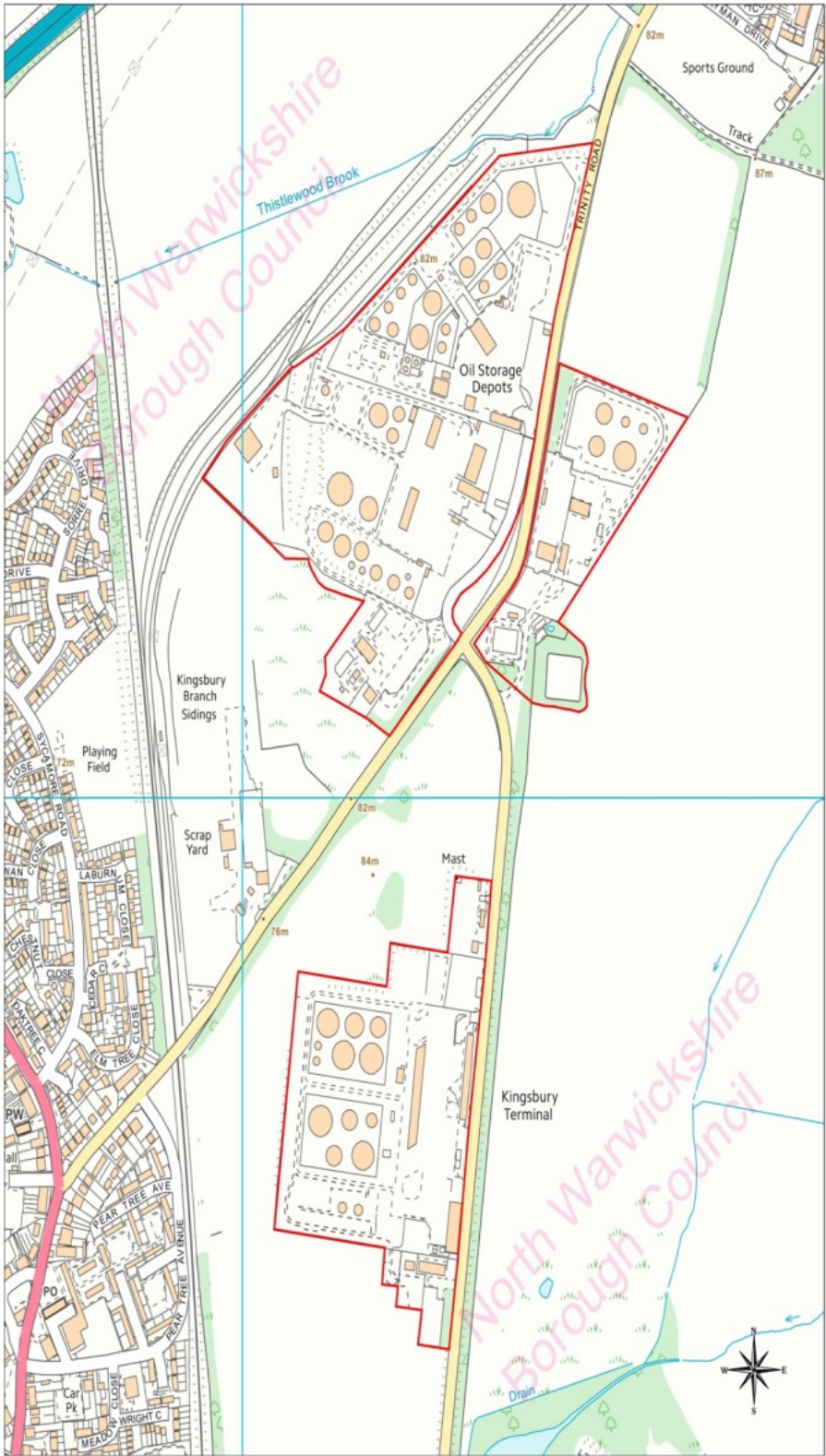
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1. Service of the Claim Form and this Order shall be effected by
 - (i) placing signs informing people of
 - (a) this Claim,
 - (b) this Order and power of arrest, and the area in which they have effect and
 - (c) where they can obtain copies of the Claim Form. Order and power of arrest, and the supporting documents used to obtain this Orderin prominent locations along the boundary of the buffer zone referred to at para.1 of this Order and particularly outside the Terminal and at the junctions of roads leading into the zone,
 - (ii) placing a copy prominently at the entrances to the Terminal;
 - (iii) posting a copy of the documents referred to at para.1(i)(c) above Order on its website, and publicising it using the Claimant's facebook page and twitter account, and posting on other relevant social media sites including local police social media accounts, and/or.
 - (iv) any other like manner as the Claimant may decide to use in order to bring the Claim Form and this Order and power of arrest to the attention of the Defendants and other persons likely to be affected.
2. If the Claimant intends to take enforcement proceedings against any person in respect of this Order, the Claimant shall, no later than the time of issuing such proceedings, serve on that person,
 - (i) a copy of the Claim Form and all supporting documents relied on to obtain this Order; and
 - (ii) a copy of this Order and power of arrest.
3. The Court will consider whether to join the person served to the proceedings as a named Defendant and whether to make any further Order.

Signed *Mr Justice Sweeting*

Dated 6th May 2022

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More than 30 charged after 60-hour Just Stop Oil protest

Activists blockaded the entrance at Nustar Clydebank oil terminal on Tuesday.



Protest: More than 30 people charged following demonstration at oil terminal.



By Gianni Marini

6th May 2022

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More than 30 people have been arrested and charged after climate activists blockaded an oil terminal for around 60 hours.

On Tuesday morning, protesters from the Just Stop Oil group blocked the Nustar Clydebank facility in West Dunbartonshire, climbing on top of tankers and locking themselves to the entrance.

The activists said they were taking action in a bid to urge the UK Government to end new oil and gas projects.

The protest began at around 4am. Some campaigners entered the terminal, sat on pipes and gathered on silos in a bid to halt production.

Just Stop Oil said the protesters were there for about 60 hours before the action ended on Thursday, which the group believes is the longest occupation of an oil terminal in the UK.

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Police Scotland said 31 people were arrested and charged in connection with a number of offences.

The force said 15 have been charged with breach of the peace and 16 with a contravention of a section of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 which relates to trespass, and alleged malicious mischief.

Chief Superintendent Lynn Ratcliff said: "As a rights-based organisation, Police Scotland puts our values of integrity, fairness, respect and a commitment to upholding human rights at the heart of everything we do.

"This means that we will protect the rights of people who wish to peacefully protest or counter-protest, balanced against the rights of the wider community."

Police said reports will be sent to the procurator fiscal.

It is the first Scottish protest since the Just Stop Oil coalition began blockading fuel terminals south of the border on April 1.

A UK Government spokesperson said: "We will not bend to the will of activists who naively want to extinguish North Sea oil and gas production.

"Doing so would put energy security and British jobs at risk, and simply increases foreign imports, whilst not reducing demand.

"We are committed to a strong North Sea industry as we transition away from expensive fossil fuels over the coming decades, and our recent British Energy Security Strategy sets out a long-term plan to ramp up cheap renewables and nuclear energy."

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

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

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

Louis Mckechnie, 21, Weymouth said

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

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

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

Bethany Mogie, 40, from St Albans said

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

Joshua Smith, 29, a bricklayer from Manchester said

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

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

Alasdair Gibson, 21, a student from Aberdeen said

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

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

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

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Six climate activists charged over invasion of Silverstone circuit at British Grand Prix

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Just Stop Oil activists take to the track at Silverstone during the British Grand Prix

Credit: Paul Howard

Six people have been charged over the track invasion at the beginning of the Formula 1 British Grand Prix at Silverstone

Northamptonshire Police revealed the names of the protesters as David Baldwin, 46, of Stonesfield, Witney, Emily Brocklebank, 24, of Yeadon, Leeds, Alasdair Gibson, 21, of no fixed abode, Louis McKechnie, 21, of London, Bethany Mogie, 40, of St Albans, and Joshua Smith, 28, of Manchester.

They have all been charged with conspiracy to cause public nuisance.

The charges relate to the incident after Sunday's race had been halted following driver Zhou Guanyu's crash, when a group of people made it on to the circuit and sat down on the track.



The protesters are arrested
Credit: Paul Howard

All six will appear at Northampton Magistrates' Court. The force said a 43-year-old man also arrested in connection with the incident has been released under investigation pending further inquiries.

Hamilton issues safety plea as seven arrested after Silverstone track protest

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Former **Formula One champion Sir Lewis Hamilton** had given the climate protest his backing.

In an instagram post after the race, Hamilton said while he loves people fighting for the planet they should not put themselves in danger.

"As we've seen today, this is a very dangerous sport. I wasn't aware of the protests today, and while I'll always support those standing up for what they believe in, it must be done safely.

"Please don't jump on to our race circuits to protest, we don't want to put you in harms way."

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Bethany Mogie, Alasdair Gibson, Emily Brocklebank and David Baldwin were among six Just Stop Oil protesters on trial at Northampton Crown Court (Image: PA)

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Just Stop Oil protesters guilty of risking "serious harm" to F1 drivers at British GP

David Baldwin, Emily Brocklebank, Alasdair Gibson, Louis McKechnie, Bethany Mogie and Joshua Smith were all on trial for their roles in the protest at Silverstone last July

By **Daniel Moxon**, F1 Writer

16:47, 10 Feb 2023

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A jury found six Just Stop Oil protesters were guilty of risking "serious harm" to **Formula 1** drivers by running onto the **Silverstone** track at the 2022 **British Grand Prix**.

David Baldwin, 47, Emily Brocklebank, 24, Alasdair Gibson, 22, Louis McKechnie, 22, Bethany Mogie, 40 and Joshua Smith, 29, were all tried at Northampton Crown Court over the track invasion last summer. It happened on the first lap, after the race had already been red flagged following a huge crash at the first corner.

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Five of the six defendants all went onto the track, while Baldwin was later found in the car park of the circuit with a Just Stop Oil banner as well as glue and cable ties. Prosecutors said he was "in it together" with the others.

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Defending their actions, the accused had claimed that they only entered the track because the race had been neutralised and that they had a "meticulous" safety plan in place. However, after eight hours and 47 minutes of deliberations over three days, jurors found all six of the activists guilty.

At the start of the trial, prosecutor Simon Jones told the court: "As events unfolded, the F1 Grand Prix had started and it was under a red flag after a serious accident had occurred at the very start. Each of these defendants were present at Silverstone and they were intent on causing a disruption to the race."

Jurors saw footage of the track invasion, including some angles from the cameras fitted onto the cars as they passed on the track. Some of the clips showed marshals trying desperately to drag the protestors off the circuit.



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Mr Jones added: "The prosecution say that there was clearly an immediate risk of serious harm being caused. Plainly, they could have been struck by fast-moving vehicles with obvious severe consequences. We say that that their actions also caused risk to the drivers themselves and the marshals."

Mogie, who represented herself, told the jury: "To love is to protect. And I hope you can see that's what we set out to do that day at Silverstone, before and on the day, with our planning and by sitting on the track peacefully for all that we are trying to protect."

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In-car footage shows F1 drivers Esteban Ocon and Yuki Tsunoda avoiding Just Stop Oil protesters

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- The footage was released by Northamptonshire Police after the protesters were convicted

In-car footage recorded from the cockpit of a Formula 1 car shows just how close Just Stop Oil protesters came to racing drivers as they invaded the track at the British Grand Prix.

Images from the cars of F1 stars Yuki Tsunoda and Esteban Ocon was shown to the jury at the trial of six protesters who ran on to the track at Silverstone.

The footage shows the Alpha Tauri and Alpine drivers approaching the protesters after they have taken up their position on the track, and are being dragged off by track marshals.

Recordings from other angles show how the six waited until most of the cars, which were running at a lower speed because the race had been red-flagged, had passed their chosen point on the Wellington



*Five of the six protesters got on to the track as Yuki Tsunoda's car passed.
Credit: Northamptonshire Police*

Tsunoda and Ocon had become separated from other cars on the track, meaning the protesters were already on the left-hand side of the track when they passed on the right.

During the trial, the protesters said they had researched the precise spot to get on the track to minimise the risk to themselves, drivers and marshals.

Prosecutors had claimed that the group had risked “serious harm” to Formula 1 drivers and marshals during the stunt, and created a risk of death or personal injury when five of them sat down on Silverstone's Wellington Straight.



Marshals had to remove the protesters from the track.

Credit: PA

Just Stop Oil members David Baldwin, 47, Emily Brocklebank, 24, Alasdair Gibson, 22, Louis McKechnie, 22, Bethany Mogie, 40, and 29-year-old Joshua Smith all denied causing a public nuisance on 3 July **but were found guilty on Friday**.

Brocklebank, of Yeadon, Leeds; Gibson, from Aberdeen; Mogie, from St Albans; McKechnie, from Manchester; and Smith, from Lees in Oldham, went on to the race circuit before being removed by marshals.

Baldwin, of Stonesfield, Oxfordshire, was found in a car park along with glue, cable ties and a Just Stop Oil banner.

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XR protesters smash windows of News UK over coverage of Britain's heatwave

Activists target London HQ of Rupert Murdoch's media company after UK weather treated as upbeat story

Jim Waterson *Media editor*

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Tue 19 Jul 2022 13:11 BST

Extinction Rebellion protesters have smashed windows at the London headquarters of Rupert Murdoch's media company, in protest at his outlets' coverage of the climate crisis.

Activists targeted the News UK building next to London Bridge station **early on Tuesday morning**, destroying glass panels and putting up posters reading "tell the truth" and "40 degrees = death" next to the entrance used by journalists at the Sun and the Times.

Extinction Rebellion said it was taking nonviolent action to highlight the way that the record-breaking heat in the UK was being treated as an upbeat story in parts of the media.

A spokesperson said: "Instead of warning readers of the increased risks from such heatwaves as the climate crisis intensifies, the Sun chose to cover their front pages in images of women in bikinis, beachgoers and happy toddlers with ice-creams."

THE SUN: Hotter than the Sahara [#TomorrowsPapersToday](#) [pic.twitter.com/amxCZAVgOt](#)

— Neil Henderson (@hendopolis) [July 17, 2022](#)

They also criticised Monday's front-page headline in the Daily Express, owned by rival newspaper publisher Reach. It featured the words "It's not the end of the world! Just stay cool and carry on ..." over a picture of the union flag.

Front page: End to smears? No chance! Race for No 10 gets personal [#TomorrowsPaperToday](#)

Full story here: <https://t.co/RXW8mRfcwr> [pic.twitter.com/xZ31DK8aco](#)

— Daily Express (@Daily_Express) [July 17, 2022](#)

Extinction Rebellion protesters have previously held protest marches outside the News UK building. In 2020, they also successfully [blocked printing presses](#) used by Murdoch's News UK and other newspapers, disrupting distribution of titles such as the Times and the Sun.

Some journalists at [News UK](#) pointed out that they have regularly covered the extent to which the climate is changing due to human influence, including in front page articles in recent weeks.

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Climate change has been a contentious topic within Rupert Murdoch family, with his son James issuing a [strongly worded statement](#) in 2020 criticising “ongoing denial” among the company’s Australian outlets about the impact of climate change.

Murdoch’s other global media interests have adopted more stridently sceptical positions on the climate crisis. They include the Fox News channel in the US, as well as Sky News Australia and numerous newspapers in his native country.



📷 On the hottest day in UK history Extinction Rebellion protesters stencil slogans on the walls of News UK. Photograph: Denise Laura Baker

Caspar Hughes, one of the Extinction Rebellion protesters, blamed the power of a small group of rightwing newspaper owners over British climate policy: “The biggest issue stopping government, business and civil society from responding sensibly to the climate and ecological crises is the billionaire owned media. If Murdoch, Rothermere and Dacre supported net zero Policy the rest of us would follow suit.

“Currently they are key destroyers of what little hope we have left to secure a safe, secure future for ourselves and our children. It is long past time for them to bring their power to bear as we try to stop our civilisation from collapsing in the coming decades.”

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Just Stop Oil: Protesters force sections of M25 to be closed

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| Just Stop Oil protesters have climbed gantries over the M25

Protesters climbed signs above the M25, forcing police to shut sections of the motorway and to close lanes.

Five Just Stop Oil campaigners scaled three gantries, including at Heathrow and the Dartford Crossing, where sections of the motorway were closed.

They also targeted a sign near Cobham, Surrey, but by late afternoon all the protesters were moved on and the only closure in place was at the crossing.

Just Stop Oil said it was declaring the M25 "a site of civil resistance".

It also warned it would carry out further protests on the motorway in the coming days.

Five people have now been arrested.

A 22-year-old woman was apprehended by Surrey Police on suspicion of causing a danger to road users, causing a public nuisance, and for being a pedestrian on the motorway.

Essex Police said officers also arrested a woman, and Scotland Yard said officers apprehended three more people - two women and a man - on suspicion of causing a public nuisance.

The protests at the Poyle interchange between junctions 14 (Heathrow) and 15 (M4), and in Dartford between the Queen Elizabeth Bridge northbound and junction 30 (Thurrock), saw local police shutting two clockwise sections and putting diversions in place.

National Highways said five miles of queuing traffic had built up on the approach to junction 30 in Essex.

Surrey Police had earlier closed three lanes at Cobham and advised motorists to avoid the area around junction 10. The lanes have since been reopened.

Highways England said all protesters had been removed from the gantries during the course of the day, but a safety inspection was needed at a gantry near the Dartford Crossing before the motorway can be fully reopened.



| The campaign group released pictures of the protesters, including this woman in Dartford

Bus driver Ashley Reid said he was held up as he took children aged seven to 10 with special needs to a school in Leatherhead, Surrey.

He said his pupils, who were due to start at 09:15 BST, were about 90 minutes late for their last day of term.

"We joined [the motorway] just after 9am and we didn't arrive at school until 10:45am" he said.

"With their autism [they] found it difficult to understand and stay calm."



| Protesters have struck at various sites along the M25

Just Stop Oil's statement said it chose the M25 as it was "the place where we confront the carbon economy headlong and bring our resistance into full public view".

It added: "The M25 has a kind of iconic status as the motorway from hell, doesn't it? So it's a reference to that".

The group is demanding the government make a "meaningful statement" it will commit to stop licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

A government spokesman said: "We will not bend to the will of activists who naively want to extinguish North Sea oil and gas production.

"Doing so would put energy security and British jobs at risk, and simply increases foreign imports, whilst not reducing demand.



By Sophie England

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Protests - Officers at Askew Farm Lane

A TOTAL of 23 arrests have been made after protests and discovery of tunnels resulted in road closures.


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Officers have been tackling Just Stop Oil protestors at three locations in Thurrock today.

Reports were received from just after 6am onwards relating to people causing disruption in St Clements Way, Chafford Hundred railway station, and an industrial site at Askew Farm Lane.

Essex Police has since made a total of 23 arrests for a variety of criminal offences.

As well as sitting in the roads at the three locations, the discovery of two tunnels were also located.

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Just Stop Oil protesters blocked the road to the Navigator oil terminal in Thurrock, Essex.

Credit: Just Stop Oil

Twenty arrests have been made after environmental protesters staged demonstrations at a major oil facility in Essex, digging tunnels under roads to block access.

The campaigners from Just Stop Oil formed a sit-down roadblock near the Navigator terminal in Thurrock early on Tuesday morning.

Five people are also occupying tunnels under St Clements Way near the terminal, as well as an access road leading to the nearby Grays oil terminal.

Twenty people have been arrested at the three sites on Tuesday morning, said Essex Police, while [similar protests were also staged at the Kingsbury facility in Warwickshire](#).

Campaigners were protesting the government's plans to allow more oil and gas projects in the UK.



*The protesters are calling for an end to new oil and gas projects in the UK.
Credit: Just Stop Oil*

At that final site, there were reports of people at height, with police saying that they would need specialist equipment to bring them down safely.

Two arrests were made there, with 10 arrests at the site in St Clements Way and eight at Chafford Hundred Railway Station.

Insp Stuart Austin said police were "working to resolve these situations as quickly and safely".

He added: "We have plans in place to deal with incidents like these and have acted swiftly to deal with them and make 18 arrests so far.

"We are focused on keeping the county moving and keeping [people] safe.

"Road disruption is currently minimal and I'd like to thank local drivers, workers, and business for their patience.

"I want to be clear: policing is not anti-protest but we must intervene where there is a risk to life or where laws are being broken."

Catherine Rennie-Nash, 72, a retired teacher from Kendal, who was involved in the Essex protests, said: "I am beyond angry about the government's plans to allow more oil and gas projects in the UK. I have no choice but to be in civil resistance. We need to understand that the government isn't protecting us.

Sam Holland, 20, a student from Leeds who is also taking action in Essex, added: "Consenting to more fossil fuels is consenting to the collapse of our food systems. It is consenting to the collapse of our societies, and to the deaths of hundreds of millions of people."

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Officers were called to the scene in St Clements Way, in West Thurrock Grays at around 8pm on Sunday after reports of a group obstructing the road.

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A placard at a Just Stop Oil Protest in London (Alamy/PA)

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Police have made eight arrests after environmental protesters blocked an oil tanker in **Essex**.

Officers were called to the scene in St Clements Way, in West Thurrock Grays at around 8pm on Sunday after reports of a group obstructing the road and a tanker.

One person climbed on top of the vehicle while others are reported to have deflated its tires.

The road was temporarily closed but re-opened at around 3am on Monday.



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Environmental campaign group **Just Stop Oil** reported a number of “ordinary people” had stopped the tanker in support of its cause.

Just Stop Oil revealed on Tuesday protesters had dug a tunnel underneath the carriageway – a key delivery route for a nearby oil terminal.

Since then, it claims those inside the tunnel have broken through to the road surface.

A second tunnel has been created under nearby Stoneness Road, which has been closed.

According to its website, the activist group works to “demand that the government immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK”.

Assistant Chief Constable Glen Pavelin said: “Following a busy week of protest activity, our priorities remain to keep Essex moving, keep people safe and minimise the disruption to the public.

