

#StopCambo MP Action Toolkit

Want to help fight the climate crisis? This is a great way to start.

Ask your MP to oppose plans for a huge new oil field off the coast of Scotland.

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What is Cambo?

Climate experts have warned that we must immediately stop new oil or gas extraction if we want to have a shot at a safe future and limit warming to 1.5C

And yet, Shell and Siccar Point Energy are seeking permission from the UK Government to develop the giant new Cambo oil field, west of Shetland.

In the first phase, due to start in 2025, the companies expect to extract up to 170 million barrels of oil - the emissions equivalent of 18 coal-fired power plants running for a year. They anticipate operating the Cambo field, until 2050, by which time Britain has pledged to be net carbon neutral.

The UK Government is expected to give its final approval imminently, possibly within a matter of weeks. This can't happen.

Why stop Cambo?

The latest UN climate change report (<u>IPCC</u>) states very clearly that a safe future for humanity will slip out of reach without immediate climate action. The good news is that we have a chance but only if we act immediately.

UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres <u>said the IPPC report</u> "must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels, before they destroy our planet... Countries should end all new fossil fuel exploration and production, and shift fossil fuel subsidies into renewable energy."

If approved, Cambo will be the first UK fossil fuel project to get the green light since this 'code red for humanity' IPPC report; the International Energy Agency's call for no new investment in oil and gas starting this year if we want a liveable planet; and the Shell ruling mandating the company to slash carbon emissions 45% by 2030.

Approving Cambo contradicts all three and is incompatible with limiting warming to the Paris Agreement target of 1.5C. We've seen what warming of 1.1C will do. Warming above 1.5C will be catastrophic for millions of people. The scientific evidence is now irrefutable and approval of the Cambo field indefensible.

This is an opportunity for our MPs to show they are listening to climate scientists and willing to lead within their party to support a liveable, more hopeful future for humanity. But they have to act now.

What can we do?

There are many ways you can take action to help #StopCambo. This toolkit focuses on just two that you can take to help bring your MP out to support #StopCambo:

- Action 1: Email your MP so they know you're concerned and demand they act
- Action 2: Visit your MP to deliver your Cambo message in a way they can't ignore

We'll cover each action in more detail below. Whatever you can do is incredibly helpful to the collective effort to #StopCambo. **EVERY action will help us block this disastrous project!**

Thank you!

Action 1: Email your MP

Emailing your MP only takes a few minutes. And we have included all you need to ensure this is a quick but effective action. Just follow these 4 easy steps:

- Step 1: Write to your MP https://bit.ly/CamboMPletter
- Step 2: Spread the word
- Step 3: Let us know how they respond https://bit.ly/CamboMPs
- Step 4: Keep up the pressure

We'll go into each step in more detail below.

Step 1: Send the email

Click on this quick, effective tool to email your MP in under two mins!

https://bit.ly/CamboMPletter

The tool includes some suggested and there's more inspiration below: Your MP is more likely to listen if your email is personal, so tweak the text if you have time.

Top Email Writing Tips

- Start on a positive note if you can
 - o If your MP is Labour add how welcome it is that the Labour leader has opposed Cambo
 - o If your MP is SNP add how welcome it is that Nicola Sturgeon has written to Boris Johnson calling on him to 'reassess' Cambo
 - o Or thank them for their work for your constituency



Ask them to publicly oppose Cambo and any new oil and gas projects

Draft Talking Points

These might be useful for your email and your meeting if you request one! Feel free to choose the points that resonate with you.

- I'm writing to ask you to call on the Prime Minister to reject the proposed Cambo oil field west of Shetland
- Take this opportunity to publicly show that you as our elected representative have listened to the scientists and will take immediate action to help secure a safe and just future for humanity, starting by opposing this new oil field.
- The latest UN IPCC report states very clearly that a safe future will slip out of reach without immediate climate action.
- As I'm sure you are now painfully aware, we are likely to hit 1.5°C by 2040, and can
 only reverse that with rapid CO2 reductions, which means it is imperative for the
 Government to increase the ambition of their policies from TODAY.
- UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres <u>said of the IPCC report</u>: "This report must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels, before they destroy our planet," he said in a statement. "Countries should also end all new fossil fuel exploration and production, and shift fossil fuel subsidies into renewable energy."
- The International Energy Agency (IEA) has stated that to meet the 1.5°C target in the Paris Agreement, there can be no new investment in oil, gas, or coal.
- Further, the International Energy Agency insists (<u>echoed</u> by the US climate envoy John Kerry) that"in a 1.5C world, projected global demand for oil does NOT require any new fields. We literally have no need for this oil field, so licensing it is indefensible in light of the danger it poses to the continuation of humanity.
- Extracting from Cambo field directly contradicts the warning of the IEA and sets us further on a dangerous path past 1.5°C
- Approving the massive new Cambo oil field would be a colossal failure of UK climate leadership and set a worrying example to other world leaders
- The world is watching our actions. John Kerry has warned Boris Johnson to consider this license very carefully. News coverage of the IPCC report was greater than ever before. All credibility of the UK being a climate leader will be lost if this project is approved.
- Now is the time to invest in a just transition for oil and gas workers and the impacted communities, with a clear and more ambitious clean energy strategy.
- The first phase of the Cambo project seeks to extract 170 million barrels of oil the equivalent of 8 coal-fired power plants running for a year. 1
- This is not a matter of securing local supplies the impact of our over consumption and inaction is already having devastating impacts on those most affected people and places. One only needs to watch the news. No new oil and gas means no new oil and gas for ANY country.
- As a Parent (Grand-parent, concerned global citizen) I urge you to call on the Prime Minister and the UK government to reject Cambo and ALL new oil, gas and coal projects as a matter of urgency.
- The IPCC report states we must ACT decisively NOW. Stopping this oil field is what climate action looks like
- We would love to come and meet you to say thank you for your support, we'd be happy to bring our children / concerned constituents and the local press...



Step 2: Spread the word

Once you've taken action, please help spread the word by doing any of the following:

- Pass this toolkit on to your friends, family, colleagues
- Post on your social media platforms and urge others to join you.
- Tag your MP and tag @StopCambo + hashtag #StopCambo
- Follow and amplify @StopCambo on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter

Sample Social Media Messages

Twitter	Instagram	Facebook
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I just asked my MP to follow the scientific evidence & act on climate by publicly opposing the Cambo field #StopCambo @StopCambo

Write to your own MP https://bit.ly/CamboMPletter

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Experts say we must immediately stop new oil & gas extraction for a safe future

Yet the UK Gov is set to approve a new oil field 😽

I just asked my MP to follow the science & act on climate by opposing Cambo #StopCambo

Will you do the same? https://bit.ly/CamboMPletter Experts have said we must immediately stop new oil and gas extraction for a safe future for humanity.

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Step 3: Let us know how your MP responds



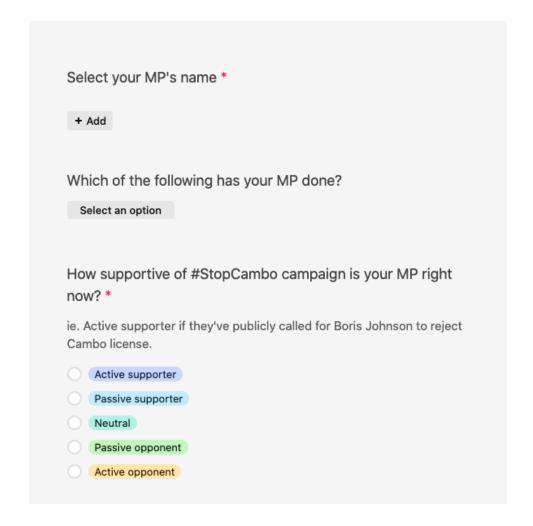
We're keeping track of what every MP says on Cambo. When your MP responds, please let us know what they say here: https://bit.ly/CamboMPs

We'll ask a few quick questions:

#StopCambo MP responses

Let us know what your MP has said and done in response to the campaign to #StopCambo. You can submit a new form if your MP updates their position.

Thank you!