“Two tunnels on Stoneness Road and St Clements Way remain occupied. The road at St Clements Way remains partially open, and Thurrock Council Highways Department are ensuring an overview of the road.

“We appreciate that this situation is incredibly frustrating for the public, but we ask drivers to check your journey before you travel in the West Thurrock area.”

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Just Stop Oil protesters leave Grays tunnel after 13 days

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Three protesters were arrested after they left the tunnel, police said

Climate activists have ended a 13-day occupation of a tunnel dug beneath a road in Essex.

Three Just Stop Oil campaigners were in the tunnel under St Clements Way in Grays, where they had been protesting against what they see as government inaction over climate change.

They left voluntarily at about 15:35 BST, Just Stop Oil said.

Essex Police said three men were arrested on suspicion of causing a public nuisance and criminal damage.

The force said a cordon was in place and work to fill the tunnel would "commence shortly".

Just Stop Oil is calling on the government to end new oil and gas projects in the UK. The tunnel was below a key delivery route for the nearby oil terminal.

Sam Johnson, 39, a groundworker from Suffolk, was in the tunnel and said the recent heatwaves in the UK and flooding in Pakistan highlighted the need for action.

"This is the reality of climate collapse and it is happening right here in the UK, it is happening all around the world and it is happening now," he said in a statement published by Just Stop Oil.

"That is why we need to act now."

Ch Supt Simon Anslow said the recent protests, which were also held at service stations, had required a "huge amount of resources" from police.

"Over the course of the last fortnight we have made more than 60 arrests and worked hard with our partners to keep disruption to our local community and businesses to a minimum and keep Essex moving," he said.

"This work has required a huge amount of resources and has diverted officers from other duties such as the prevention and investigation of burglary, robbery, sexual, and violent crime.

"We are not anti-protest but will take action where the law is broken or people's safety is put at risk."

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Met Police launch major operation to arrest suspected climate change protesters

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The Metropolitan Police have launched a “significant” operation to identify and arrest climate change protesters suspected of planning “reckless and serious” motorway disruption as Cop27 gets underway.

Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist said three people were arrested on Sunday evening who were suspected of planning public disruption. Police were expecting to make more arrests overnight.

Mr Twist said: “Our investigation has strong reason to suspect the Just Stop Oil group intend to disrupt major motorway road networks which would risk serious harm to the public, with reckless action to obstruct the public on a large scale.



Just Stop Oil of protesters demonstrating on Abbey Road in London on Sunday (Just Stop Oil/PA)

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“There remains a possibility outstanding suspects are still intent on causing unlawful disruption to the public. The Met has mobilised specialist teams and drawn police officers from across the capital to respond.”

According to the Met, which is conducting the operation in conjunction with the National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC), more than 10,000 officer shifts have been dedicated to policing Just Stop Oil protests since the start of October.

“These are officers who would otherwise be dealing with issues that matter to local communities, such as knife crime, safeguarding and responding to burglaries,” Mr Twist said.

“We are determined to bring to justice all of those who conspire to cause significant and unreasonable disruption to London, or cause damage to buildings, property or valuables. It’s what the public expects, and we’ll work closely with the Crown Prosecution Service and Courts to make sure this happens.”



Police remove activists from Just Stop Oil during their protest on Cromwell Road near the Victoria & Albert Museum (Aaron Chown/PA)

Police are calling on the public to assist with preventing public disruption from protesters by reporting it to 999.

Just Stop Oil staged 32 days of disruption from the end of September and throughout October, which the Met said resulted in 677 arrests with 111 people charged, and officers working a total of 9,438 additional shifts.

The climate change action group has been calling on the Government to abandon plans to licence over 100 new oil



Police officers deal with activists from Just Stop Oil during their protest outside Harrods department store in Knightbridge, London (Ian West/PA)

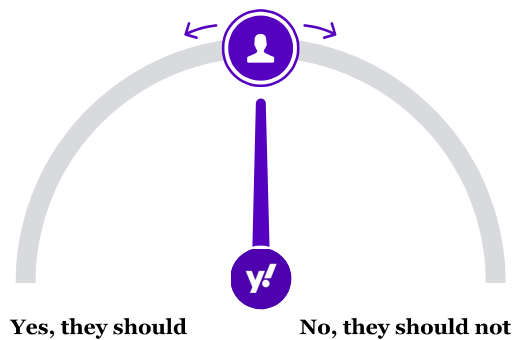
“Policy failures... will force millions into poverty and fac(e) a choice between heating, eating, or providing the basic essentials for themselves and their families,” Just Stop Oil said in a recent statement.

“After decades of climate misinformation and delay, we face an existential crisis. We are going to lose all we hold dear. We need to ditch new oil and gas now and we need to change our politics, so that in future everyone can have a say in the decisions that will determine the future of humanity.”

According to the group, since its campaign began on April 1, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested nearly 2,000 times, with five of their supporters currently in prison.

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Just Stop Oil activists blockade four London bridges

Climate and cost of living campaigners converged in London protests

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Thousands of supporters of [Just Stop Oil](#) have blocked four bridges across the Thames.

Protesters blocked Waterloo Bridge, Westminster Bridge, Lambeth Bridge and Vauxhall Bridge with sit-down protests after marching from 25 points around the centre of London.

Just Stop Oil's activists said protesters would converge on Westminster, where a crowd led by a samba band had already gathered in Parliament Square. Hundreds had earlier sat on Westminster Bridge, blocking traffic, and moved after police warned them they would be arrested if they stayed.

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Among those sitting on Westminster Bridge was Esme Garlake, 26, from [London](#). “I think we are at a real turning point now where the inequalities in our society are so obvious,” she said.

“Today is the day of the energy bills [price rise] coming out and so different groups and grassroots movements are starting to realise that we have to come together to demand social change and climate action.”

Garlake was sat next to her mother, Marilyn Garlake, 59, from Oxford, who said she saw synergies between activism for the climate and cost of living crises. “A tipping point is being reached now,” she said.

“If you look at what’s happening with the cost of living crisis and the climate crisis, everything is coming together, and we have a government that is refusing to take the action that’s needed and making the situation worse.”

The climate activists took to the streets in London as cost of living campaigners Enough Is Enough also held rallies.

The protests come as 200,000 union members walked out of work, with [rail unions](#) RMT, Aslef and TSSA, and postal workers’ union the CWU, striking over pay and conditions.

Enough Is Enough, which has been supported by senior figures in the [RMT](#) and CWU, as well as prominent leftwing MPs, claims 800,000 people have signed up to support its demands.

It has called for pay rises above inflation, cuts to energy bills, a massive drive to build new homes, support for people who cannot afford food, and more taxes on the richest. Its campaign comes as the government has slashed taxes on the highest earners, and has hinted about massive real-terms cuts to benefits.



📷 Just Stop Oil protesters in London converged at Westminster Bridge. Photograph: Antonio Olmos/The Observer

On Saturday, the group held rallies in Birmingham, Bristol, Cardiff, Glasgow, Liverpool, Manchester and Norwich.

Just Stop Oil has come into the autumn after a spring and summer of non-violent civil disobedience protests against England's fuel distribution network.

As part of a coalition of groups, including Insulate Britain, Animal Rebellion, and Jeremy Corbyn's Peace and Justice Project, it has broadened its demands from an end to all new oil infrastructure to include more taxes on the rich and support with energy bills.

Corbyn, the former Labour leader, drew rapturous applause as he denounced the government's plans to cut taxes for the richest and benefits for the poorest.

"Our strength is our organisation, our strength is our unity," Corbyn said. "So let's stand up for what we believe in."

Dave Ward, the general secretary of the CWU, said the campaign would pressure the Labour party "into the right place to stand up for working people".

"Everybody's job who cares about people in this country to have a fair deal for everything, we have got to build collectivism," Ward said.

"Are you ready for that? Enough is enough. Let's get out there: let's protest, let's rally. We are going to make change."

Figures within the Enough Is Enough campaign have told the Guardian there was no coordination between the two groups before Saturday’s protests.

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Environmental protesters block central London for seventh day

Supporters of Just Stop Oil displayed banners and glued themselves to roads leading to Vauxhall Bridge

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Fri 7 Oct 2022 15:18 BST

Two dozen environmental protesters have blocked central [London](#) roads for a seventh day, continuing a week of disruptive action that has led to at least 150 arrests.

Just after 10am on Friday, several groups of supporters of the [Just Stop Oil](#) campaign blocked roads leading to Vauxhall Bridge. They glued themselves to the road and displayed banners.

Just Stop Oil, which earlier this year staged weeks of [direct action against oil terminals](#), has vowed to “occupy Westminster” with daily roadblocks until the government agrees a moratorium on all new oil and gas projects.

But their latest direct action came as the government opened up a new licensing round to allow oil and gas companies to [explore for fossil fuels in the North Sea](#). On Friday, the North Sea Transition Authority offered 898 blocks of the UK seabed for exploration.

Despite overwhelming, longstanding international concern about the impact that the continued burning of fossil fuels is having on the world’s climate, Graham Stuart, the climate minister, on Friday morning said the development would be “actually good for the environment”.

Last year the International Energy Agency said that if climate change was to be kept within 1.5C there could be no new investments in fossil fuels.

Among the protesters on Friday was Grace Lally, 43, a childcare worker and mother of two from Hastings. She said: “We all know the science and the facts, so our leaders who are doing nothing to transition away from fossil fuels are either fools or psychopaths.

“Either way, I’m not prepared to let them lead us over a cliff without putting up a fight. We are nonviolent but we must use every means in our power – protests, strikes, occupations – to try to stop the fossil fuel companies and their political defenders from destroying everything we love.”

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Friday's action is the seventh day in a row that supporters of Just Stop **Oil** have caused disruption on central London's streets. According to figures provided by the Metropolitan police, 35 people were arrested in connection with their protests on Sunday, 59 on Tuesday, 24 on Wednesday and 32 on Thursday.

No protesters were arrested on Saturday or Monday, despite disruptive actions also being taken on both those days. The Met said 13 people were arrested for wilful obstruction of the highway in connection with Friday's disruption.

Just Stop Oil has said it has teams lined up to take turns mounting human roadblocks in Westminster for weeks to come, and has claimed it is constantly training new supporters to take direct action. Activists inside the group told the Guardian they believe the strategy is more sustainable than the oil refinery protests in April, which petered out after several weeks due to exhaustion and increasingly stringent police and legal action.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "We will continue in civil resistance because it is the right thing to do when faced with a harmful government. The coming weeks will see the disruption in the capital increase until the government makes a statement to end new oil and gas.

"Beginning the process of winding down fossil fuel production in this country is not rocket science, it's not brain surgery."

In a statement on Friday evening, the Met said: "At approximately 10am, police received reports that a group of protesters glued themselves to road at the junction of Vauxhall Bridge & Gillingham Street. Officers were promptly on scene and dealt with the situation.

"All protesters who had glued themselves onto the road were been safely removed by specially trained officers."

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Just Stop Oil activists throw soup at Van Gogh's Sunflowers

Protesters then glue themselves to wall beneath painting at National Gallery in London

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Fri 14 Oct 2022 15:07 BST

Activists from Just Stop Oil have thrown tomato soup over Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers at the [National Gallery](#) in London.

There were gasps, roars and a shout of "Oh my gosh!" in room 43 of the gallery as two young supporters of the climate protest group threw the liquid over the painting, which is protected by glass, just after 11am.

They removed jackets to reveal [Just Stop Oil](#) T-shirts before gluing themselves to the wall beneath the artwork, which is one of the gallery's most important treasures.

"What is worth more, art or life?" said one of the activists, Phoebe Plummer, 21, from [London](#). She was accompanied by 20-year-old Anna Holland, from Newcastle. "Is it worth more than food? More than justice? Are you more concerned about the protection of a painting or the protection of our planet and people?"





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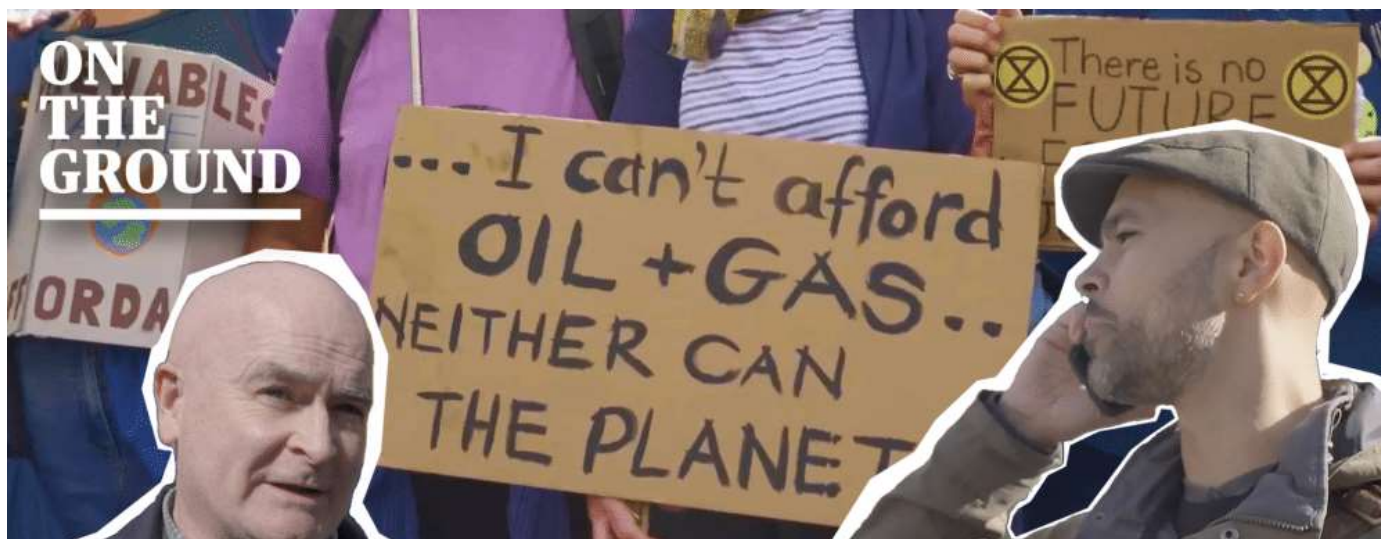
For the past two weeks, the group has been **staging sit-down protests** on roads around central London, infuriating drivers and commuters, but Friday's action appeared to be an escalation of its tactics.

The protest sparked mixed reactions and plenty of anger. Sophie Wright, 43, from Surrey, initially condemned the action but changed her mind when she learned the painting was unlikely to have been permanently damaged.

"I support the cause and by the looks of it they are considered protests, with a purpose of raising awareness and shocking [people]," she said. "So long as they don't hurt people or put people in danger, then I support them."

But a witness, who declined to give his name, said he could understand their cause but worried about targeting "a beautiful piece of art, which is the best of humanity". He added: "They may be trying to get people to think about the issues but all they end up doing is getting people really annoyed and angry.

"The typical unthinking individual who doesn't think about the big issues of the planet is not the kind of person who walks around the National Gallery."





The canvas of the painting is protected with a glass screen, a factor Just Stop Oil said they had taken into account.

The picture is one of the most famous images in the world, painted by the Van Gogh when he lived in the south of France. The image, like so much of the Dutch artist’s work, celebrates the beauty of ordinary everyday objects – a flower, a chair, a shoe. In 1987, one of the series was sold for \$39m.

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Demonstrators also blocked the road in front of the Metropolitan Police's headquarters during Just Stop Oil's action on Friday.

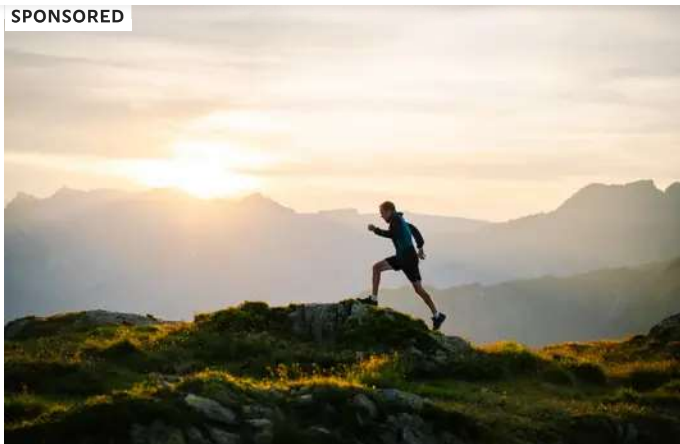
Officers cleared the demonstrators from Victoria Embankment, outside New Scotland Yard, and have now reopened it to traffic.

The force said it arrested 24 protesters on suspicion of wilful obstruction of the highway and conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

At least eight officers continued to surround the New Scotland Yard rotating sign, which remains covered in paint.

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Police officers gave the activists protective visors before cutting the piping in half to separate them.

One woman present said she she was carrying out the protest to draw attention to the five protesters from the group who are in prison.

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In a short clip from the demonstration, she can be seen being escorted away by police.

She said: “We are holding peaceful protesters in prison and all they are doing is standing up to a corrupt Government and corporations.”

It is the 14th day of civil unrest in the capital from the protest group.

Due to the protests, a total of 376 people were arrested before Friday, commander Karen Findlay told the Standard.

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 There are currently 5 Just Stop Oil supporters in prison on remand or serving sentences for taking action to demand that the Government halts new oil and gas licences. They are Simon Milner-Edwards, Margaret Reid, Michelle Charlesworth, Joshua Smith and Louis McKechnie.

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In a statement, a Just Stop Oil spokesperson told the Standard: “We have a message for the police, for those who have imprisoned over 100 people for acting to protect humanity.

“We are not prepared to watch while everything we love is destroyed. We’re done with begging. We are acting to stop new oil and gas because it is the right thing to do.

“As citizens, as parents, we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. This is the moment, we are the last people that can solve this. Will you step up and join us?

“Together we can do this. We can Just Stop Oil.

“The climate crisis is the greatest threat to law and order. The police should stop arresting non-violent people seeking to protect humanity and either join us or start arresting those planning our deaths. The government and the fossil fuel companies are guilty of genocide, we know who they are. These are the people who should be in prison.”

A Just Stop Oil supporter, looking on at the protests outside New Scotland Yard and handing out leaflets, said she supported what the group was doing.

Gabby Ditton, 28, from Norwich, said: “We did try petitions and marches and strongly worded emails before this, but that didn’t work. And now we’re in a situation where all of life on earth could be destroyed forever in the name of short-term profit. So yeah, I absolutely support this.

“It’s peaceful, it’s non-violent, it’s stressful to watch but what other choice do we have?”

Earlier on Friday, two other activists from the group threw tomato soup over Vincent van Gogh’s iconic Sunflowers painting at the National Gallery.

After covering the painting, the two women then glued themselves to the wall in the gallery.

In a statement released on the Just Stop Oil website accompanying the protest in the National Gallery, Phoebe Plummer, 21, from London said: “The cost of living crisis is driven by fossil fuels—everyday life has become unaffordable for millions of cold hungry families—they can’t even afford to heat a tin of soup.

“Meanwhile, crops are failing and people are dying in supercharged monsoons, massive wildfires and endless droughts caused by climate breakdown. We can’t afford new oil and gas, it’s going to take everything.

“We will look back and mourn all we have lost unless we act immediately.”

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Just Stop Oil protesters spray paint over Aston Martin showroom and block Park Lane

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

Press / October 17, 2022

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

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

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

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

Marcus, 33, a teacher from London said:

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

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

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

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Police remove and arrest M25 Dartford Crossing protesters

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Footage shows the operation to bring the protesters down from the bridge, which crosses the Thames between Essex and Kent

Police have arrested two men after removing them from the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge where they staged a two-day protest disrupting traffic on the M25.

Just Stop Oil supporters scaled the bridge's masts at the Dartford Crossing in the early hours of Monday.

The activists said the action was in protest against new government oil and gas licences.

Essex Police said the two men had been arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit public nuisance.

Earlier, the force brought a raised platform to the scene to "allow specially trained officers to work at great height".



Morgan Trowland climbed the QEII bridge early on Monday morning and he was still there on Tuesday, having strung a hammock on the cables

National Highways said there had been delays of up to 60 minutes for southbound traffic approaching the crossing on the M25, which was then diverted through the Dartford Tunnel, which is normally for northbound traffic only.

The 1.7mile (2.8km) bridge usually takes traffic southbound over the River Thames on the A282, which connects the M25 London orbital motorway from Essex to Kent.

National Highways said the bridge was set to reopen after inspections "to ensure no damage was caused during the protest" were carried out.

Sean Martell from National Highways said: "We are working to get the bridge reopen as soon as it is safe to do so."



Aerial footage shows protesters suspended from the bridge and long queues of traffic



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A police presence remained at the Queen Elizabeth II bridge, which carries the A282 over the River Thames, connecting the M25 between Essex and Kent

Police said the climate change protesters were about 430ft (130m) above the water and 180ft (55m) above the road surface.

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Ch Supt Anslow told **BBC Essex** that officers tried to negotiate with the protesters on Monday using loudhailers, but that "communication was very difficult because of the wind and the distance".



Essex Police said officers were trying to communicate with the protesters using loudhailers

A **Just Stop Oil** spokesperson had said the two men would remain on the masts "until they're brought down".

One of them, Morgan Trowland, who was described as a 39-year-old bridge design engineer from London, said on Twitter on Tuesday morning that he was cold but had "survived the night".

"We demand that the government stops all new licensing and consent for oil and gas extractions," he told **BBC Radio Kent**.

"We're not going to get out of this emergency unless we take acts of civil resistance."





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| Essex Police said the two people were "currently at height"

Harry Rogers, from Cocking, West Sussex, told the BBC that he was one hour and 40 minutes late for his cousin's funeral because of the closure.

He said he had managed to have a soft drink at the wake, held at a pub in Upminster, east London, before driving back home.

Karina Poole, from Thurrock, Essex, said she was an hour late for work because she had had to walk the 30-minute journey to her local railway station.