Step 4: Keep up the pressure

Emailing your MP is the first step in engaging them on #StopCambo.



My MP hasn't responded

- Take your ask public, leave public messages/comments on twitter, facebook and instagram
- Try to show up at an event they are hosting to ask about Cambo
- Visit their surgery in person using the tips <u>below</u>.

My MP is supportive of the #StopCambo campaign

Fantastic! First off, register their response: https://bit.ly/CamboMPs

Then encourage them to go public and encourage others to oppose the oil field. Here are some follow up actions you can ask them to take:

- Write to the Prime Minister, demanding he stop Cambo
- Publicly oppose the Cambo oil field in the press
- Raise their objections to the Cambo oil field in Parliament
- Share their support for the #StopCambo campaign on social media
- Ask them to meet with you in person to discuss Cambo and take a photo with a #StopCambo sign

My MP is concerned about the project but won't come out directly and oppose it

First, let us know what they said here: https://bit.ly/CamboMPs.

Now is the time to keep up the pressure and help them get off the fence:

- Send a follow up email, asking for their support in publicly condemning the project
- Take your ask public, ask them on twitter or show up to a digital event they are hosting
- Visit their surgery in person using the tips below.

My MP wants the Cambo project to move forward

First, let us know who it is and what they said here: https://bit.ly/CamboMPs.

Most of the MPs supporting Cambo are using a few template responses. We've included a few of these responses and strong replies to each. And we'd recommend:

- Taking your ask public demand your MP opposes Cambo on social media
- Visit them virtually find a digital event they are hosting or participating in and ask them about Cambo
- Visit their surgery in person with other #StopCambo activists in your area. <u>Below</u> you'll find tips on how to prepare yourself to visit your MP

How to push back on your MP's stock replies



In the following section we've collected some of the standard replies people have gotten after emailing their MP asking them to #StopCambo. The replies below come from MPs that are supportive of the project. We've included suggested text if you'd like to respond to your MP directly via email, social media, at a virtual event or in person. We'll update this section as more responses come in.

STOCK REPLY: The original licensing consent for the Cambo oil field dates back to 2001 and the project is going through normal regulatory processes. Consent to proceed to production on Cambo is a matter for the UK's regulators, the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) and the Offshore Petroleum Regulator for Environment and Decommissioning (OPRED). OGA and OPRED are currently following their standard regulatory processes in relation to this case, which include a full environmental impact assessment and a public consultation.

The world has changed. What might have been appropriate in 2001 isn't now, 20 years later. If the UK government is serious about dealing with the climate crisis, it needs to keep pace with the science and not hide behind outdated policies. The truth is, climate change is happening quicker – and its impacts are greater – than was predicted 20 years ago. If we want any shot at keeping warming to somewhat safe levels every new development like Cambo must be halted. The International Energy Agency has warned that to have a 50% chance of limiting warming to 1.5C we don't need any new oil, gas or coal developments.

The normal regulatory process is not fit for purpose. It doesn't take into account the emissions from burning the oil in the Cambo field, only the emissions created by getting the oil out of the ground.

STOCK REPLY: The decision on whether to grant consent to the Cambo oil field will be taken by the Oil and Gas Authority, who are ultimately responsible, rather than the Secretary of State.

We hear this one a lot. The UK government and Conservative MPs are passing the buck to the Oil and Gas Authority (OGA) and trying to wash their hands of the matter. It won't work.

The Business Secretary, Kwasi Kwarteng, is responsible for what the OGA does and has every right to intervene in matters like Cambo. Ultimate responsibility, however, lies with his boss, Prime Minister Boris Johnson. If Cambo goes through, it'll be him who is to blame.

Boris Johnson has the power to Stop Cambo. He's choosing not to.

STOCK REPLY: The Government is working hard to drive down demand for fossil fuels, but we do also have to recognise there will continue to be some demand for oil and gas over the coming years – as acknowledged by the independent Climate Change Committee. Oil and gas currently meet around three quarters of UK energy demand and are forecast to be needed into the future.

Ministers and industry spokespeople are keen to use the Climate Change Committee (CCC) as cover for their position. However, members of the CCC have expressed serious concern about the Cambo project, saying the UK government has not made a sufficient case for its need:

 <u>Lord Deben</u>, Chair of the Climate Change Committee said, "The justification for any new oil and gas exploration or production has to be very, very, very strong and I cannot say that I have so far seen any such evidence"



Chris Stark, chief executive of the Climate Change Committee, said: "It's very clear
that the UK must transition away from the unabated use of fossil fuels as quickly as
possible. This requires action now, with policies to reduce direct emissions from fossil
fuel consumption across the UK energy system. We expect continuing demand for
fossil fuels over this transition, but that fact alone does not justify investment in new oil
and gas fields."

Government ministers and industry spokespeople are also keen to look at emissions through the narrow lens of domestic reduction targets. But, climate change is a global problem and looked at globally, the world is on track to produce twice as much fossil fuels that can be safely burned if we are to stay within our agreed climate limits. If we want even a 50% chance of limiting warming to 1.5C – the safest target possible left now –we can have no new oil, gas and coal projects. That's it. No more.

We either have to reduce our demand for fossil fuels or import it from existing fields. We can't afford any new oil, gas or coal if we want a liveable future.

STOCK REPLY: The UK is a net importer of both oil and gas so reducing domestic production would only lead to higher imports from other countries. Managing declining domestic production as cleanly and efficiently as possible to meet this demand - as long as it exists and as we transition to cleaner energy - also has broader economic, employment and energy security benefits over simply exporting the emissions from UK demand by importing more oil and gas to meet domestic demand.

The best way to reduce our imports of fossil fuels is to switch to renewable energy as quickly as possible. Instead of giving oil and gas companies hundreds of millions of public money each year to keep drilling, we should invest that money in a fast and fair transition to low carbon energy, industry and jobs.

STOCK REPLY: The UK Continental Shelf is a mature oil and gas basin where production is declining. We expect this rate of decline to be broadly in line with our domestic demand as we transition to cleaner sources of energy. Even with continued development, this decline is expected to continue, and we expect the UK to remain a net importer of both oil and gas throughout. This means that a faster decline in UK production would result in the UK importing more oil and gas from other countries on a net basis.

First off, the UK exports 80% of the crude oil it produces, which is the kind of oil Cambo would produce. The Cambo field isn't about meeting domestic demand. Most of it will be sold and burned outside of the UK.

More importantly, the best way to avoid importing more oil and gas is to accelerate our transition to renewable energy. That's the best way to ensure safe, reliable access to energy for decades to come. We can't do this while we're wasting billions digging for more oil and gas. The only reason for delaying this decision is to allow the oil and gas companies to continue to profit for as long as possible.

STOCK REPLY: Government analyses show domestic gas production has less than half the carbon footprint of imported LNG, so it makes sense to produce our own as long as that demand is there, and as we transition to cleaner forms of energy.

The emissions that come from producing and transporting gas are a fraction of the emissions of burning it. The most important thing is that we cannot allow any new oil, coal or gas projects to proceed if we want a 50/50 chance of limiting global warming to safe levels. All the talk



about the cleanest gas misses the point. The biggest problem is burning the fossil fuels, not how you get them out. This is an attempt by industry to reframe the debate and push it onto a topic that they are comfortable with and which doesn't threaten their core business.

STOCK REPLY: The North Sea Transition Deal creates new business opportunities, jobs and skills as the oil and gas sector works to transition to clean, green energy. It is positive that the Government will provide opportunities for oil and gas companies to repurpose their operations away from unabated fossil fuels to abatement technologies such as Carbon Capture Usage and Storage (CCUS), or clean energy production such as hydrogen.

The Deal also includes interim targets, such as a 10 per cent reduction in emissions by 2025, 25 per cent by 2027 and 50 per cent by 2030. It also supports up to 40,000 UK supply chain jobs in decarbonising UK Continental Shelf production and the CCUS and hydrogen sectors.