"These demonstrators have put my personal safety at risk," she said. "Not all of us can afford to use taxis, especially in today's economic climate."

Several Isthmian League football fixtures have been postponed with club websites citing "ongoing issues" for the teams and fans travelling from Essex to Kent and Sussex.

They included *Lewes v Aveley*, *Herne Bay v Billericay* and *Bognor Regis Town v Bowers & Pitsea*.

In a statement the government said: "While we respect the right to protest, people's day-to-day lives should not be disrupted, and criminal activity will not be tolerated.

"We remain fully committed to reaching net zero by 2050 and the UK is forging ahead of many other countries on net zero - with 40% of our power now coming from cleaner and cheaper renewable sources."

A video has appeared on social media platforms showing fireworks being fired in the direction of the protesters.

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

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

Meanwhile, the Metropolitan Police arrested 26 Just Stop Oil activists blocking Talgarth Road near Barons Court Tube station in central London on Tuesday morning.

The activists sat down on the road with banners at 07:30 and glued themselves to the Tarmac and each other.

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Just Stop Oil protesters removed from Dartford Crossing bridge and arrested

Police use raised platform to bring down activists who had blocked route linking Kent and Essex for second day

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Two **Just Stop Oil** protesters who climbed up the Queen Elizabeth II Bridge and blocked the Dartford Crossing have been removed by police and arrested.

Officers brought in a raised platform after the Dartford Crossing was blocked for the second day in a row. The protesters had agreed with police to leave the bridge, which links Kent and Essex.

Essex police tweeted: “Two people who had been at height on the #DartfordCrossing have now been brought down and arrested. An at-height operation was a success and two men have now been arrested. A decision on how and when to open the road sits with @HighwaysEAST.”





The bridge was closed on Monday after it was scaled by the two climbers from the group, whose demands include that the government “halts all new oil and gas licences and consents”.

The closure of the major road bridge caused delays of two hours during rush hour on Monday, with six miles of congestion on the anti-clockwise carriageway and five miles in the opposite direction, National Highways said.


National Highways earlier said delays were building on Tuesday, with about 1.5 miles of slow-moving traffic. “Road users are advised to avoid travelling to the Dartford Crossing, please consider alternative routes,” it added.

Just Stop Oil is understood to have further action planned in London throughout October.

The protest group tweeted: “We successfully disrupted oil supplies to Kent & the South East for 36 hrs. We are stepping down now but other supporters of Just Stop Oil will be stepping up day after day, causing disruption & putting their liberty on the line to demand that the government ends new oil & gas.”

Morgan Trowland, 39, a bridge design engineer from London, said in a statement released by Just Stop Oil on Monday: “As a professional civil engineer, each year as I renew my registration I commit to acting within our code of ethics, which requires me to safeguard human life and welfare and the environment.

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“Our government has enacted suicidal laws to accelerate oil production, killing human life and destroying our environment. I can’t challenge this madness in my desk job, designing bridges, so I’m taking direct action, occupying the QEII bridge until the government stops all new oil.”

The A282 Dartford Crossing is the only way to cross the Thames east of London by road. The 1.7-mile QEII Bridge southbound, and two 0.8-mile tunnels northbound, link Essex and Kent. The A282 also connects directly at both ends with the M25 London orbital motorway, one of the busiest in Europe.

Meanwhile, the Metropolitan police arrested 26 Just Stop Oil activists blocking Talgarth Road near Barons Court tube station in west London on Tuesday. At 7.30am, the activists sat down on the road with banners and glued themselves to the road surface and to each other.

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Just Stop Oil blocks Knightsbridge and spray paints Harrods on 20th day of action in the capital

Press / October 20, 2022

Just Stop Oil supporters have stopped traffic on Knightsbridge in London and sprayed paint on the outside of Harrods to demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents. [1]

At 9 am today, 20 Just Stop Oil supporters walked onto Knightsbridge in central London and disrupted traffic by sitting in the road with banners. Some supporters glued onto the tarmac and others locked themselves together. Two supporters have also sprayed the outside of Harrods department store with orange paint.

A spokesperson for Just Stop Oil said:

"Our government is criminally incompetent and morally bankrupt. They are actively seeking to accelerate fossil fuel production, which will kill millions of people, while failing to address the worst cost of living crisis

this country has ever seen. Vulnerable people will be freezing to death in their homes this winter, while the government refuses to tax the rich and the big energy companies that are profiting from our misery.

We owe it to our young people to stop fossil fuels, we owe it to our workers to create a just transition to a zero carbon economy, we owe it to our old people to enable them to live with dignity. We need to rapidly reduce the demand for fossil fuel energy through a massive programme of renewables, insulation and free public transport paid for by taxing the fossil fuel companies obscene profits, and the rich who avoid paying their fair share."

Andrew Brook, 60, a parent and teacher from Brighton said:

"The government seems to be an 'anti-science alliance'. A rejection of facts and expertise leaves us in extreme peril. My students are somewhere between seething and utterly depressed. They see the future as dystopia or simply say, 'we have no future'. I am here for them. I have worked all my life. Science says my children have no future. I find it hard to sleep at nights and this government make it worse almost every day."

Rosie Sauvage, 64, a grandmother from Tunbridge Wells said:

"I want my 3 year old grandson and all of his generation and generations to come to have a liveable climate and enough food to eat. They don't deserve to suffer because of the indifference and inaction of our current leaders. We demand that the UK government stops granting licences for new fossil fuel exploration which is in direct contradiction to stated government Net Zero policy. "

Just Stop Oil continues to peacefully resist the government's plans to licence over 100 new oil and gas projects by 2025, and its failure to fulfil its promise to help people with their skyrocketing energy bills. These policy failures will cause misery for millions. Almost 8 million households are expected to fall into fuel poverty by April 1st 2023. [2]

Today's roadblock follows over two weeks of continuous civil resistance by supporters of Just Stop Oil during which the police have made 525 arrests, including 25 on Wednesday. Since the campaign began on April 1st, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested over 1,800 times, with 5 supporters currently in prison. [3]

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Protestors caked a model of King Charles III.

Credit: Twitter/@JustStop_Oil

Just Stop Oil protestors have thrown cake in the face of the model of King Charles III at Madame Tussauds.


The two activists covered the waxwork model of the King in chocolate cake as part of their ongoing protests against the government investing in new oil and gas.

They have been named by the group as Eilidh McFadden, 20, from Glasgow, and Tom Johnson, 29, a painter/decorator from Sunderland.

They said: "The science is clear. The demand is simple: just stop new oil and gas. It's a piece of cake."

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 Two supporters of Just Stop Oil have covered a Madame Tussauds waxwork model of King Charles III with chocolate cake, demanding that the Government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents.

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It comes as King pulled out of attending COP27 in a few weeks time, where he was due to make a speech, reportedly on the advice of then-Prime Minister Liz Truss.

The environmental protest group are demonstrating every day in October.

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It is not the first time they have aimed their protests at a high profile target. On Sunday, four activists blocked the iconic Abbey Road crossing made famous by the Beatles.

On 14 October, two activists threw tomato soup at Vincent Van Gogh's famous Sunflowers masterpiece at the National Gallery.

*Protestors blocked the famous Abbey Road crossing.
Credit: PA Stills*

Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups whose aim is to ensure the government halts all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

The Metropolitan Police confirmed four people have been arrested in connection with the incident.

They said: “We responded quickly to an incident at Madame Tussauds after two people threw food at a statue at approximately 10.50hrs.

“Four people have been arrested for criminal damage related to this incident.”

More than 600 arrests have been made in relation to the group's protests since the beginning of October.

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Just Stop Oil protesters spray orange paint on London Ferrari and Bentley showrooms

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🕒 Wednesday 26 October 2022 at 10:41am



Just Stop Oil is using eye-catching techniques to get across its message about [climate change](#)

Just Stop Oil activists have sprayed paint on the windows of two luxury car showrooms in central London.

Protesters used a fire extinguisher at the premises of high-end dealers Ferrari and Bentley on the corner of Berkeley Square and Bruton Street on Wednesday morning.

The [Metropolitan Police](#) arrested two people on suspicion of criminal damage in relation to the protest.

The force tweeted: "Protestors have sprayed paint at the Ferrari and Bentley garages in Berkley Square at 08:39hrs.

"Met officers were rapidly on scene and at 08:46hrs, arrested two people for criminal damage.

It came as the campaign group continues its month-long series of protests as it calls on the Government to halt all new fossil fuel licences.

The group says police have made 585 arrests since they began their action at the beginning of October.

Below: reporter Rags Martel hears from the Met about the resources taken up policing the protests

Seven Just Stop Oil demonstrators were arrested on Tuesday after spraying paint on to the facade of 55 Tufton Street in Westminster as it targeted the headquarters of climate sceptic think tank Global Warming Police Foundation.

Protester Carmen Lean, 28, an architecture student from Glasgow, said: "New oil and gas is a death sentence for people all around the world.

"You can throw us in prison but it won't stop our outrage at this Government throwing millions of people under the bus.

"This Government is using the crisis to push through more austerity on one hand and new oil licences on the other. Both are death sentences."

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Emma Brown, 31, also from Glasgow, said: “We have come down from Scotland to demand this toxic Government in Westminster do another U-turn, this time on our broken energy system.

“Get your hands off our North Sea oil and rapidly upscale the renewable energies that will prevent catastrophic climate breakdown and reduce our bills.

“This is the immediate action we need to help the cost of living and the climate crisis.”

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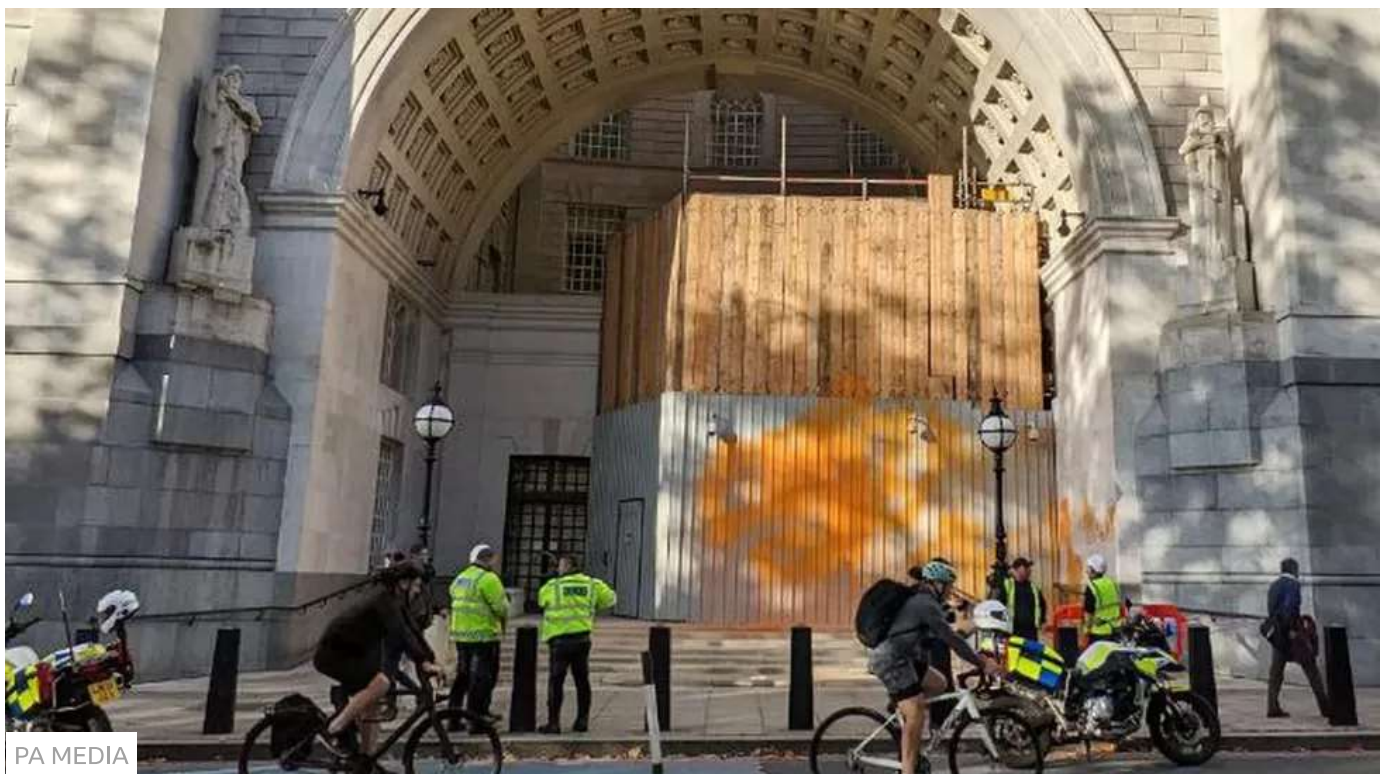
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Just Stop Oil activists target MI5 and Home Office buildings

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A building used by MI5 was sprayed with paint

Environmental activists have sprayed orange paint on buildings in central London, calling for the government to halt new oil and gas licences.

Just Stop Oil targeted buildings used by the Home Office, MI5, the Bank of England and News Corp.

The group said the buildings were chosen as they represented "the four pillars that support and maintain the power of the fossil fuel economy".

The Metropolitan Police said six people have been arrested.

"Officers responded quickly to all incidents and a number of people have now been arrested on suspicion of criminal damage," the force said.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "The era of fossil fuels should be long gone, but the creeping tentacles of fossil fuel interests continue to corrupt our politics, government and the media, as they have for decades.

"How else do you explain a government ignoring sensible no-brainer policies like renewables, insulation and public transport, which would cut our energy bills and our carbon emissions, in favour of corrupt schemes to drill for uneconomic oil and gas at taxpayers expense?"

The group has taken part in numerous demonstrations in recent months, including blocking roads, **tying themselves to goalposts** during football matches and **throwing soup at art**.

On Sunday, the police **urged people not to directly intervene with the protests**, after angry drivers removed demonstrators who were blocking roads in central London.



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Bank of England, Home Office, MI5 and News Corp HQ targeted by Just Stop Oil vandalism

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Just Stop Oil activist (right) covered in paint at MI5 after being tackled by a member of the public (left)

The Bank of England was among London landmarks targeted by environment activists this morning, along with the Home Office, MI5 and headquarters of News Corp.

Two Just Stop Oil demonstrators were arrested by City police outside the Bank of England, after the building was covered in orange paint.

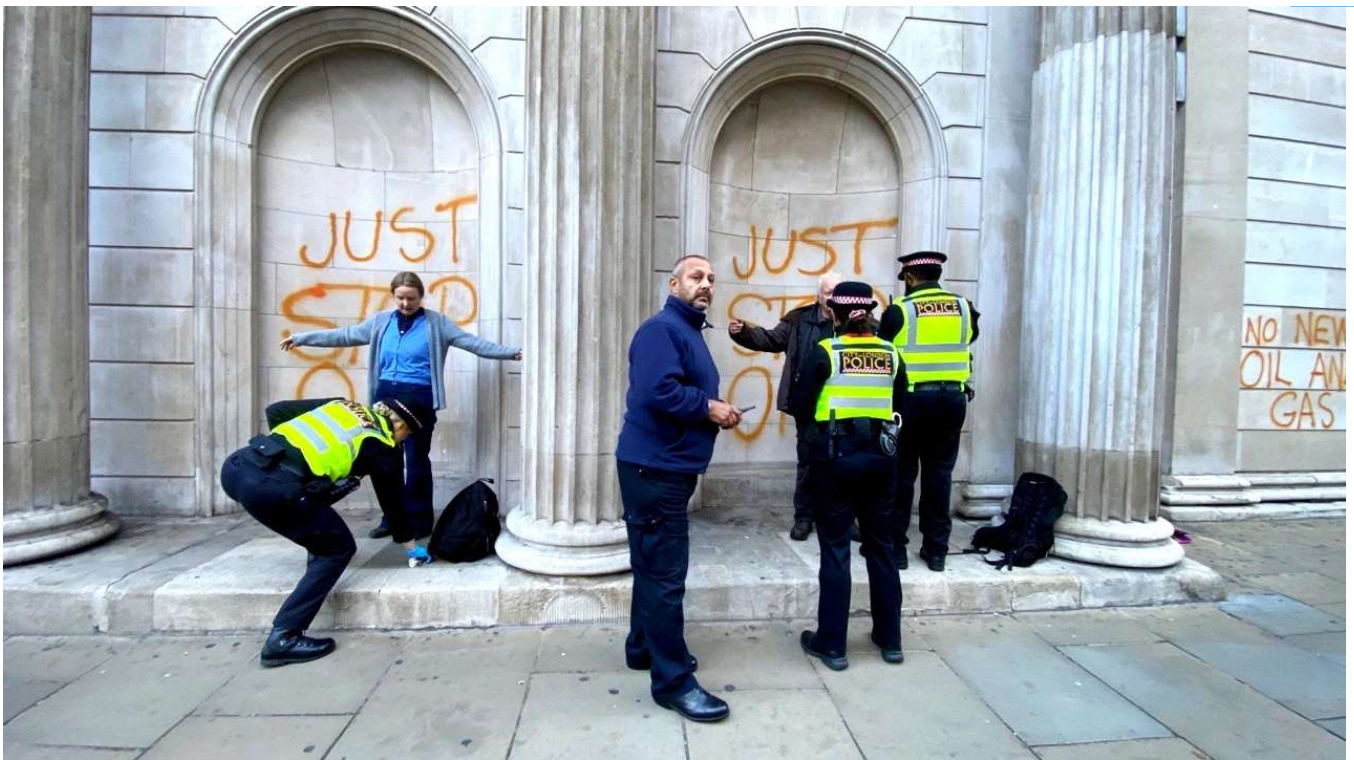


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Just Stop Oil activists detained by police at the Bank of England

On Twitter, the Bank of England said it “was vandalised by Just Stop Oil today. Many thanks to City Police for their swift action and arrests.”

“We will cooperate fully with any further police investigation. Tackling climate change is everyone’s responsibility”, before sharing what it is doing.

On Twitter, a video emerged of a member of the public trying to stop one of the Just Stop Oil protestors from vandalising MI5.

Both the protestor and member of the public ended up covered in paint.

The Metropolitan Police said it has arrested six people on suspicion of criminal damage across the capital in connection with the protests.

Their account tweeted, “protestors have thrown paint in a number of locations this morning: Marsham Street, SW1P Millbank, SW1P London Bridge, SE1.

The Bank was vandalised by Just Stop Oil today. Many thanks to [@CityPolice](#) for their swift action and arrests. We will cooperate fully with any further police investigation. Tackling climate change is everyone's responsibility. Read what we're doing here: <https://t.co/g7C2nDlkkV> pic.twitter.com/tptZG7gbPj
— Bank of England (@bankofengland) [October 31, 2022](#)

Despite the injunction, last week Just Stop Oil demonstrators disrupted roads by Bank Station in the heart of the City.

“Six arrests have been made this morning following this protest activity. All those arrested remain in custody.”

This comes as [Just Stop Oil](#) enter their 31st day of direct action mainly across London, protesting the government's issuing of 100 new gas and oil contracts.



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“We are not prepared to stand by and watch while everything we love is destroyed, while vulnerable people go hungry and fossil fuel companies and the rich profit from our misery”, said a Just Stop Oil spokesperson.

The group said it targeted the [Bank of England](#), Home Office, MI5 and News Corp as they are the “pillars that support and maintain” fossil fuels in the economy.

Earlier this month Essex police slammed “[selfish](#)” [Just Stop Oil](#) demonstrators who closed the Dartford bridge for an hour, while TfL was granted an [injunction against the group](#) on 21 October.



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Just Stop Oil activists spray orange paint over Home Office, MI5, News UK and Bank of England buildings

Just Stop Oil said its supporters sprayed paint from fire extinguishers on four buildings which were chosen to represent the pillars that support and maintain the power of the fossil fuel economy.


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Climate activists have sprayed orange paint on buildings in central London, demanding that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents.

Just Stop Oil said its supporters sprayed paint from fire extinguishers on the Home Office, the MI5 building, the Bank of England and The News Building, the headquarters of News UK at London Bridge, on Monday morning.

The group said the buildings were chosen to represent the pillars that support and maintain the power of the fossil fuel economy.

Scotland Yard said protesters threw paint in a number of locations, naming Marsham Street, Millbank, London Bridge and Threadneedle Street.

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City of London Police said four people were arrested outside the Bank of England.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "We are not prepared to stand by and watch while everything we love is destroyed, while vulnerable people go hungry and fossil fuel companies and the rich profit from our misery."

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The campaign group accused the government of ignoring "sensible" policies like renewable energy and insulating homes, saying this would "cut our energy bills and our carbon emissions".

The statement continued: "We're done with begging. We are acting to stop new oil and gas because it is the right thing to do.

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Just Stop Oil at the the headquarters of News UK in London

"As citizens, as parents we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love."

It comes amid a month-long campaign of direct action from Just Stop Oil, which has closed the Dartford Crossing, [smeared chocolate cake over a waxwork of King Charles](#), and thrown various things, including mash potato and soup, over famous pieces of art in recent weeks.

The protests have at times sparked angry responses from the public.

On Sunday, drivers dragged protesters out of the way and a woman shouted that they were stopping her sick child from passing as activists blocked two roads in east London.

The disruption has prompted police to issue a warning telling people not to take the law into their own hands and "directly intervene" to

move protesters.

Over 650 Just Stop Oil activists have been arrested since 1 October, accounting for more than 7,900 officer shifts, Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Matt Twisty has said.

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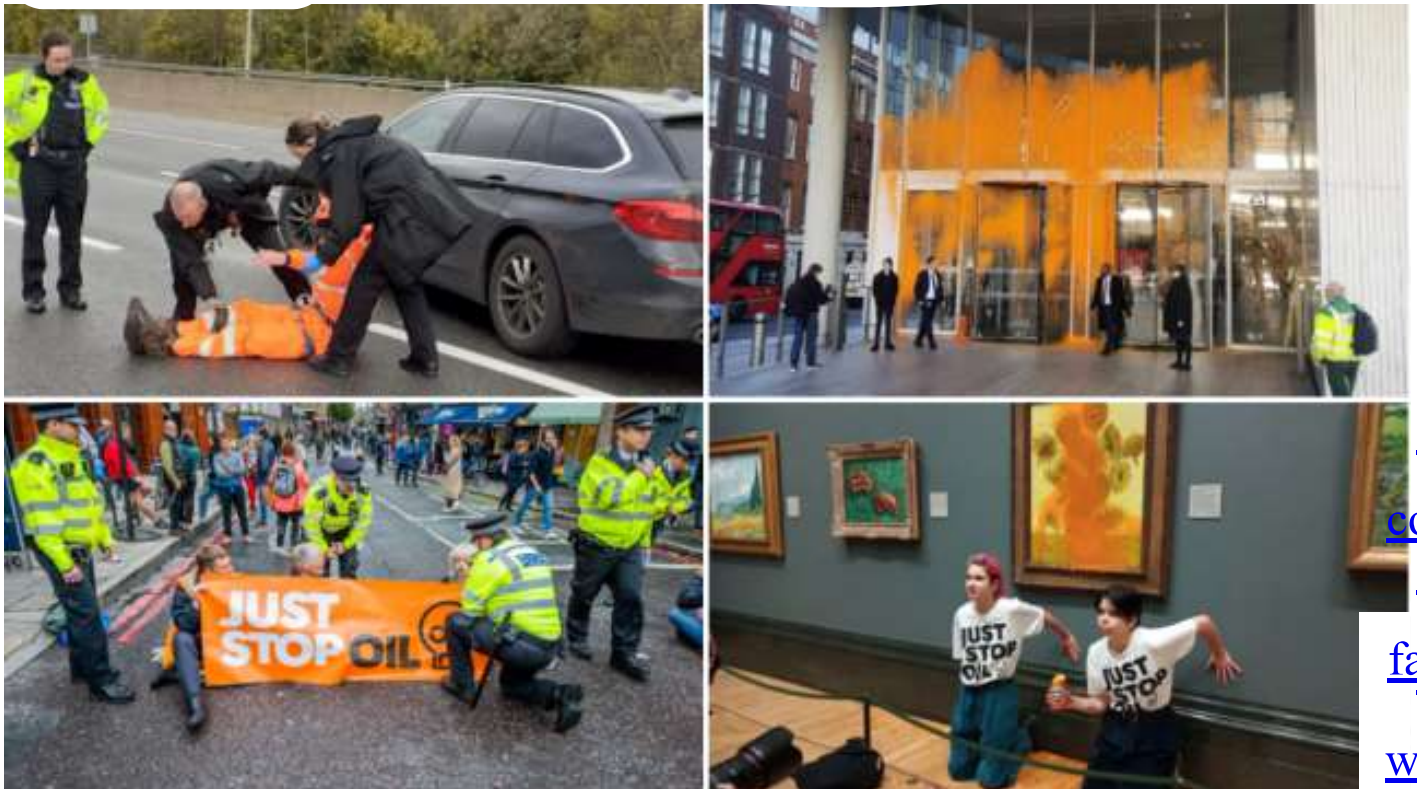
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The movement has made waves in the press this year (Pictures: Essex Police / SWNS.com / PA / Guy Bell / Shutterstock / ZUMA Press Wire)

If soup or artwork comes up in conversation, your mind is sure to go to one thing.

The [Just Stop Oil](#) movement made headlines this year when protestors [doused famous Van Gogh painting Sunflowers with tomato soup](#) that was protected by two sheets of glass.

The pair of protestors then glued themselves to the gallery wall below the estimated \$84.2million (£72.4million) painting.

But this wasn't the first time the group made a very public statement.



Members of the movement also garnered attention when they created [a human barricade](#) across London.

The group also gave [the Home Office, Bank of England, and MI5](#) a makeover after covering them with orange paint.

The sudden surge in attention surrounding the group has many people asking just who is Just Stop Oil, and what are their main objectives? Here's what you need to know.

What is the Just Stop Oil movement?

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Just Stop Oil is made up of a number of environmental organisations working together.

The coalition wants to ensure that the government commits to ‘ending all new licenses and consents for the exploration, development, and production of fossil fuels in the UK,’ according to their [website](#).

The movement began on February 14 this year with a month of oil terminal disruptions across Southern England beginning in April.

They have pledged to take part in non-violent direct action that targets the UK’s oil and gas infrastructure.

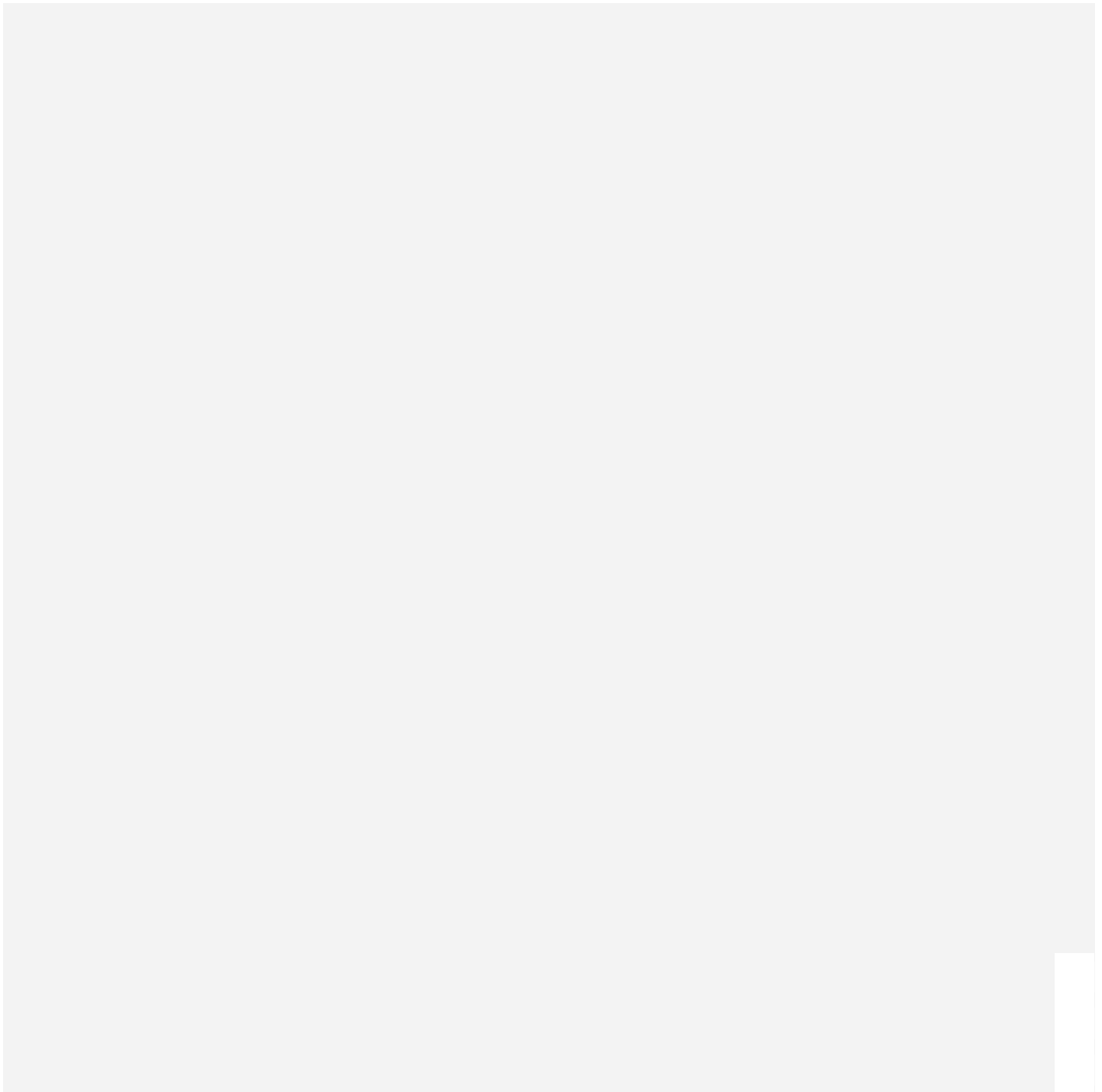
Since their latest campaign began on April 1, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested 1,900 times, with seven supporters currently in prison.

Protestors have also [chucked chocolate cake over the King Charles waxwork at Madame Tussauds](#).

The stunt came just a day after campaigners in Germany [covered a £96million Monet painting with mashed potato](#).

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The group has taken part in non-violent action to promote their cause (Picture: Guy Bell / Shutterstock)

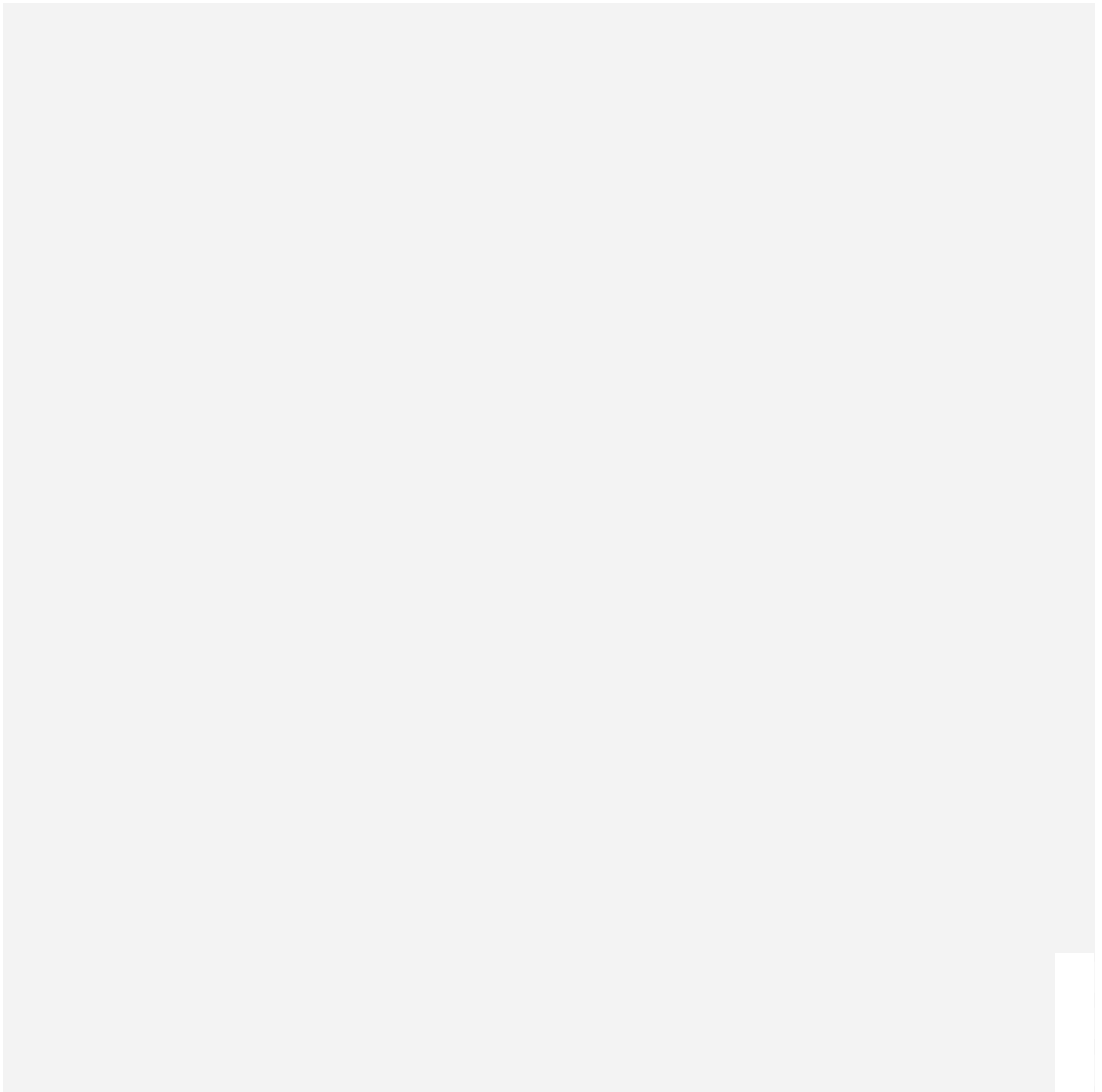
Most of the group's funding for recruitment, training, capacity building, and education comes from [Climate Emergency Fund](#).

Just Stop Oil also receives donations from members of the public who support the campaign.

In April 2022, it was reported that their primary source of funding was donations from the American-based [Climate Emergency Fund](#). Through that fund, a notable donor to the group has been Aileen Getty – a descendant of the family which founded the Getty Oil company.

According to their [website](#), these donations are used for 'food, accommodation, and travel costs.'

What are their key aims?



Their protests have not always been well received (Picture: Hollie Adams / Getty Images)

Just Stop Oil wants the UK government makes a statement that it will immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development, and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

‘The scientific evidence is unequivocal: climate change is a threat to human wellbeing and the health of the planet,’ their [website](#) says.

‘Any further delay in concerted global action will miss a brief and rapidly closing window to secure a liveable future.’

The group demands investment in renewable energy and asks for buildings to have better thermal insulation to reduce waste.

Just Stop Oil also raises awareness of and encourages people to cut down on the usage of oil-powered vehicles, such as planes and private cars.

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Just Stop Oil protesters try to scale Downing Street gates

The demonstrators also sat in Whitehall blocking traffic

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Just Stop Oil activists target Downing Street in latest protest

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Just Stop Oil protesters have attempted to climb the gates of **Downing Street** on 

At 11.20am on Tuesday, 22 protesters arrived in **Whitehall** with one group blocking the busy central **London** route by sitting in the road, with some gluing themselves to the Tarmac, while others tried to climb the gates to Downing Street.

A video posted on the group's **Twitter** account showed several protesters in their distinctive orange reflective waistcoats jumping over a smaller gate in an attempt to climb the main entrance to the street where the Prime Minister lives and works.

Officers shouted “make way” and “come back please” as armed police prevented some protesters from jumping over the smaller gate, and removed a woman who was climbing up the main gate.

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Activists were dragged by officers towards police vans as members of the public filmed and watched.

The Metropolitan Police Events Twitter account said officers were aware of the protesters in Whitehall and Downing Street and that they were on the scene dealing with the matter.

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said: "Rishi Sunak is about to U-turn on attending Cop27.

"We demand that he also U-turn on new oil and gas. This genocidal policy will kill millions of people, while failing to address the worst cost of living crisis this country has ever seen.

"It's time for a serious windfall tax on big oil, without the get-out-of-jail-free tax credits that will encourage more oil and gas that we cannot afford.

"Vulnerable people will be freezing to death in their homes this winter, unable to afford a can of soup, while his Government refuses to tax the rich and the big energy companies that are profiting from our misery.

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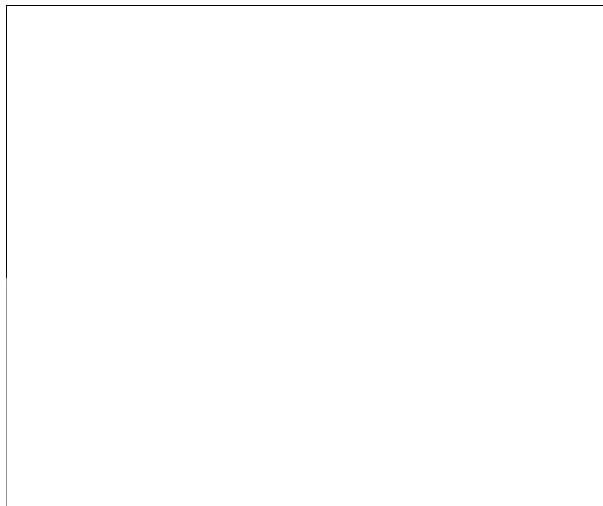


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“We owe it to our young people to stop fossil fuels, we owe it to our workers to create a just transition to a zero-carbon economy, we owe it to our old people to enable them to live with dignity. We are not prepared to stand by and watch while everything we love is destroyed.”



The Metropolitan Police has been contacted for comment.

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Just Stop Oil disrupts the M25 in multiple locations

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Just Stop Oil supporters have climbed onto motorway gantries around the M25 as part of their campaign to demand that the government halts all new oil and gas licences and consents [1]

At 7.30am this morning, in at least six locations, supporters of Just Stop Oil climbed onto the overhead gantries of the M25, both clockwise and anti-clockwise causing police to halt traffic. Yesterday evening, Just Stop Oil contacted the Metropolitan Police and National Highways Ltd to advise them that there would major disruption on the M25, and ask them to implement a 30mph speed limit, in line with their responsibilities to keep the public safe.

Indigo Rumblelow, 28, a spokesperson for Just Stop Oil from London said:

"What did you expect? This government is complicit in an illegal and unconstitutional plan to issue more licenses and consents for new oil and gas. A plan that will take the world over 1.5C, resulting in the collapse

of ordered society, the loss of our rights and freedoms and the death of millions of people.

Our latest Prime Minister Rishi Sunak talks of the importance of ending our dependence on fossil fuels yet he is still planning to allow new fossil fuel projects. This is a failure of politics. People have the legal right under British law to cause disruption to prevent a greater harm: the right of necessity. We do not do this lightly. After thirty years of public debate, lobbying and petitioning, and three years of peaceful civil disobedience, we are still on course for catastrophic climate breakdown and we have nowhere else to go. The government is doubling down on fossil fuels, indicating ever greater levels of criminality.

In the face of this reality, disruptive civil resistance is now inevitable and justified. It will continue until the UK government changes course. We are serious. We have never been more serious. Our families, communities, our country and civilisation are on the cliff edge of destruction. We will not die silently and neither will the people, like you, your friends, neighbours and colleagues who know what has to be done."

Anthony Whitehouse, 71, a grandfather and gardener from Dewsbury said:

"I have worked hard, supported my family and expected a secure retirement. Instead I find myself in civil resistance against a criminally negligent government. Along with everyone else who understands where we are heading I must try to prevent the disaster that is unfolding. To understand the consequences of climate collapse and not to act is to be complicit in the death of millions and the displacement of hundreds of millions of people from their homes. Ordinary hard working people deserve to know what is coming if we don't halt new oil and gas."

Today's action follows four weeks of continuous civil resistance by supporters of Just Stop Oil during which the police have made 678 arrests. Since the campaign began on April 1st, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested nearly 2,000 times, with 6 supporters currently in prison.[2]

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

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

Stand with our supporters in prison, with the 1,700 murdered across the global south, for protecting all our lives. [3]

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[1] 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. Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects. Climate Emergency Fund is Just Stop Oil's primary funder for recruitment, training, and capacity building.

[2] There are now 5 Just Stop Oil supporters in prison on remand or serving sentences for taking action to demand that the government halts new oil and gas licences. They are Joshua Smith, Louis McKechnie, Michelle Charlesworth, Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker. Elliott Cuciurean is also in prison for taking action against HS2.

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

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Just Stop Oil: Dozens of activists arrested over M25 protest

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| Parts of the M25 were closed as Just Stop Oil staged their latest protest

Dozens of climate change activists have been arrested over action to target England's busiest motorway despite a police operation to foil their plans.

Sections of the M25 were closed during the Monday morning rush hour as part of the protest by Just Stop Oil.

The demonstrations come as the latest **COP27 international climate change talks in Egypt get under way.**

The Met Police said 35 people had been arrested in response to the disruption.

Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist said the action was "criminality", not protest, and pledged to bring those involved to justice as quickly as possible.

"This was a very significant and co-ordinated effort to cause massive disruption to the entirety of the M25," he added.

- **What is Just Stop Oil and what are its aims?**

Several junctions across Surrey, London and Kent were affected.

Protests were held at several locations on the M25 including: J2 (Darenth), J6-7 (Godstone), J8-9 (Reigate), J13-14 (Staines), J21a-22 (St Albans), J25 (Holmesdale tunnel) and J27 (M11).



| The Met says 14 people were arrested on gantries and had to be removed by specialised teams

Essex Police said there had been arrests after reports of people climbing up an overhead gantry close to junction 30 of the M25.

In an emotional video posted from one of the gantries, protester Louise said she was there because she felt she did not "have a future and you may hate me

for doing this, and you're entitled to hate me, but I wish you would direct all that anger and hatred at our government".



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Protester Louise says the government is "betraying young people"

The 24-year-old added: "They are betraying young people like me. I wouldn't have to be there if they did their lawful duty.

"What we're asking for is what all the scientists are asking for, what the United Nations are asking for... how many more people have to say 'we don't have a liveable future if you continue licensing oil and gas' for you to listen?"



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| Six police forces were involved in the operation around the M25

The Met Police said it had launched a "significant" operation to identify and arrest the climate change protesters.

Three people accused of planning public disruption were "proactively" arrested on Sunday, according to the Met.

They were detained on suspicion of "conspiracy to intentionally or recklessly cause public nuisance", a new offence under the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022.

A further four were arrested in raids on Monday morning.

'Genocidal death project'

Mr Twist said: "We suspected that the intent of the individuals involved was completely disproportionate to any legitimate right to protest."

Supt Graham Barnett from Surrey Police said: "While we always seek to facilitate peaceful protests, the protests we've seen today have gone beyond that.

"Whilst they've been peaceful, the impact that they've had has not been proportionate on the public."


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On Sunday, **a High Court injunction was granted to prevent Just Stop Oil protesters disrupting the M25.**

From the end of September and throughout October, Just Stop Oil staged 32 days of protests, which the Met said resulted in 677 arrests, leading to 111 people charged.

According to the group, since its campaign began on 1 April, its supporters have been arrested nearly 2,000 times, with five of its supporters currently in prison.

The Met, which is conducting the operation in conjunction with the National Police Coordination Centre (NPoCC), said more than 10,000 officer shifts had been dedicated to policing the protests since the start of October.

"These are officers who would otherwise be dealing with issues that matter to local communities, such as knife crime, safeguarding and responding to burglaries," Mr Twist said.



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| An injunction was granted on Sunday to try to prevent demonstrations on the M25

"We are determined to bring to justice all of those who conspire to cause significant and unreasonable disruption to London, or cause damage to buildings, property or valuables," he added.

Police are calling on the public to help officers help prevent disruption caused by protesters.





In an update on its website, the group said: "This is not a one-day event, expect us every day and anywhere.

"This is an act of resistance against a criminal government and their genocidal death project.

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

Just Stop Oil said on social media that on Sunday evening it had "contacted the Metropolitan Police and National Highways Ltd to advise them there would (be) major disruption on the M25 and asked them to implement a 30mph speed limit".

In a statement, the government said it remained "fully committed" to reaching net zero by 2050 however with "Russia weaponising energy across Europe, it must do so in a way that protected energy security".

"This includes increasing domestic gas supply, which we've always been clear will have a role in our transition to net zero. But we will also continue to drive forward our commitments on nuclear and renewables like offshore wind," it said.

"While we respect the right to protest, people's day-to-day lives should not be disrupted, and criminal activity will not be tolerated."



Analysis

By Tom Edwards, BBC London transport and environment correspondent

The latest environmental protests are causing lots of disruption and, according to the Met, diverting officers away from other duties.

The protests have also changed from a single big issue under Extinction Rebellion - climate change - to become much more specific and have a specific aim.

The group Insulate Britain blocked the M25 over insulation and Just Stop Oil are doing the same over new oil licences.

Dealing with these protests is very difficult for the authorities; arrests and court action don't seem to stop the protesters.

When I interviewed Just Stop Oil last week, they made it very clear more protests were inevitable until the government changes its policy.

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Just Stop Oil protest on M25

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A total of 58 people have been charged after the four-day, **Just Stop Oil** protests that shut down parts of the M25 this week.

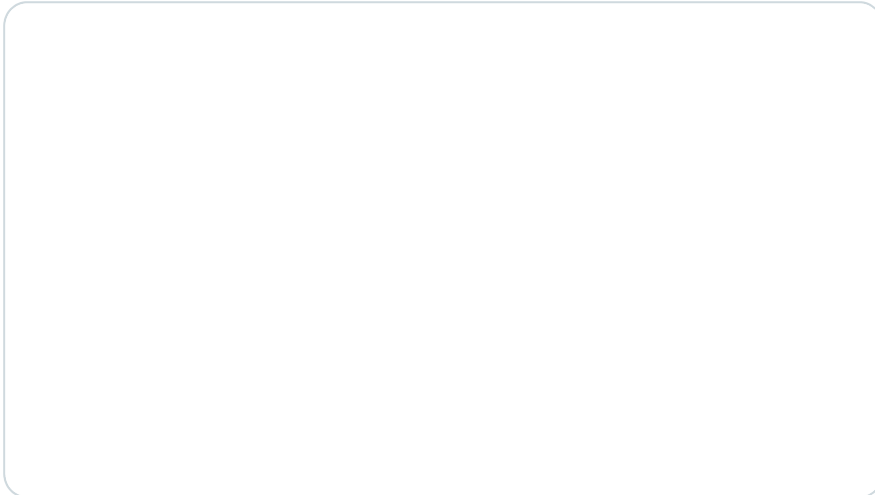
The Metropolitan Police said it had arrested 63 people during a “major operation to tackle serious disruption” by the group, which on Friday announced it was **halting what it called its campaign of civil resistance on the motorway**.

Over the last four days environmental activists have **climbed gantries above the motorway**, forcing it to close in several places.

The Met said 11 people who have been charged are due to appear at various courts on Friday.

A further 11 people have been charged following this week's disruption on the M25. Details of those charges can be found at news.met.police.uk/news/further-c...

The total number of arrests and charges as of today are below:



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Daniel Misfud, 46, of Totnes, [Devon](#), is to appear at Westminster Magistrates' Court.

Nicholas Onley, 60, of Tottenham, north [London](#); and Thomas Gardener, 40, of Stapleford, [Nottinghamshire](#); are to appear at Reading Magistrates' Court.

Diana Hekt, 68, of Kirklees, Huddersfield, [West Yorkshire](#); and Tez Burns, 34, of [Swansea](#); are to appear at Brighton Magistrates' Court.

Mair Bain, 35, of Derby; Phoebe Plummer, 21, of Clapham, south west London; David Mann, 50, of [Ipswich](#); Cressida Gethian, 20, of Ledbury, [Herefordshire](#); Christopher Ford, 35, of [Cambridge](#); and Quido Wieswer, 18, of Pentonville, north London; are all set to appear at Colchester Magistrates' Court.


In a statement, the group said it was halting its M25 campaign to give the government time to consider its responsibilities.

The group added: “We ask that the prime minister consider his statement at Cop27, where he spoke of the catastrophic threat posed by the ravages of global heating, the 33 million people displaced by floods in Pakistan, and the moral and economic imperative to honour our pledges.”

A police officer was injured during Wednesday’s protests.

Essex Police said there was a collision involving the police motorcyclist and two lorries during a rolling roadblock.

Chief Constable BJ Harrington warned it is “only a matter of time” before someone is killed during a protest.

 | Our specialist protestor removal teams worked alongside forces around the M25 to swiftly remove those recklessly disrupting the public.

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Chief Supt Simon Anslow, the senior officer leading operations on the Essex section of the M25 this week, said: “I’d like to thank everyone who was making their way to work or school or anywhere else on the M25 this week for their patience and for the support they’ve shown to our officers.”

On Friday, Just Stop Oil said: “The supporters of Just Stop Oil are now the people upholding law and order and protecting civil society. Under British law, people in this country have a right to cause disruption to prevent greater harm — we will not stand by.”

Surrey Police said its specialist protester removal teams worked alongside forces around the M25 this week, including Essex, Hertfordshire and Kent, to “swiftly remove those recklessly disrupting the public”.

*The scene where a police motorcycle rider was injured as officers responded to a Just Stop Oil protest on the M25.
Credit: Essex Police*

Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Louise Rolfe said that officers had needed to try to balance people’s right to go about their business along with the right for others to protest.

She told London Live: “What we have seen of late is people conspiring to cause huge serious disruption to communities and to commuters.

“Therefore, we are responding and we are taking that very seriously. We are robust and swift in our response.

“Sometimes, it doesn’t always look like that because you see officers talking with protesters, you will see them taking time.

“If you are removing someone from a motorway gantry at height, you must do it safely. You must do it in the right way.”

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak said on Wednesday his government is “moving ahead” with legislation to give the police more powers to stop protests by groups such as JSO.

His comments came after Conservative MP for Runnymede and Weybridge, Ben Spencer, said in the Commons that the M25 protests are “causing disruption and misery to my constituents, including causing problems of access to my local hospital”.

Just Stop Oil staged 32 days of disruption from the end of September and throughout October, which the Metropolitan Police said resulted in 677 arrests with 111 people charged, and officers working a total of 9,438 additional shifts.

Its supporters have been arrested more than 2,000 times since its campaign began on 1 April, according to the group.

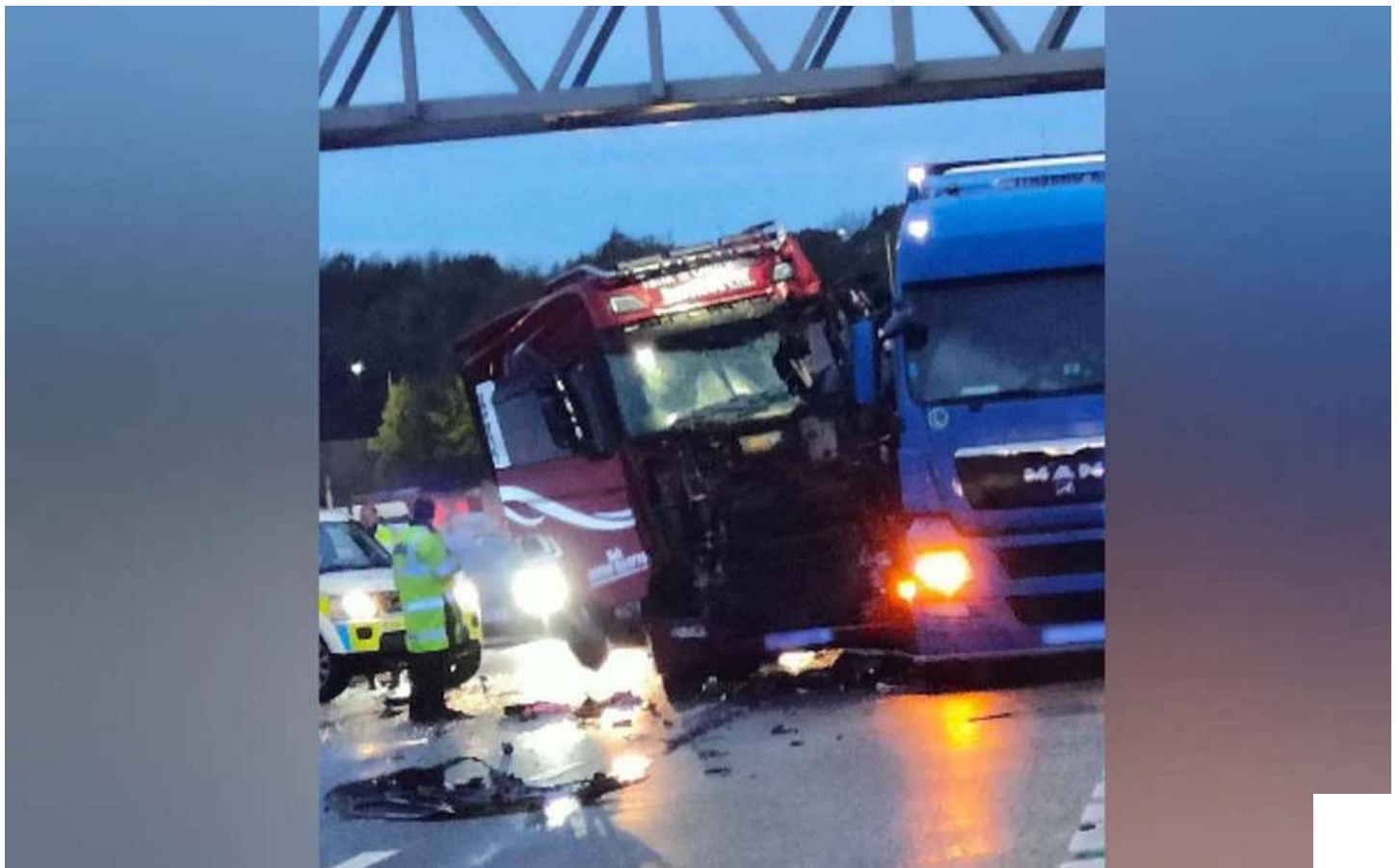
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Extinction Rebellion day of action targets Barclays, Europe's largest investor in fossil fuels

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On 14 November Extinction Rebellion groups across the UK carried out a day of peaceful, non-violent direct action to put pressure on Barclays Bank to stop investing in fossil fuels. Hundreds of groups occupied, painted, sprayed and flyposted branches. They painted buildings with red paint and fake oil, locked themselves onto buildings, leafleted and held die-ins and street theatre to draw the public and bank employees' attention to the fact that the bank is Europe's largest fossil-fuel investor.

Last year Barclays recorded higher-than expected pre-tax profits of nearly £2bn for this year's third quarter and have invested nearly £20 billion in fossil fuels, despite the UN Secretary General's warning at the opening of COP27 that the world is "on a highway to climate hell".

Gail Bradbrook, Extinction Rebellion co-founder, said: *“We want Barclays to stop funding nature-destroying projects, show leadership, and admit that the current system incentivises harmful behaviour.”*

In London 45 Barclays branches were fly posted with posters bearing the Barclays logo and reading ‘This is an intervention’ and ‘Banking on climate chaos’. Some City branches, such as the one in Chancery Lane were covered in paint.

In Birmingham, activists threw fake oil over the entrance to a Barclays bank, while others held banners, and broadcast Barclays’ activities as Europe’s largest financer of fossil fuels.

Louise, 51, one of the Birmingham protestors explained why she took part: *“I have two children and two grandchildren and I’m afraid for their future. By continuing to support fossil fuel industries, Barclays are destroying the planet, the only home we have”.*

In Glasgow two people carefully broke the windows at Barclays branch in Clyde Place Quay, and held banners demanding Barclays to “Stop Funding Rosebank”: the proposed Rosebank Oil Field would produce 500 million barrels of oil, which if burned would produce the equivalent CO₂ emissions of 28 low-income countries combined.



Extinction Rebellion Cymru protest at a Barclays branch in Cardiff.

In Cardiff members of XR Cymru locked themselves onto a Barclays' branch on Old Church Road, and held a die-in to let bank customers know about the bank's investments in fossil fuels. There were other similar protests in Wales in Swansea, Carmarthen, Aberystwyth, Cardigan and Bangor.

Pam Williams, who took part in the Cardiff action said: *"This is a peaceful protest which feels like the only thing I can do to make staff here talk to their bosses, and remind customers that they have alternatives to where to put their savings"*.

To forestall criticism that these actions were damaging property, washable paint and fake oil were used, and those involved took great care to ensure that none of the bank staff nor members of the public were harmed or put in danger in any way.

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Extinction Rebellion campaigners smash windows of Barclays in Glasgow

Two men have been arrested after the windows of a Glasgow bank were smashed as demonstrators demanded Barclays cut ties with fossil fuel firms.

By [Stephen McIlkenny](#)

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Wearing safety goggles and Kevlar gloves, [Extinction Rebellion](#) protesters broke the glass of the bank's [Clyde Place Quay branch](#) ahead of a demonstration outside the company's outlet later on Monday.

[Police Scotland](#) said two men had been arrested, and investigations were ongoing.

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Images released by the campaign groups show the window panes of the building at its multi-million pound Glasgow campus broken as three protesters held up banners declaring “this is an intervention” amid calls for the company to “stop funding Rosebank”.



XR campaigners have smashed the windows of a Glasgow bank as they demand Barclays cut its ties with fossil fuel firms.

Rosebank is an oil and gas field around 100 miles off the coast of the Shetland Island that First Minister Nicola Sturgeon was urged to help bring to a halt after she was approached by a climate protester at COP27 in Sharm El-Sheikh last week.

The Glasgow protesters said the field had more than 500 million barrels of oil, and claim Barclays have provided Norwegian state-owned firm Equinor with \$2.46 billion of backing since 2015.

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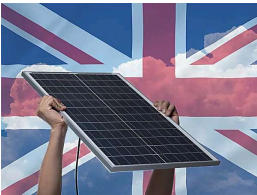
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In footage released by the group, police liaison officers can be seen at the bank with police vans and cars arriving as they held their banners.

One Extinction Rebellion protester said they were taking the action because “Barclays are funding the destruction of our planet, and they are funding the destruction of our children’s future”.



The window panes of the building at Barclays multi-million pound Glasgow campus had been broken

“I cannot stand by and do nothing while Barclays fund the collapse of society,” she said.

Alex Cochrane, of Extinction Rebellion Scotland, said the bank was the “biggest funders of fossil fuel in Europe”.

“Their greed is exploiting and creating a future of famine, displaced people and global suffering,” he said.

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“We all know we need to wean ourselves off fossil fuels. We all know the climate crisis is already hitting us yet Barclays still refuses to do the right thing for us.

“For all our sakes, they must stop using our money to fund fossil fuels.”

The group claimed the action in Scotland’s biggest city followed in the footsteps of suffragettes and the Ploughshares movement, “using nonviolent direct action and causing damage to property to prevent and draw attention to greater damage”.

A Police Scotland spokesman said: “Around 8:10am on Monday, November 14, police were made aware of damage to a property in Kingston Street, Glasgow. Officers attended and two men have been arrested. Inquires are ongoing.”

Barclays has been approached for comment.

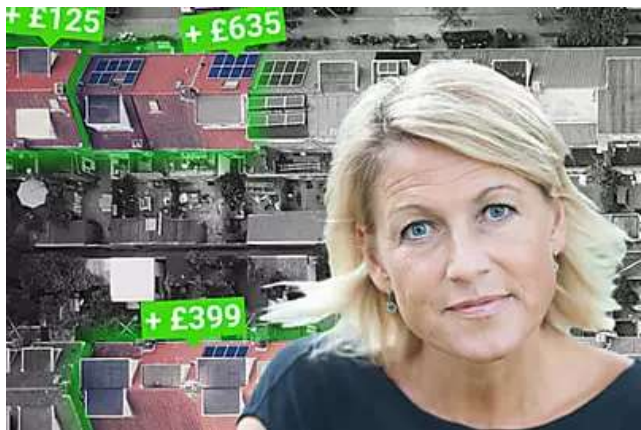
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Extinction Rebellion takes on Barclays branches across South London

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Four people have been arrested following a spate of protests at Barclays bank branches in Wandsworth.

Protesters from the climate activist group Extinction Rebellion targeted three branches yesterday, chalk-spraying the windows of one of them

At around 8am the message “we fund fossil fuels” was chalk-sprayed in large pink letters across the window of the Barclays branch in St John’s Hill, Clapham Junction.

According to Extinction Rebellion, half an hour later a protester in a hazmat suit, who was standing in front of the spray-painted window, was arrested.



Over at Barclays Putney, Wandsworth resident Caroline Hartnell shows her message (Picture: Extinction Rebellion)

Shortly afterwards three other people leafleting by the ATM were approached by the police and arrested.

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“Officers attended. One man was arrested on suspicion of criminal damage.

“Three women were arrested on suspicion of conspiracy to commit criminal damage.

“All four remain in custody.”

A Barclays spokeswoman said: “We are determined to play our part in addressing the urgent and complex challenge of climate change.

“In March 2020 we were one of the first banks to set an ambition to become net zero by 2050, across all of our direct and indirect emissions, and we committed to align all of our financing activities with the goals and timelines of the Paris Agreement.

“We have a three-part strategy to turn that ambition into action: achieving net zero operations, reducing our financed emissions, and financing the transition.

“We have also provided over £80bn of green financing and we are investing our own capital – £175m – into innovative, green start-ups.”

Pictured top: Barclays window chalk-spray message (Picture: Extinction Rebellion)

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Four protesters have been arrested, left. Right, police making one of the arrests
(Image: The Argus)

Four Extinction Rebellion protesters have been arrested after chaining their necks to the front of a high street bank "funding the climate crisis".

The campaigners were taking part in a nationwide day of action against Barclays Bank - which is one of the biggest investors in fossil fuels in the world.

Customers at the branch in Brighton's North Street were stepping over the protesters to get inside and do the banking. One man complained that he had to use the side entrance.

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Speaking to The Argus on the front steps of Barclays in North Street, **Brighton**, the protesters called for an end to the bank investing in fossil fuels to avoid a "climate catastrophe".

Nicola Harries, 67, a retired solicitor from Brighton, said: "We do not want any more oil out of the ground. We are outside Barclays today as a symbolic action because Barclays are chained to the fossil fuel industry.

"Until it breaks free, it is not going to help us or our grandchildren have a liveable future. Stop funding the oil and gas companies. Start reducing their support for those companies.



Nicola Harries being handcuffed outside Barclays (Image: The Argus)

"One of the main concerns is that they have invested billions of pounds in the oil, gas and coal industries since the Paris Agreement in 2015.

"They're not on any track to make sure we keep within the 1.5 degree heating of the world to avoid a climate catastrophe.

"The reason we're here is because Barclays has to stop helping look for new oil and gas."

Sussex Police found keys in the protesters' bags and unlocked the chains, which were wrapped around their necks, feet and railings of the bank.

They were arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass just after 4pm today.

David Gibson, Green councillor for Hanover and Elm Grove, was outside the bank watching on. He was not part of the protest.



Cllr Gibson said: "I'm supporting this protest against Barclays who are the number one funders of the fuel industry in this country.

"We need people like these peaceful protesters opposing this and pressuring Barclays to invest in renewable energy rather than fuels that will destroy the planet."

A Sussex Police spokesman said: "Police attended a protest being held outside a **business** in North Street, Brighton, at around 1.15pm on Monday, November 14.

"Officers engaged with those present and the business in order to facilitate a peaceful protest and minimise disruption to the public.

"Four people have been arrested on suspicion of aggravated trespass and taken into custody."



Protesters were taken away in a police van (*Image: The Argus*)

Barclays said it does not comment directly on protests but provided its position on climate change.

The bank said it was one of the first banks to set an ambition to become net zero by 2050 and that it was committed to align all of its financing activities with the goals and timelines of the Paris Agreement.

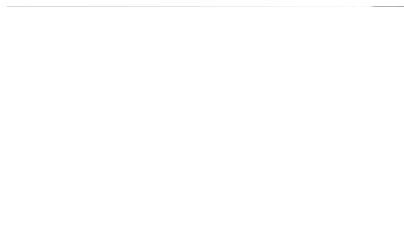
A spokeswoman said: "We are determined to play our part in addressing the urgent and complex challenge of climate change.

"We have a three-part strategy to turn that ambition into action: achieving net zero operations, reducing our financed emissions, and financing the transition.



Barclays is one of the biggest investors in fossil fuels (Image: The Argus)

"In practice, this means we have set 2030 targets to reduce our financed emissions in four of the highest emitting sectors in our financing portfolio, with additional 2025 targets for the two highest-emitting sectors – energy and power.



"We have also provided over £80bn of green financing and we are investing our own capital – £175m – into innovative, green start-ups."

Research from Market Forces, a campaign group against investing in fossil fuels, found that Barclays had financed £4.1 billion pounds for new fossil fuel projects from January 2021 until the Cop26 climate talks held in October of the same year.

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The group said ‘fake oil’ was poured over offices and front steps, a fire was lit and fake blood poured on the pavement outside businesses they believe to have links to the fossil fuel industry on Monday morning.

Protests took place at BP, Hill+Knowlton Strategies, BAE Systems, Church House, Ineos, Eversheds Sutherland, Schlumberger, the International Maritime Organisation, the⁹⁺ Institute of Economic Affairs, JP Morgan, Arch Insurance, the Ontario Teachers Pension

Metropolitan Police said 15 activists were arrested on either suspicion of criminal damage or conspiracy to commit criminal damage. One person was arrested for assault at a building in Clekernwell Green.

A further five activists were arrested in the City of London for committing similar offences.

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The action follows the conclusion of COP27 in Egypt, when nations failed to agree limiting the use of fossil fuels.

Extinction Rebellion spokesperson Sarah Hart said: “Extinction Rebellion are sending the message that it’s time to cut the ties with fossil fuels or lose the social license to operate in the UK.”

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“While the rest of us worry about the cost of turning the heating on our government is prioritising the profits of the very companies that are jeopardising our climate and environment.”

Ocean Rebellion held a dramatic demonstration outside the offices of the International Maritime Organisation, including activists vomiting fake oil and causing a fire.

Performances illustrated the UN shipping body’s refusal to regulate shipping emissions, Extinction Rebellion said. A plume of smog filled the air and an oil slick appeared on the ground with dead birds caught in it.

Others wearing fish heads and pinstripe suits called on the Government to end overfishing British waters.

Spokesperson Suzanne Stallard said:“Overfishing is one of the most serious threats to our Ocean. It is the leading driver of marine biodiversity loss and critically undermines the resilience of fish and other wildlife to climate change.”

XR Cymru poured fake oil over public relations consultancy Hill+Knowlton Strategies in Clerkenwell Green, while Doctors for XR glued themselves to the windows of JP Morgan’s London headquarters.

Christian Climate Action supporters took action at BAE Systems and Church House in Westminster to “highlight the Church of England’s failing strategy to stay invested in fossil fuels and influence the industry as shareholders”, Extinction Rebellion said.

XR South West sprayed fake oil on the BEIS building to protest against its plans to issue more than 100 new licences for exploration and extraction of oil and gas in the North Sea.

Oil was sprayed over multinational law firm Eversheds Sutherland and a number of other locations.

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Extinction Rebellion and aligned groups protest in central London

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Police have arrested 18 climate change protesters after paint was sprayed over buildings in central London.

Extinction Rebellion supporters took part in stunts at the offices of BP, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, PR firm Hill and Knowlton, law firm Eversheds Sutherland, chemical company Ineos, and oilfield services business Schlumberger on Monday, firing black paint over the front of the buildings.

Three protesters who say they are doctors glued their hands to the windows of JP Morgan, and fake oil was poured outside the Institute of Economic Affairs, the International Maritime Organisation, the Ontario Teachers' Pension Plan, and Arch Insurance.

Protesters also gathered outside Church House in Westminster.

City of London Police arrested another three protesters.

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Extinction Rebellion activists have chained themselves together at the entrance of the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities in London to protest against a new coalmine in Cumbria approved by its secretary, Michael Gove.

As police hurried to block access to the doors, protesters lit smoke bombs and poured black water-soluble paint designed to resemble oil across the floor, while others danced around dressed in canary costumes outside the building on Marsham Street in Westminster on Wednesday.

Gove gave the green light **last month** to the UK's first new deep coalmine for 30 years, despite objections locally, across the UK and from around the world. The estimated £165m project is expected to produce 2.8m tonnes of coking coal a year, largely for steelmaking.



📷 Activists chained together next to puddles of black paint outside the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on Wednesday. Photograph: Extinction Rebellion

Sarah Hart, 41, from Farnborough, Hampshire, lay on the floor outside the main doors to the department, with her arm inside one end of a pipe stencilled with the message: “End coal”.

“We’re locked together with chains at the Department for Levelling Up due to Michael Gove’s decision to license the new coalmine in Cumbria, which is completely unacceptable at a time when we should end all of the coal, oil and gas licensing,” Hart said.

“I find it completely unacceptable that at a time like this government are still making these decisions, so we are here to say cut the ties to fossil fuels.”

The protest comes weeks after Extinction Rebellion issued a press release declaring: “We quit”, which some interpreted as an admission of defeat. Activists have pointed out the message applied only to actions that disrupt the public, and only temporarily, as they try to build support beyond their radical base for mass protests in April.

Meanwhile, the government is pressing ahead with moves to crack down on disruptive protests. On Monday, No 10 announced it would give police new [powers to shut down protests](#) before any disruption begins, as an amendment to the public order bill.

A spokesperson for the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities said: “The secretary of state has agreed to grant planning permission for a new metallurgical coal mine in Cumbria as recommended by the independent planning inspector. This coal will be used for the production of steel and would otherwise need to be imported. It will not be used for power generation. The reasons for the secretary of state’s decision are set out in full in his published letter, alongside the report of the independent planning inspector who oversaw the inquiry. It would be inappropriate to comment further on ongoing legal proceedings.”

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Extinction Rebellion blocks Luton Airport private jet terminal calling for tax on flights

Protesters have been pictured holding up signs that say "Tax frequent fliers" on a road leading to the private jet terminal.

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[Extinction Rebellion \(/latest/extinction-rebellion\)](#) has blocked the private jet terminal at Luton Airport as protesters call for excessive flights to be taxed. The environmental group's iconic blue boat named Polly Higgins is blocking all three gates to the airport's Signature Terminal with protesters "locked" on to the deck and hull of the boat. A second group of protesters have barricaded themselves to the entrance to the Harrods Aviation Terminal, with activists locked onto two oil barrels.

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The group is also urging people to go to Parliament on April 21 to join 100,000 people calling for a citizen-led transition away from fossil fuels.

Today's protest outside Luton Airport is part of an ongoing "Make Them Pay" campaign by Scientist Rebellion, Extinction Rebellion and Stay Grounded.

The trio have three "key demands": ban private jets, tax frequent flyers and make polluters pay.

Todd Smith, a former airline pilot-turned climate activist, said: "Valentine's Day should not have to cost the Earth, or the taxpayer. The people want a ban on private jets, as Climate Assembly UK demonstrated in 2020. But nothing has been done.

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Extinction Rebellion target private jets at Luton airport in Valentine's Day protest

Extinction Rebellion protesters blocked the private jet entrance at Luton airport on Tuesday morning, in a Valentine's Day protest.

The group parked a boat in front of the gates to the private terminal, with some activists attaching themselves to it.

Dubbed "love in action", XR's protest urged the government to ban private jets and "make wealthy polluters pay" on a day that private flights are used for supposedly romantic Valentine's Day dates. A banner held by some demonstrators claimed that one per cent of the global population produces more than 50 per cent of total aviation emissions.

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Extinction Rebellion calls for Cambridge University to cut fossil fuel ties

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The protest is part of their "Schlumberger Out" campaign, calling on the University to cut ties with oilfield services giant Schlumberger.

Credit: XR Cambridge

Climate campaigners have let off smoke flares and taken over two university buildings in a fossil fuel protest.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) protesters climbed up to a balcony on the Department of Engineering building, attaching a banner with the message "University of Cambridge: Funded by fossil fuels", and letting off smoke flares.

Another group also staged a demonstration in the foyer of the Department of Chemical Engineering site, holding dinosaur banners and drawing pictures.

It is part of the environmental group's "Schlumberger Out" campaign for the university to cut ties with the oilfield services giant.

*Demonstrators spent the morning at the Department of Chemical Engineering where they displayed dinosaur banners.
Credit: XR CAMBRIDGE*

A spokesperson for XR Cambridge said: "We're into the second year of our Schlumberger Out campaign now and we'll continue stepping up our action for as long as it takes for the University to finally end its destructive relationship with the fossil fuel industry.

"We say to the University of Cambridge: do the right thing before it's too late.

"To Schlumberger, we say: it's time to repair the immense harm you have caused to our planet and to the communities devastated by your extractive technologies."

The University of Cambridge has been approached for a comment on the protest.

Plans by the university to put **almost 500 solar panels on the iconic King's College Chapel** were recently approved.

Last week **three Extinction Rebellion protesters were fined** after blocking access to the Schlumberger research centre by setting up a fake oil rig.

In another protest this week, Extinction Rebellion protesters blocked the **private jet entrance at Luton Airport on Valentine's Day**.

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Extinction Rebellion wrote: "Banners dropped & fake oil poured from giant cola bottles in protest #CutTheTies to #fossilfuels". Picture: Twitter: Extinction Rebellion



By Danielle DeWolfe
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Extinction Rebellion have targeted London Fashion Week, with around 30 protesters pouring 'oil' over the red carpet in a stunt targeting sponsor Coca Cola.

Labelling the drinks giant the 'world's biggest plastic polluter', the protesters dressed in white overalls poured black paint symbolising crude oil from giant Coca-Cola bottles.

Taking up position outside 180 The Strand - the location of the fashion show, protesters held up banners declaring 'Cut the ties to fossil fuels' and 'Coca-Cola: World's top plastic polluter'.

Meanwhile, others could be seen parading up and down the catwalk with other eco-protestors setting off smoke bombs around them.

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The stunt saw the group of eco-zealots demand the drinks giant be dropped as a sponsor of London Fashion Week. *Picture: LBC / Alamy*

The stunt saw the group of eco-zealots demand the drinks giant be dropped as a sponsor of London Fashion Week and formed part of [Extinction Rebellion's 'Cut The Ties to Fossil Fuels'](#) campaign.

It's an event which is set to culminate in a organised protest attracting more than 100,000 people outside the Houses of Parliament, Westminster, on April 21.

Marijn van de Geer, a spokesperson for Extinction Rebellion, said: "Coca-Cola are an evil company that holds a lot of responsibility for the destruction of biodiversity and of our planet. They are a major plastic polluter.

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"London Fashion week should be ashamed of having them as a sponsor. They should not be helping Coca-Cola's image. They are doing a lot of harm and it needs to stop."

The eco-group's latest campaign targets major corporations who continue to use of fossil fuels to power factories which create the plastics used in its products.



The stunt saw the group of eco-zealots demand the drinks giant be dropped as a sponsor of London Fashion Week. *Picture: Extinction Rebellion*

Ms van de Geer continued: "Governments are not listening to protesters like ourselves. It's absolutely devastating. When we started in 2018 we didn't think we would have to be here five years later.

"We're very close and teetering on the edge of a climate change catastrophe and we should all be terrified. But we have to let that fear move us into action rather than apathy of feeling overwhelmed."

Coca-Cola has pledged to cut greenhouse gas emissions, reducing it's output by 25 per cent by 2030.

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This morning, Extinction Rebellion targeted lobbying firm UK Finance’s headquarters at 1 Angel Court near Bank in London. Two people threw pink paint over the glass panelling across the front of the building. Others stuck a large sticker with the word ‘CORRUPT’ on the window. Personal statements explaining why people took part were stuck to the windows. 6 people have been arrested.

The building was targeted to highlight the corruption of the financial system and how it prioritises profit over people and planet. UK Finance is “the collective voice for the banking and finance industry.” It represents more than 300 firms across the industry to “enhance competitiveness”.^[1]

Fiona Gillespie, concerned mother who took part in the action, said: *“The bankers own the earth. Take it away from them, but leave them the power to create money, and with the flick of the pen they will create enough deposits to buy it back again.*

“They are morally bankrupt and are self-serving agents who will stop at nothing in their quest for more power at any cost.”

The action also lands on the day that the Financial Services and Markets (FSM) Bill will pass the Committee Stage in Parliament. In its current form, this bill could devastate ordinary people’s lives, handing more power to the banks by further deregulating the economy, and paving the way for another financial crisis.^[2] Previously scrapped by MP George Osborne due to the risk of another crash, the bill has been reintroduced to roll back post-2008 protections and increase “competitiveness” in the market. The bill has a huge opportunity to include robust environmental protections, yet is doing the opposite: encouraging infinite growth which will lead to further environmental devastation and climate breakdown.^[3]

Dean Bowles who took part in the action, said *“The financial system is rigged so those with wealth gain much more, whilst those who have the least pay the most for its ‘service’. The Financial Services and Markets Bill is yet another example of unrestrained greed dressed up as growth for all while being told there’s simply not enough money to transition away from fossil fuels. It re-enables the mentality that brought about the 2008 market crash.*

“The lies committed in our name have become too brazen and too blatant to ignore, so I acted today to highlight The UK Finance Group and its role in gambling away all our futures. We all need to come together on the 21st of April outside the Houses of Parliament to act together against the vested interests that claim to act on behalf of our future.”

The deregulation has been highly criticised by economists and politicians alike, with many accusing the banks of profiteering off hunger.^[4] The bill offers an opportunity to introduce important climate regulations – but it does not contain any. Instead, the proposed laws would scrap constraints on commodity market speculation, including on fuel and food prices, allowing banks to profit from fuel poverty and hunger as prices rise.

The action marks 50 days until Extinction Rebellion aims to bring 100,000 people to Parliament on 21st April. The invitation is to all humans, all movements, all organisations to come together 21–24 April at The Houses of Parliament, Westminster. [5]

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Protesters for Just Stop Oil slow march through Bristol (Image: Paul Gillis BristolLive)

Just Stop Oil protesters blocked traffic in Bristol as part of a demonstration today (March 18). Around 60 campaigners took part in the city centre protest where they "marched slowly".

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Protesters walked slowly along roads in the city centre. They also blocked traffic including four buses at Redcliffe Bridge.

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The slow march tactic was first deployed in London last November and is now being rolled out across the country. Campaigners say the tactic is protected by Article 11 of the European Convention on Human Rights and they say they have rehearsed "blue light drills" in advance in an effort to mitigate delays for emergency services.

A spokesman for the group said: "We are aware that our actions will inconvenience some people going about their daily lives and businesses and we are sorry about that. But these inconveniences are nothing compared to the disastrous disruptions which will follow if we continue our reckless acceleration down 'the highway to climate hell'."



Dr Patrick Hart, 37, from Knowle, Bristol said more and more people in healthcare are becoming concerned about the climate crisis. He said:"I'm a doctor. I've taken this action because we can see no other choice. Right now, the climate crisis is killing people and will kill countless more in the years to come. Lets stop making this worse and end new oil and gas."

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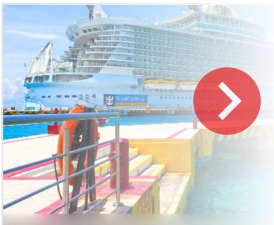
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Credit: Extinction Rebellion

Seven people have been arrested after spray-painting newspaper offices in London.

Extinction Rebellion protesters, some armed with fire extinguishers, threw green paint over the offices of the Sun, Daily Mail and Daily Telegraph on Wednesday morning.

The seven were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage, the Metropolitan Police said.

Three people were held outside the Telegraph's offices in Victoria, two outside the News UK offices in London Bridge, and two outside the Daily Mail's offices in Kensington.



They claimed the protests were about the “suppression of truth on climate crisis” in the tabloid media

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Extinction Rebellion says it plans further action and a large protest called The Big One will descend on Parliament next month.

The activists say dozens of NGOs, trade unions and other groups have committed to join them in April to protest against climate change, the cost-of-living crisis, attacks on democracy and “shredding” of public services.

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Extinction Rebellion UK's New Year's Resolution: WE QUIT

January 01, 2023 by Extinction Rebellion

When XR burst onto the scene four years ago, few could have imagined the seismic shift it would bring about in the climate movement, the climate conversation, and the world at large.

But despite the blaring alarm on the climate and ecological emergency ringing loud and clear, very little has changed. Emissions continue to rise and our planet is dying at an accelerated rate.

The root causes? A financial system prioritising profits over life, a media failing to inform the public and hold power to account, and a reckless government entrenched in corruption and suppressing the right to protest injustice.

As we ring in the new year, we make a controversial resolution to temporarily shift away from public disruption as a primary tactic. We recognise and celebrate the power of disruption to raise the alarm and believe that constantly evolving tactics is a necessary approach. What's needed now most is to disrupt the abuse of power and imbalance, to bring about a transition to a fair society that works together to end the fossil fuel era. Our politicians, addicted to greed and bloated on profits won't do it without pressure.

We must be radical in our response to this crisis and determined in our efforts to address the climate and ecological emergency, even if it means taking a different approach than before. In a time when speaking out and taking action are criminalised, building collective power, strengthening in number and thriving through bridge-building is a radical act. XR is committed to including everyone in this work and leaving no one behind, because everyone has a role to play. This year, we prioritise attendance over arrest and relationships over roadblocks, as we stand together and become impossible to ignore.

The conditions for change in the UK have never been more favourable – it's time to seize the moment. The confluence of multiple crises presents us with a unique opportunity to mobilise and move beyond traditional divides. No one can do this alone, and it's the responsibility of all of us, not just one group. It may be uncomfortable or difficult, but the strength of all social, environmental, and justice movements lies in working together. As our rights are stripped away and those speaking out and most at risk are silenced, we must find common ground and unite to survive.

It's no secret that those in power are hoarding wealth and power at the expense of ordinary people, while ignoring the consequences of their greed. Emissions continue to rise, but they couldn't care less. But people do care, and changes to democracy that free and empower the voices of the people through Citizens Assemblies could balance the tables and bring about the positive societal tipping point we all need.

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Just Stop Oil is a coalition of groups working together to ensure that the government commits to ending all new licenses and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

WHAT DOES JUST STOP OIL WANT?

We demand that the UK government makes a statement that it will immediately halt all future licensing and consents for the exploration, development and production of fossil fuels in the UK.

WHY IS JUST STOP OIL NEEDED?

"The scientific evidence is unequivocal: climate change is a threat to human wellbeing and the health of the planet. Any further delay in concerted global action will miss a brief and rapidly closing window to secure a liveable future".

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate change, Sixth Assessment Report, Working Group II Co-Chair Hans-Otto Pörtner, 28th February 2021



Our government is planning to issue at least 100 new oil and gas licences this year, this is not compatible with protecting UK citizens, our brothers and sisters in the global south, or signalling to the world what action is needed to tackle the Climate and Nature crisis. The Government could pick up and pass the Climate and Ecological Emergency Bill (CEEBA), instead they are steamrolling and plan to continue steamrolling new oil and gas.

Extinction Rebellion and Insulate Britain have demonstrated that Civil Disobedience works. They also show that we need to do significantly more to stop the greatest crime against humanity. That's why we are moving into Civil Resistance — it's no longer about a single project or campaign, it's about resisting a Government that is harming us, our freedoms, rights and future, and making them work for us.

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A Declaration of Civil Resistance

Press / October 3, 2022

This Government is making the criminal decision to destroy people's lives by supporting fossil fuel companies to maintain their grip around the throat of humanity.

Thousands and thousands of people will die in Britain this winter unable to heat their homes, more will die in the next 12 months from breathing dirty, polluted air.

And right now in the global south millions are on the brink of starvation as a single, deadly monsoon has destroyed their homes, communities and livelihoods.

We are gambling with ordered civil society and right now the odds are stacked against us surviving. We are done with asking politely. We are done with demonstrations and marches. We are done with the corrupt political establishment.

We declare Westminster a site of nonviolent civil resistance until the government commits to end new oil and gas.

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

We will not stand by while everything we know and love is wilfully destroyed. We do this because it is the right thing to do and so we have a duty, a responsibility to continue.

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

Ordinary people are being held in prison right now, people who looked around and realised that it was up to them to act, students, mothers, grandparents. They did the right thing.

In prison for stepping up into civil resistance with Just Stop Oil are: Louis McKechnie, Joshua Smith, Sarah Benn, Michelle Charlesworth, Barry Mitchell, Simon Milner-Edwards, Rajan Naidu, and Margaret Reid.

Also held for acts of non-violent civil resistance taken to protect humanity are: Scott Breen and Elliott Cuciurean

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

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12 more Just Stop Oil supporters in court for M25 gantry actions

Press / December 7, 2022

12 [Just Stop Oil](#) supporters are appearing in court today to face charges associated with causing disruption on the M25 in November to put pressure on the government to halt all new oil and gas licences and consents. [1]

This week sees the continuation of court hearings for the Just Stop Oil supporters arrested as part of the four days of action on the M25 during November. A total of 12 supporters including 5 currently on remand are appearing at Southwark Crown Court today from 11:30am in 4 separate hearings in connection with actions taken on 8th November.[2][3]

Among those appearing in court today is Jane Touil, 56, a former public sector worker from Rochdale. She is partially sighted and was wrongfully imprisoned for 4 days in November after having been released on bail by a magistrate. Jane said:

"I feel morally compelled to act. I cannot stand by and do nothing while the government knowingly pursues genocidal policies. There can be no new oil and gas if we want a liveable future. Licensing new oil and gas amounts to mass murder. I urge everyone who wants a liveable climate to support Just Stop Oil."

George Cattell, 22, from Leeds said:

"Ordinary people are in absolute misery this winter, sitting in darkness and freezing as the government continues to prioritise the profits of fossil fuel companies that are torching the climate. Even during my relatively short life I have seen the climate crisis get much worse and still emissions are increasing. Licensing over 100 new oil and gas projects in the North Sea is criminal. I couldn't sit by and watch anymore so I stepped up into civil resistance. I stand by my actions. I have no regrets and I'm prepared to go to prison if that's what it takes to force our government to change."

Amber Robards, 21, an environmental student from Bristol said:

"I'm terrified for the future. I couldn't hide from the truth or carry on life as normal any longer. It is unbearable to just stand by and watch as the government commits genocide against vulnerable people across the world. My generation has been put in an impossible position."

"I stepped up to take action with Just Stop Oil to put pressure on the government to stop new oil and gas projects and I am prepared to face the consequences. They would rather lock us all up than prevent societal collapse by ending new oil and gas. But you can't imprison a flood, you can't put a heatwave in the dock, you can't fine a wildfire."

Six weeks of continuous disruption and civil resistance by supporters of Just Stop Oil during October and November resulted in over 700 arrests. Since the campaign began on April 1st, Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested over 2,000 times, with 25 supporters currently in prison. [4]

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

Solidarity Event: Join us this Saturday (10th December), in Parliament Square from 12pm as we march and rally in solidarity with our 25 supporters in prison, with the 2,000 victims of our broken criminal justice system imprisoned for over a year without trial and with the 1,700 murdered across the global south, for protecting all our lives. We are not prepared to just watch while they destroy everything we love. As citizens, as humans, as parents and children we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. This is the moment, we are the last generation that can solve this. Will you step up and join us? If we all come together we can do this. We can Just Stop Oil. [5][6]

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[1] 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. Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects. Climate Emergency Fund is Just Stop Oil's primary funder for recruitment, training, and capacity building.

[2] On remand: Lucia Whittaker, Molly Berry, Samuel Price, Adelheid Russenberger, Paul Bleach. On bail: Jane Touil, Michael Dunk, Amber Robards, Andrew Dames, George Cattell, Ed Laney, Charlotte Kirin

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[3] November 8th press release here: <https://juststopoil.org/2022/11/08/just-stop-oil-stops-traffic-on-the-m25-in-multiple-locations-for-the-second-day/>

[4] There are now 25 Just Stop Oil supporters in prison on remand or serving sentences for taking action to demand that the government halts new oil and gas licences. They include Abigail Percy Ratcliffe, Adelheid Russenberger, Alexander Wilcox, Alfie Beswick, Callum Goode, Catherine Rennie-Nash, Daniel Shaw, Ian Bates, Isobel Rock, Jan Goodey, Roger Hallam, Karen Matthews, Lucia Whittaker, Mair Bain, Molly Berry, Nick Onley, Paul Bell, Paul Bleach, Phoebe Plummer, Tim Hewes, Joshua Smith, Louis McKechnie, Michelle Charlesworth, Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker. Elliott Cuciurean is also in prison for taking action against HS2.

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

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

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Serving time for the government's climate crimes

Press / July 27, 2022

A third Just Stop Oil supporter has been placed on long term remand in prison after being arrested for blocking the M25 last week. She is due to face trial on 19th August along with two others who have already spent three weeks on remand.

Louise Lancaster, 56, from Cambridge was among five Just Stop Oil supporters who blocked the M25 in three places last Wednesday to demand that the government calls an immediate halt to new oil and gas projects in the UK. [1]

She joins Louis McKechnie, 21 and Joshua Smith, 29 as the third Just Stop Oil supporter placed on long term remand for taking part in civil resistance in recent weeks. Louis and Josh were detained after invading the Silverstone racetrack to disrupt the British Grand Prix on 3rd July and were subsequently imprisoned until their trial date of 19th August. This means they will spend at least 7 weeks in prison without trial. [2]

A Spokesperson for Just Stop Oil said:

"This is how the government responds to the climate emergency, by locking up those who challenge them, whilst they have their parties, tell their lies and fight amongst themselves. Every academic and scientist agrees we have to end new oil and gas. Why is the government betraying us by opening new oil fields?"

"They lock us up and leave millions struggling to get to the end of the week, having to choose between heating and eating. But you can't imprison a flood, you can't put a heatwave in the dock, you can't fine a wildfire."

"We are not the criminals here. We are upholding a higher moral code – the right to life, of ourselves, of others, of future generations.

"We have made a choice to resist the destruction of humanity, and we are prepared to accept the consequences. We don't need anyone to feel sorry for us, we need you to join us, to step up and take action. "

In a recent article in the Justice Gap Dr. Rona Epstein, an honorary research fellow at Coventry Law School wrote [3]:

"Following the introduction of the 'no real prospect' test under The Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012, defendants should not be remanded to custody if the offence is such that the defendant is unlikely to receive a custodial sentence if convicted.

"We all know that we have a right to protest peacefully. We know too that imprisonment is a last resort (the court must not pass a custodial sentence unless it is of the opinion that the offence was so serious that neither a fine alone nor a community sentence can be justified for the offence, s.230(2) of the Sentencing Act 2020). We know too that we are all innocent until proved guilty. Nonetheless people have been taken to prison from the site of peaceful protest and have served terms of imprisonment on remand.

"In my study of 228 cases of sanctions for contempt of court which is a civil matter, and does not come within the ambit, nor the protections, of the criminal law, there are ten cases, five of them women, who served time in prison on remand following an entirely peaceful protest against the production of fossil fuels at Kingsbury Oil Terminal in North Warwickshire."

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Just Stop Oil Supporters Are Being Imprisoned For Telling The Truth

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Last Saturday we stood together outside the Royal Courts of Justice in London in solidarity with those imprisoned for taking action in support of Just Stop Oil.

Just Stop Oil supporters are being charged and imprisoned for telling the truth about the government's genocidal pursuit of new oil and gas. We have made a conscious choice to resist the destruction of humanity and we are prepared to accept the consequences. We don't need you to feel sorry for us, we need you to join us, to step up and take action. [Join our zoom calls at 7pm](#). It's 2022 and the time to stand by has passed.

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Biff Whipster, 54, from Canterbury

From outside the Royal Courts of Justice, one of those recently released, Biff, said:
"I've been in prison with murderers, robbers... but the people who scare me most are sitting in Westminster & boardrooms across this country
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Prison & Court Updates



Michelle Charlesworth, 55, remains engaged in civil resistance from inside Foston Hall, where she has been imprisoned since May 4th.

Speaking from prison this weekend, Michelle said:

"My courage is not wavering and I am here to do a job. Inmates are curious and want to know more. It's interesting how little officers and inmates seem to know or understand about the existential crisis we are in. Everyone is looking at us and wondering why we would go to such lengths."

"There is much work to do, sharing the message and showing this part of society what we are all about. Courage, love, solidarity, nonviolent resistance. The disruptions we have caused have impacted our wing – however the messages being filtered back through the prison grapevine is that there is respect for what we are doing"

In a further show of resistance, Michelle 'Mitch' Cadet-Rose, 56, from Chesterfield declined to appear in court at Birmingham on Thursday, where she was summoned for breaking the Kingsbury injunction. A warrant has been issued for her arrest. She said:

"Knowing what the science really says, I feel I have no choice but to put myself into this vulnerable position. It feels like it's my duty to use my privilege to stand up and be counted."

Fines of between £350 and £700 and costs of £250 each were issued to Victoria Lindsell, 66 from Warwickshire, Dr Tom Barber, 62, from Nottingham, Eilidh McFadden, 20, from West Lothian and Rev Tim Hewes, 71, from Wantage.

Rev Bill White, 67, from Cheshire and Peter Morgan, 73, from Birmingham who were brought to court from prison have both been released with no further order for time already served. They have been in prison at HMP Birmingham since 12th May. They were ordered to pay costs of £250 each.

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Upcoming Events



Two Just Stop Oil supporters jailed for nonviolent resistance at Kingsbury

Press / September 28, 2022

Two more Just Stop Oil supporters were jailed this week while five walked free after being given suspended sentences for sitting peacefully outside the Kingsbury Oil Terminal to demand an end to new oil and gas projects in the UK. [1][2]

The Just Stop Oil supporters who appeared before Her Honour Judge Kelly at Queen Elizabeth Court in Birmingham on Tuesday and Wednesday, were accused of breaking the North Warwickshire injunction on 14th September. The private injunction has been designed to help the state protect the profits of the oil industry by effectively outlawing any protest activity near the Kingsbury Oil Terminal. [3]

Michelle Charlesworth, 55, a former human resources professional from Oxfordshire was sentenced to 5 months in prison (154 days), after being found guilty of her third breach of the Warwickshire injunction. She was ordered to pay costs of £1415. Michelle's sentence is reduced by 26 days for the time she has already served on remand. She is likely to serve over two months.[4]

Barry Mitchell, 74, a pensioner from Telford, who appeared on Wednesday was sentenced to 70 days in prison, reduced to 24 days for early admission of guilt and time served for his third breach of the Warwickshire injunction. He was ordered to pay costs of £1,180. He is likely to serve two weeks. [5]

Charlotte Kirin, Tez Burns, Mary Adams, Sheila Shatford, El Litton were each sentenced to 30 days suspended for 2 years. All 5 were ordered to pay costs of £1415.

Mary Adams, 69, a grandmother and charity director from London said:

"We have wasted 30 years by not transitioning out of fossil fuels and now we are paying the price. As our new King warned at COP26, time has run out. Climate change is not coming, it's here"

"Extending new oil licenses is sheer madness – economically and morally. They are literally adding fuel to the crisis engulfing the world. Times are very tough. We are paying the price in so many ways for our government's failure to end new oil and gas. Enough is enough!"

"It's up to us all now to force our government to act to protect its citizens. Thousands of us will be on the streets and in Parliament Square from October 1st. Come and join us. Together we can win."

A spokesperson from Just Stop Oil said

"Twelve days ago more than 50 ordinary people who were demanding urgent action to address the climate crisis were sent to jail in one day by a justice system that has been weaponized by the government to crush dissent in order to protect the fossil fuel industry. This week there are 8 Just Stop Oil supporters in prison, with two being held for months without trial. But we will not stop."

"As the government doubles down on fossil fuel energy by ramping up supply and breaks its manifesto commitment on fracking, Just Stop Oil supporters will continue to take nonviolent direct action to demand an end to this genocidal death project. We accept the consequences of our actions and we don't need you to feel sorry for us, we need you to step up and join us."

The 7 who appeared this week were the last of the 51 Just Stop Oil supporters remanded to prison on 16th September after they had refused to comply with court proceedings and informed the court that they would break the injunction again. [6]

After six days of court appearances, 45 Just Stop Oil supporters have been freed and 6 are now serving custodial sentences in connection with actions at Kingsbury, while a further 2 people have been held in prison without trial since July 7th. [7]

Since April 1st, when supporters of Just Stop Oil first began blocking oil terminals, there have been over 1350 arrests.

This is the moment to come together and resist the genocidal death project. We are not prepared to just watch while everything we love is destroyed. We're done with begging. We are going to stop new oil whether those in power agree or not. As citizens, as humans, as parents and children we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love. This is the moment, we are the last generation that can

solve this. Will you step up and join us? If we all come together we can do this. We can Just Stop Oil. Join us from October 1st in Westminster.

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[7] There are 6 people now serving prison sentences in connection with actions taken at Kingsbury: Rajan Naidu, Sarah Benn, Simon Milner-Edwards, Margaret Reid, Michelle Charlesworth and Barry Mitchell. In addition there are two people still being held without trial for taking action with Just Stop Oil earlier in the year: Joshua Smith, 29 from Manchester and Louis McKechnie, 21 from Weymouth, who have been on remand since July 7th and are expected to face trial in February 2023.



Six Just Stop Oil Supporters who Disrupted Harrods Found Guilty

Court & Prison, Press / February 22, 2023

Six Just Stop Oil Supporters have been found guilty of obstructing Knightsbridge outside the Harrods department store. The Just Stop Oil supporters were demanding that the government halt licensing and consents for the development of any new fossil-fuel projects in the UK. [1]

The six supporters appeared before Judge Sternberg at Westminster Magistrates Court yesterday. They were charged with obstruction of the highway in relation to peacefully blocking the road outside the Harrods department store, on the 20th October 2022, whilst two other Just Stop Oil Supporters sprayed the outside of the shop-front with orange paint. [2]

George Hibberd and Kate Chesterman have both been fined £650 in total costs, and Paul Bleach, John Blewitt and Selma Heimedinger have all been charged £590, inclusive of fine, court costs, and victim surcharge. Phil Snider, who entered an early guilty plea, has been fined £110.

George Hibberd, 29, a former commercial airline pilot said:

"Harrods is owned by the Qatar Investment Authority which has huge shares in fossil fuel companies. Transport For London stated that as a result of our roadblock outside the store, we caused 'moderate' congestion and a 'minor noticeable inconvenience'. Flash flooding on the same road in 2021 cost businesses millions in damages."

"Extreme weather events and flooding are increasingly likely due to the climate collapse, brought about predominantly by our dependence on fossil fuels. Yet, it is us who are in the dock, not companies like the Qatar Investment Authority, who are not only causing disruption in our capital, but untold suffering all over the globe. The justice system is not fit for purpose."

The result comes in the wake of a recent conviction of seven Just Stop Oil supporters at Wolverhampton Magistrates Court, where the judge described the defendants as 'good people with admirable aims.' [3]

A Just Stop Oil spokesperson said:

"The judiciary needs to stand for real justice and refuse to prosecute the ordinary people attempting to stop the harm that is being imposed on our communities. One day, the political and business leaders who are knowingly enacting policies that are leading to mass death and social collapse, will be put on trial for crimes against humanity."

"Recently, an Insulate Britain supporter, David Nixon, a 36 year old care-worker, has been sentenced to eight weeks in prison for simply mentioning the cost of living and climate crises in court. The injustice of imprisoning 'good people' for speaking the truth, demonstrates that the judiciary is protecting the very institutions responsible for the multiple crises we face. Judges need to protect the British people, stand for what is morally right and prosecute the real criminals."

A further five Just Stop Oil supporters are also scheduled to appear at Westminster Magistrates on the 6th March 2023, for peacefully blocking Knightsbridge. Harvey Belcher and Kim Wainright, who sprayed paint at the Harrods shop-front, will be on trial in June 2024.

Since the Just Stop Oil campaign launched on the 14th February 2022, there have been over 2,000 arrests and 138 people have spent time in prison, many without trial. There are currently seven Just Stop Oil supporters and one Insulate Britain supporter in prison whilst awaiting trial or serving sentences for actions taken with the campaigns.[4]

We stand with these eight supporters in prison, with the 1,800 victims of our broken criminal justice system imprisoned for over a year without trial and with the 1,700 murdered across the global south, for protecting all our lives.

This is the moment for us to come together and resist the destruction of everything we love, something that is being imposed on us by a few, who only seek to enrich themselves.

We're done with begging. We are going to stop new fossil fuel projects whether those in power agree or not. As citizens, parents and children, we have every right under British law to protect ourselves and those we love.

We are the last generation who can solve this. Will you step up? Join us and Just Stop Oil. [5][6]

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

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

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Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil vow to continue disruptive action

Commitment to 'civil resistance' comes after Extinction Rebellion said it would prioritise 'relationships over roadblocks'

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Insulate Britain and Just Stop Oil have doubled down on their commitment to disruptive climate “civil resistance” after Extinction Rebellion [announced new tactics prioritising “relationships over roadblocks”](#).

“It’s 2023 and XR has quit,” [Just Stop Oil](#) said in a statement. “But it’s 2023, and we are barrelling down the highway to the loss of ordered civil society, as extreme weather impacts tens of millions, as our country becomes unrecognisable ... there is now a need to face reality.

“We must move from disobedience into civil resistance – this is what the nurses and paramedics are doing. They are on the frontline of the harm being wreaked on us and have said no more.”

Insulate Britain said its supporters remained prepared to go to prison. “Insulate Britain supporters remain committed to civil resistance as the only appropriate and effective response to the reality of our situation in 2023,” its statement said.

“In the UK right now, nurses, ambulance drivers and railway workers are on strike because they understand that public disruption is vital to demand changes that governments are not willing or are too scared to address.”

In recent years, XR has led its supporters into blockading London streets and bridges for days, smashing bank headquarters’ windows and spraying fake blood on the Treasury. But on Sunday, the [group announced “we quit”](#) in a new year resolution to “prioritise attendance over arrest and relationships over roadblocks”.

Since its radical start, XR has become comparatively more moderate. It has called for 100,000 people to take to the streets of Westminster in April, but cancelled its last series of protests in London after the queen’s death. Recent [demonstrations at private airfields](#) led to no arrests. Trials continue of XR supporters involved in direct actions over previous years.

On the other hand, over the past year, supporters of the Just Stop Oil campaign have smashed petrol pumps, blockaded oil terminals, glued themselves to the streets of London, zip-tied their necks to goalposts at Premier League football matches and thrown tomato soup over one of the world’s most famous oil paintings.

More than 2,000 arrests were made during JSO actions, and 138 of its activists have been held behind bars either awaiting trial or while serving a sentence this year. According to the group, 12 are currently in jail.

In a [column for the anarchist news website Freedom](#), Jan Goodey, a university lecturer serving a six-month sentence for climbing a gantry over the M25, said the household energy crisis had vindicated Insulate Britain’s use of disruptive tactics to demand home insulation. “Words of hope and encouragement are ineffective and irrelevant; it is action, resistance, and solidarity that work,” he wrote.

One activist who has campaigned with both XR and Just Stop Oil said he was conflicted about XR’s announcement, which may attract more supporters but at the risk of effectiveness. “My concern is our lack of time,” he said. “If we don’t actively, noisily push for change now, later may prove way too late to save anything.

Another said it appeared XR was repositioning itself as a more moderate group, as flank groups such as Just Stop Oil monopolised and radicalised more extreme direct actions.

James Ozden, the director of Social Change Lab, said XR’s repositioning could allow it to take advantage of awareness raised by radical protests, without being implicated in their unpopularity. “As Just Stop Oil continues to organise more disruptive protests, it’s likely we’ll see a radical flank effect, whereby radical tactics increase support for more moderate groups, such as [Extinction Rebellion](#).

“This synergistic relationship is likely to benefit the overall climate movement, as people can join groups that appeal most to them.”

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Sixteen people imprisoned for conspiracy to care

Court & Prison / November 9, 2022

11 Just Stop Oil supporters were remanded to prison yesterday, bringing to 16 the number of people who have been imprisoned for demanding an end to new oil and gas. [1]

At Westminster Magistrates Court, 11 Just Stop Oil supporters were sent to prison until a hearing scheduled for December 6th at Southwark Crown Court. They were among 22 people who appeared in court on Tuesday over charges related to occupation of gantries over the M25 on Monday this week. The remaining 11 people were granted conditional bail. [2]

Louise Harris, 24, from St Albans was one of our supporters sent to prison yesterday. Louise was heavily featured in the media on Monday after she issued a defiant and heart felt plea from the top of an M25 motorway gantry asking the government to listen. Prior to taking action she said:

"What we are asking for is a liveable future, but our government are acting like that is a luxury. What we are

asking is for the government to listen to all of the world's leading climate scientists, the United Nations and the International Energy Agency when they say "no new fossil fuels". Why aren't they listening? Why aren't our government doing their lawful duty and protecting their citizens from irreversible climate catastrophe and social collapse? They are driving us even faster towards mass crop failure, starvation, water scarcity and war. This is an act of murder. Why isn't everybody on the streets? Why isn't everybody fighting back? Make no mistake – this is an act of self-defence. Join us, before it's too late."

Louise and the other 10 people remanded yesterday join five Just Stop Oil supporters already in prison on remand or serving sentences for taking action to demand that the government halts new oil and gas licences. [3]

Indigo Rumbelow, 28, a spokesperson for Just Stop Oil, speaking from court yesterday said:

"Right now, while our leaders and politicians at COP27 are deciding just how bad it will be for everyday people, the courts and justice system are upholding the policies of a criminal government. Our justice system is complicit in treason against people in Britain and around the globe. When judges, magistrate and court staff close their eyes to morality, the biggest crimes in history have been committed."

"Our supporters want to say to everyone currently involved in the justice system, including the police, you have a chance right now to be on the right side of history, to refuse to lock up peaceful people, students, retail workers, and carpenters, and you will be joining the effort to protect lives and uphold law and order."

Earlier today 11 Just Stop Oil supporters climbed on up to 11 M25 gantries in the third day of disruption on London's orbital motorway. [4]

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

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

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[2] Remanded on 8th November: Alexander Wilcox, Callum Goode, Catherine Rennie-Nash, Christopher White, Daniel Shaw, Ian Bates, Kerin Matthews, Roger Hallam, Tim Hewes, Jan Goodey and Louise Harris.

Granted bail: Anthony Whitehouse, Aaron Gunning, Amy Rose Friel O'Donnell, Anna Muriel Retallack, Darcy Mitchell, Kai Arne Springorum, Louise Lancaster, Joseph Linhart, Theresa Norton and Rosemary Jackson.

[3] There are now 16 Just Stop Oil supporters in prison on remand or serving sentences for taking action to demand that the government halts new oil and gas licences. They are Alexander Wilcox, Callum Goode, Catherine Rennie-Nash, Christopher White, Daniel Shaw, Ian Bates, Kerin Matthews, Roger Hallam, Tim Hewes, Jan Goodey, Louise Harris, Joshua Smith, Louis McKechnie, Michelle Charlesworth, Morgan Trowland and Marcus Decker. There are also 3 Belgian supporters of Just Stop Oil currently in a Dutch prison for gluing to a painting.

[4] <https://juststopoil.org/2022/11/09/just-stop-oil-supporters-return-for-a-third-day-stopping-traffic-on-the-m25-in-multiple-locations/>

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Just Stop Oil: What is it and what are its goals?

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| A protester blocking the road

Just Stop Oil has hit the headlines in recent months after a series of protests.

The group is campaigning for more action on climate change but their tactics, which include blocking busy motorways, have faced criticism.

What is Just Stop Oil?

Just Stop Oil is an environmental activist group founded after Extinction Rebellion and Insulate Britain, with organisers from both at the helm.

The movement first came to attention following a series of protests in March. This included pitch invasions at several Premier League football grounds, with one activist tying himself to a goalpost.

There have been other notable protests since then, including disruption at oil terminals and on some of the country's busiest motorways.

What does Just Stop Oil want?

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

It describes itself as "a coalition of groups working together to ensure the government commits to halting new fossil fuel licensing and production."

The government plans to license more than 100 new oil and gas projects by 2025.



Unlike Extinction Rebellion, which campaigns on the single big issue of climate change, Just Stop Oil's protests have a more specific focus.

As well as calling for an end to fossil fuels, the group also wants renewable energy investment and for better building insulation to avoid energy waste.

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What are Just Stop Oil's tactics?

In the past few months, protesters from Just Stop Oil have thrown soup at Van Gogh's Sunflowers at the National Gallery, attempted to disrupt the British Grand Prix and caused the closure of the M25 with a series of demonstrations.



| A Just Stop Oil banner hangs on the QEII Bridge between Kent and Essex

Like Extinction Rebellion and Insulate Britain, Just Stop Oil activists claim to be willing to use "non-violent civil resistance" to make their point in public spaces.

According to Just Stop Oil, its supporters have been arrested nearly 2,000 times since April, with five of their supporters currently in prison.

Is it legal to block roads?

Put simply - no.

The maximum penalty for the wilful obstruction of a highway is 51 weeks in prison. Offenders can also receive a fine.

The government is also trying to put through new legislation to crack down on these types of protest.

The Public Order Bill would grant new powers to prosecute someone who interferes with the operation or use of key national infrastructure in England and Wales - whether on the roads, railways, or air transport infrastructure.

High Court injunctions have been sought by several transport bodies, including National Highways and Transport for London, to prevent protesters disrupting major roads.

Those in breach of an injunction can be held in contempt of court and could face imprisonment, an unlimited fine and seizure of assets.

But activists point to a Supreme Court ruling in 2021 which found there should be a "certain degree of tolerance to disruption to ordinary life, including the disruption of traffic" caused by non-violent protest.

Dealing with these protests is proving very difficult for the authorities, despite arrests and court action. Just Stop Oil has said it will demonstrate "every day" until the group's demand for no new oil and gas in the UK is met.



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| Just Stop Oil protesters in London in October

Why do motorways close when protesters climb gantries?

The M25 was disrupted after protesters climbed gantries at multiple locations in November.

Part of the road was shut for the "safety of everyone involved" Surrey Police said.

Former Metropolitan Police traffic sergeant Mike Rawson agrees that closures are necessary in such situations:

"It's a health and safety issue. The police cannot risk a demonstrator falling from the gantry and onto a vehicle beneath".

Who funds Just Stop Oil?

According to its website, most of the funding for Just Stop Oil comes from the Climate Emergency Fund - a US network set up in 2019 to fund climate activism.

The Climate Emergency Fund, is in turn part-funded by Aileen Getty, a US philanthropist whose grandfather was petroleum tycoon J Paul Getty.

What have critics said about Just Stop Oil?

Videos on social media over the past few months have shown irate motorists stopped from driving by Just Stop Oil activists sitting in the road.

Recent disruption at several points along the M25 motorway was described as "completely outrageous" by Business Secretary Grant Shapps.

"Don't go disrupting other people's lives," he said during an interview with LBC.

The Metropolitan Police said it had dedicated more than 10,000 officer shifts to policing Just Stop Oil protests since the start of October.

"These are officers who would otherwise be dealing with issues that matter to local communities, such as knife crime, safeguarding and responding to burglaries," Assistant Commissioner Matt Twist said.

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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 Gilet 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

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UNITE FOR JUSTICE: Extinction Rebellion, Netpol, Just Stop Oil and others join forces to take action at Royal Courts of Justice

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- *People from over 25 social justice groups – including Extinction Rebellion, Just Stop Oil, and Netpol – gathered outside the Royal Courts of Justice to highlight the failure of the justice system to protect the rights of people and planet*
- *A 3m high 'Justice Arch' with a banner stating 'Unite for Justice' was erected in front of the Royal Courts. The arch was topped with scales holding the Earth on*

one side weighed down by piles of money on the other.

- *A table of ‘climate criminals’ was set up and actors representing Rishi Sunak, Boris Johnson, and Rupert Murdoch, partied with faceless individuals bearing the logos of polluting corporations like Shell, BP, Vanguard, Monsanto, and Barclays*
- *The action marks the 80-day countdown to ‘The Big One’ on 21 April 2023, when Extinction Rebellion will bring 100,000 people to stand together at the Houses of Parliament*

At 11.30 today, Extinction Rebellion have joined over 20 other groups – including Just Stop Oil and Netpol – outside the Royal Courts of Justice to highlight the justice system’s failure to protect the rights of people and planet.

The group set up a table outside the Courts of Justice where ‘climate criminals’ wearing Rishi Sunak, Boris Johnson, and Rupert Murdoch masks partied with faceless representatives of polluting corporations bearing the logos of Shell, BP, Monsanto, McDonalds, Vanguard, and Barclays.

A 3m high ‘Justice Arch’ was erected in front of the court with a banner reading ‘Unite for Justice’. The arch was topped with scales holding the Earth on one side weighed down by piles of money on the other. Two individuals dressed as ‘Lady Justice’ – stylised as the justice we have now, and the justice we need instead – stood under the arch.

The action aims to highlight the UK justice system’s failure to hold those responsible for the destruction of our planet legally accountable. It also honoured Earth and human rights defenders around the world, many of whom have a disproportionate price – from incarceration to death – for taking action. Legal cases fighting corporations, governments and the law itself were spotlighted.

Speaking on behalf of Extinction Rebellion, Melanie Nazareth, Lawyer, said: *“The legal system is failing us, both here in the UK and around the world. The scales of justice, thrown out of whack by powerful vested interests and corporate might, are no longer in balance. We’re highlighting the injustice of a legal system that is too-often prepared to side with the rich and powerful, instead of defending the rights of ordinary citizens and the planet.*

“Our world is being destroyed before our eyes, yet Lady Justice is frequently willing to look the other way. As Booker Prize-winning novelist Ben Okri recently asked: “Why is it easier to punish people who are trying to save our world than to face the causes of the environmental disaster hanging over the human race?”” [1]

Representatives from more than 25 different activist groups brought symbols of their struggle to find justice and delivered short speeches under the arch. Violet Coco, an Australian climate activist, had a symbolic burnt teddy bear, destroyed during the country's devastating wildfires, presented on her behalf.

The event ended with a display of photos of activists who have lost life or liberty in their struggle to protect people and planet. Blank placards were held up to honour those whose lives are currently too at risk to be named publicly.

Monika Sobiecki, 34, barrister and partner at Bindmans LLP, and member of Lawyers Are Responsible, said: *"As the climate, ecological and biodiversity emergencies intensify, ordinary people are following their consciences and taking non-violent direct action. Many of these conscientious protectors are paying a terrible price – from incarceration to death.*

"Meanwhile, the courts and the legal system continue to take harsh measures against peaceful protestors and are unwilling or unable to punish the real wrongdoers. There is still no international crime of ecocide, allowing individuals and corporations with money and power to irreparably damage the biosphere with impunity.

"Last year I and more than 250 other legal professionals, from juniors to King's Counsel, signed a letter warning that to breach the 1.5C global warming threshold set out in the Paris Agreement would threaten mass loss of life, disorder and the end of the rule of law. This was far from enough. Now it is time for more lawyers to take a stand of conscience. We are Lawyers Are Responsible – and we are determined to make the legal profession look long and hard at themselves and their practices, to stop lawyers being perpetrators of and bystanders to the climate and ecological crises. If this chimes with you and you want to stand with us – join us."

Amber Rose-Dewey from Campaign Against Arms Trade said: *"Justice rarely plays a role in the international arms trade. The UK government licenses billions of pounds worth of arms to human rights abusing regimes without thought to the death and misery they are causing. Profit is more important than human rights or war crimes."*

Earlier this month, Extinction Rebellion announced its '100 Days' campaign, which aims to mobilise 100,000 people to stand outside the Houses of Parliament on 21 April for 'The Big One'. Today marks the 80 day countdown to that event as Extinction Rebellion continues to build bridges with people and organisations for April. Extinction Rebellion's official 'ticker' count currently shows over 10,500 people have pledged to be there.[3]

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BREAKING: Just after 8am this morning, Extinction Rebellion UK dropped a large banner from Westminster Bridge in London that reads 'APRIL 21: UNITE TO SURVIVE'. A group had marched with flags from Jubilee Gardens along Belvedere Road where they stood in single file off the road, forming a chain across the length of the bridge. When

there, an important message was passed along a human chain from one side of the bridge to the other, symbolising connection across divides.

The action officially launches Extinction Rebellion's '100 Days' campaign – the biggest mobilisation campaign XR has ever undertaken. With it, a new Crowdfunder is set in motion with a £1million target by 21st April, 2023, when 100k are expected to stand together outside the Houses of Parliament.

Today marks the 100 day countdown to 'The Big One' on 21st April and is encouraging millions of conversations with friends, family, colleagues and strangers, as well as organisations across and beyond the environmental space, to bring 100k people to Westminster. With Extinction Rebellion's official 'ticker' count revealed to show over 7,000 people ready to be there, this powerful targeted campaign aims to reach new audiences with an accessible, inclusive and easy-to-understand invitation to bring the remaining count into active resistance.

Anna Hyde of Extinction Rebellion UK, said: *"The climate, ecological and biodiversity emergencies are not distant threats – they are happening right now, unevenly affecting many – ultimately affecting everyone, and life on Earth is at stake. Covered up by corrupt media, those in power continue to profit from the crises unravelling around us. The fossil fuel era must end, and restoration of the world must begin. This is where solidarity comes in."*

Dr Stephanie Williamson, Ecologist/Entomologist from Scientists for XR, said: *"We must build bridges and come together across differences to unite for our very survival. To address the climate and ecological emergency together is to transform to a just and free future for all. Everyone is ready and crying out for change. Build bridges, build momentum – build to 100,000 people taking action together in 100 Days."*

Integrated with XR's methodical mobilisation campaign Project 3.5, thousands of people with a shared purpose will build bridges of inclusion and cooperation over the coming months. As the days count down, momentum, relationships, resilience, trust and numbers build up.

Following Extinction Rebellion's New Year statement stating that we will "disrupt the abuse of power and imbalance" by targeting the true perpetrators, all signs at this chaotic time in history point toward cooperation between groups and movements taking our love and rage to the seat of power in Westminster. Horrified by the climate disasters unfolding around us, thousands in the UK are ready and waiting to do the work the government is unwilling to do.

Dr. Caroline Vincent of Scientists for XR, said: *"Disruptive protest has done so much to change the conversation around the climate and ecological emergency over the last 4 years;*

more and more people are waking up to realities of the climate crisis, and more and more are saying they want immediate and decisive action.

“The reality is however, that as the general public becomes more concerned, the government in the UK backtracks on its already meagre climate promises, sanctioning a new coal mine in Cumbria at the end of 2022. So, the government isn’t listening and the only way that changes is by all of these newly concerned people recognising their own power and stepping into active resistance. At the same time, the Government is clamping down on the right to protest and criminalising those raising the alarm. In the current circumstances it’s clear that only larger numbers of people taking peaceful action together over prolonged periods will prove impossible to ignore.”

The latest draconian attempt by the government to shut down and criminalise effective protest is only increasing public sympathy toward brave activists using their voices to stand up for justice and the loving protection of all humanity. Public opinion polls now show that support for direct action has never been higher.

Gathering at the Houses of Parliament day after day in large numbers in April means we can leave the locks, glue and paint behind and instead demonstrate faith in a critical mass of people to create a moment that’s impossible to ignore. The invitation is to all humans, all movements, all organisations to come together and stay for as long as you can.

More info to come.

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An end to new oil and gas projects remains a key demand, but protesters now want taxes on big polluters and basic energy for all



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Four years ago, when [Extinction Rebellion](#) started blocking London's roads in a call for climate action, they brought a DIY carnival atmosphere that transformed their protests into festivals of resistance.

On Thursday morning, when climate activists staged road blocks close to Waterloo, just south of the Thames, they were about two dozen grim-faced

campaigners, wearing sensible clothes and hi-vis vests, and enduring abuse from passersby as they tried to superglue their hands to wet asphalt.

They blocked three entrances to St George's Circus roundabout, one of south London's busiest junctions. Within minutes, the scene was awash with flashing blue lights, dozens of police, and traffic backing up in all directions.

Just Stop Oil, XR's latest successor movement, has vowed to block central London roads every day this October. Friday was their 14th consecutive day, and they stepped up tactics once again, with two young women [throwing paint over Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers painting in the National Gallery](#), a polarising action that left many aghast. Another action involved spraying the revolving sign at New Scotland Yard, the Metropolitan police headquarters.

Their demand is simple: that the government agree to a moratorium on all new oil and gas projects, in line with a recommendation by the International Energy Agency.



📷 Two Just Stop Oil protesters splattered tomato soup on Vincent van Gogh's Sunflowers at the National Gallery in London. Photograph: Antonio Olmos/The Guardian

With the government [having announced a new round of licensing](#) only last week, their prospects of success seem bleak, but activists remained committed. “The burning of fossil fuels is killing people right now,” Kat, a children's mental health nurse said as she sat blocking St George's Circus.

“It’s fuelling the cost of living crisis, and it’s driving temperatures higher and higher. So I will not stand by and watch this government commit crimes against humanity by continuing to invest in the fossil fuel industry. That is morally wrong.

“So I’m sitting here peacefully and non-violently in the road, and our demand is: no new oil and gas.”

Just Stop Oil burst on to the activist scene in April, with an audacious plan to block the distribution of fossil fuels in the south of England with coordinated blockades of the terminals from which they are distributed.

In what they described as a strategic shift from the civil disobedience of XR to a new model of “civil resistance”, from 1 April Just Stop Oil’s supporters took action at up to [10 fuel distribution facilities](#) a day, staging road blocks, committing mass trespasses, digging and occupying tunnels, and clambering aboard tankers.

Within days, local newspapers reported queues and shortages at petrol stations across parts of the Midlands, Kent and Cambridgeshire, and as far afield as Wales. Analysis of official fuel distribution data [by the Guardian](#) showed deliveries were down by a fifth across the country. The drop-off was even more precipitous in regions served by terminals targeted by protesters, with deliveries down 43% in the West Midlands, 44% in London and 48% in the east of England.

Just Stop [Oil](#) has not come from nowhere. Roger Hallam, the social movement strategist behind XR and Insulate Britain, is also understood to be influential in Just Stop Oil. Many key activists from those previous radical environmental campaigns also appear in Just Stop Oil’s circles. Animal Rebellion, the vegan XR offshoot, lent activists and expertise from their blockades at dairy distributors.

But where XR, and particularly Insulate Britain, relied on a hardcore cadre of older activists, who were prepared to be arrested multiple times, Just Stop Oil was planned as a youth-led campaign. Hallam was [reported to be touring universities](#) talking to young people about the climate crisis, and signing them up.



📷 A Just Stop Oil protester spray paints the revolving signage outside New Scotland Yard in London.
Photograph: Stefan Rousseau/PA

Alex De Koning, from Newcastle, took a break from his PhD in green hydrogen after someone shoved a Just Stop Oil flyer into his hands. “It said: find out what the youth are doing about climate change,” he told the Guardian.

“So I went along. And what I found was really shocking. It was heartbreaking [to learn] how urgent the situation was. But more importantly, how little the government are doing about it, in fact, how much the government are doing to actively make the problem worse for profit. And it changed my life.”

Within a few weeks, De Koning, who had never been to a protest before, found himself running in front of a moving oil tanker, and sitting down for 14 hours glued to a friend blockading a terminal. “It was terrifying,” he said.

But after two-and-half weeks of sustained action at oil terminals, the strain began to show. Oil companies and local councils obtained injunctions banning protests at terminals, allowing police to take action more quickly. In less than a fortnight, the group’s supporters had been arrested nearly 1,000 times.

A few days later Just Stop Oil announced it would be pausing actions. Within a week, they returned to protests at oil terminals, but police were more prepared and were able to contain the disruption. As activists began appearing in court in large numbers, the campaign entered a new phase. Activists took part in targeted actions

against art galleries and sports events, while others took part in civil resistance in the courts.

From the beginning, Just Stop Oil has also enjoyed substantial funding. As well as ongoing crowdfunding, Dale Vince, the millionaire founder of green energy company Ecotricity, said he gave them £10,000. Vast amounts more came from the US: the Climate Emergency Fund, a philanthropic fund set up by Aileen Getty, gave them “hundreds of thousands”, its director told the Guardian.

This combination of funding and activist commitment has allowed Just Stop Oil to build up a sophisticated activism operation, with the money to feed, house and transport activists. The organisation has a strategy team, who craft the overall campaign. A mobilisation constantly at work trying to enlist new recruits. Legal teams help activists navigate the legal process once their prosecutions begin, and even help to raise money to pay fines. At the very immediate level, volunteers mobilise to meet activists as they are released from police stations.

“So when people come outside from being arrested, there’s always someone there with a hug, a cup of tea, which is really important,” said De Koning. “So we do try and make sure that everybody is supportive, as much as can be.”

The infrastructure is necessary to support activists through what can be difficult experiences with the prison system. So far, after an estimated 1,600 arrests of supporters, [79 people have been to jail](#), including on remand, for actions taken with Just Stop Oil. Seven are currently in prison.

As the summer wore on, Just Stop Oil toned down its actions, instead staging smaller, headline-grabbing protests at locations like the British Grand Prix at Silverstone and at art galleries up and down the country. Meanwhile talks began for a return to the streets in October, but in coalition with a wider range of groups, including [Jeremy Corbyn’s Peace and Justice Project](#).

“The idea of the summer was to mobilise and recruit as many people as possible for October so they could do this sustained activism for as long as possible. And also to give some people rest after the very intense April actions,” De Koning said.

The agenda has also evolved. An end to new oil and gas projects remains the key demand, but activists were now calling for subsidised public transport, new taxes on big polluters and basic energy for all.





primarily that.” Just Stop Oil, said Berglund, do not “just see climate change as something that is happening to us, right? But that there is actually a conflict here. [That] some people are driving this and some institutions are causing climate change.”

This distinguishes them from XR, who had explicitly called for a broad coalition to tackle an emergency affecting everyone, or Insulate Britain, whose positive demand for a programme to insulate homes did not attempt to single out villains.

But Just Stop Oil’s return to the busy streets of the metropolis has also won them new enemies. On Thursday morning, passersby could be seen berating activists, asking them how they thought disrupting people’s commutes could bring about structural change.

On Friday, visitors to the National Gallery gasped when Just Stop Oil supporters hurled tomato soup over Van Gogh’s Sunflowers.

“They may be trying to get people to think about the issues but all they end up doing is getting people really annoyed and angry,” said one witness, who declined to give his name. “The typical unthinking individual who doesn’t think about the big issues of the planet is not the kind of person who walks around the National Gallery.”

Even more intense was the social media backlash, where the activists were denounced as “morons”, “idiots” or “punks”. “Effing morons - this is not the way to protest!” [Tweeted the former tennis player](#) Martina Navratilova.



📷 Roger Hallam, the social movement strategist behind XR and Insulate Britain, is also understood to be influential in Just Stop Oil. Photograph: Ollie Millington/Getty Images

Meanwhile, the government has passed new laws in an explicit attempt to curtail their protest activity. The police, crime, sentencing and courts act, passed this year, makes new offences of blocking roads and national infrastructure, and a statutory offence of public nuisance seen to be deliberately targeted at activists.

More is to come. The public order bill, currently before parliament, includes a new offence of “locking on”, where demonstrators attach themselves to something so they cannot be removed, that carries a maximum sentence of up to 51 weeks in prison. Proposed serious disruption prevention orders would ban serial activists from taking part in protests.

Just Stop Oil has also received criticism from within activist circles. Its core strategy of taking disruptive action to be arrested, with the hope it can somehow jam up the judicial system, has been criticised as unrealistic, and naive as to the repressive potential of the state.

It has also been criticised as exclusionary to people of colour and other marginalised communities, whose personal and community experiences with the institutional racism of the police and legal system make them reluctant to take part.

But at St George’s Circus, not everyone was critical. Many passersby thanked the protesters for the action they were taking. Mary, 56, was stood to one side of one

blockade, watching the police search protesters’ bags, said she was glad to see the protest in her neighbourhood.

“Brilliant location: high profile, zone 1, one of the most polluted parts of London as well,” she said. “Working-class families need to be made aware of what is happening with fossil fuels, because we inhale this day to day.

“Anything that raises awareness is important, so I’m happy to see this here today.”

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Kingsbury Oil Terminal Protests

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Just Stop Oil - High Court Injunction

Background

In April 2022 following several protests at the Kingsbury Oil Terminal which caused a number of significant safety risks and large-scale disruption to the operation of the Terminal and the local community, working in partnership with Warwickshire Police, North Warwickshire Borough Council applied to the High Court for an Order to prohibit the disruptive elements of those protests. On 14 April 2022 the High Court made an Order which restricted certain behaviour whilst allowing peaceful and lawful protests to continue. On 5 May 2022 the High Court varied that Order slightly to clarify the areas in which lawful protesting could take place.

Even though lawful protests could take place at the location a number of those attending the site refused to comply with the Order and committed acts which breached it. This led to Warwickshire Police arresting 139 people in the vicinity of the Terminal, followed by committal proceedings in which the Court found that 70 individuals had committed 108 breaches of the Order. The breaches included entering the site and tampering with equipment, blocking the highway to stop traffic, and then climbing on fuel tankers, and digging tunnels under the public highway. The Court imposed various sanctions for the breaches, including prison sentences and fines.

This number of breaches shows that the Order is necessary and, were it not in place, there would be a significant risk of further disruption to the community, including risk of harm to individuals and their property.

The Current Applications

A person claiming to be connected to Extinction Rebellion has now applied to the High Court to set aside the Order arguing that it is a breach of human rights. The Council has now also made an application to the Court asking it to make the following Orders:

1. To list the case for a full hearing so that the Court can decide whether to make a Final Order which prohibits the disruptive behaviour concerned.
2. To add those 139 people who have been arrested as named Defendants.
3. To allow the Council to serve copies of the application by alternative means in relation to those Defendants and proposed Defendants for which the Council has no current address.
4. To dismiss the application to set aside the Order.

Documents

Copies of the following documents can be found on the Council's website at: [Injunction Documents | Just Stop Oil - High Court Injunction | North Warwickshire \(northwarks.gov.uk\)](#).

- A. The Council's current Application to the Court and supporting witness statement.

- B. The Interim Injunction Order made in 2022 and Power of Arrest.
- C. The Claim form and supporting documentation.

Hearing

The Court hearing for these applications is likely to take place at the High Court in Birmingham. The Court will shortly issue a notice giving the time and place of the hearing. A copy of that notice will then be added to the Council's website.

Copies of Documents

Copies of the documents referred to at A to C above can be obtained by contacting the following:

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