The North Sea Transition Deal goes nowhere near far enough to meet the scale of the challenge. It provides no solutions for what to do about the emissions produced from burning oil and gas from the North Sea, the timetable for reducing emissions from just getting the oil and gas out of the ground is too slow – the government's own independent climate advisers have said so – and, even then, the plan is voluntary and lacks enforcement. In other words, it is a wishlist written by and benefitting the fossil fuel industry. Even the Transition Deal's commitment to use domestic companies is voluntary. The people of the UK and the workers in the oil and gas industry deserve better.

STOCK REPLY: In 2019 the Oil and Gas Industry Association published its 'Roadmap 2035: A Blueprint for Net Zero', which highlighted the role the sector can play to help the UK achieve the energy transition that is vital to a fully decarbonised economy.

The UK government is taking its cues solely from oil and gas industry execs, as expressed in the Roadmap, and not the workers and communities most affected by the transition away from oil and gas. We've seen this play out during the covid crisis, where oil and gas company execs got massive handouts from the government while, at the same time, laying off thousands of workers.

Why, though, is the government even looking to oil and gas bosses for solutions to the problem of climate change anyway? The industry has engaged in disinformation and delaying tactics for decades, forcing us into this position of having to make drastic changes now to ensure a safe climate.

STOCK REPLY: The Prime Minister has set one of the world's most ambitious climate change targets into law: to reduce emissions by 78 per cent by 2035, compared to 1990 levels. The UK also called for further global action to tackle this important issue at the COP26.

There's no way the UK can credibly call for further action when it has plans to approve a further 18 new oil and gas fields over the next five years. The International Energy Agency is clear on what needs to be done to limit warming to 1.5C - we can't afford any new oil, gas or coal developments. The UK needs to acknowledge and act on this simple but fundamental warning.

STOCK REPLY: The recently updated OGA Strategy includes a requirement for industry to take appropriate steps to support the delivery of the net zero target. Under the new strategy, the OGA has introduced new expectations on how North Sea oil and



gas assets will be managed in the least polluting way. The OGA and OPRED will hold industry to account on emissions reduction targets by tracking and monitoring performance.

The only way to support the delivery of the net zero target is to end all new oil and gas extraction. Anything else is only playing lip service to climate ambition while continuing business as usual.

STOCK REPLY: All previously licensed fields, such as Cambo, are accounted for in terms of projected production and estimated emissions and we are confident that they can be developed, even as we seek to achieve our commitment to net zero by 2050. Looking forward, the Government will introduce a climate compatibility checkpoint which will be used to assess whether any future licensing rounds remain in keeping with our climate goals. We have committed to launching the checkpoint by the end of 2021.

The UK government's confidence on this matter is misplaced as is the exercise around the climate compatibility checkpoint. The world's leading economists are clear - for even a 50% chance of limiting warming to safe limits, we can afford no new oil, gas and coal extraction. A checkpoint based on climate science would reject any new developments. Costa Rica, Denmark, France and New Zealand have all moved to end new fossil fuel production. The UK's position is increasingly isolated.

STOCK REPLY: Ultimately, the Government is clear that the licensing of domestic oil and gas exploration and production must continue to be compatible with our climate change ambitions. While the Government has supported the sector through the pandemic, which has protected jobs and livelihoods, there can be no 'return to normal' due to the context of the UK's net zero recovery. I am encouraged that oil and gas companies are already responding positively to this challenge. For example, Shell is investing in CCUS technology.

New oil and gas production is not compatible with the UK's climate ambitions. The UK government is continuing business as usual as we see extreme flooding, fire and drought brought on by climate change sweep the world. Shell investing in CCUS technology is no comfort when it's a 30% backer of the Cambo oil field and actively trying to open up the Jackdaw gas field - all of this seemingly in violation of the Dutch court ruling ordering the company to reduce its emissions 45% by 2030.

The best way to protect jobs and livelihoods in the UK is to end new extraction, carefully phase out the oil and gas industry and support workers and new industries in a just transition. Right now, the UK government is trying to have it both ways. Those most impacted people and places are already suffering the consequences of our inaction and ultimately, the UK public will also pay the price.

Action 2: Visit Your MP



If Your MP Backs Cambo

Let us know their response: https://bit.ly/CamboMPs. And go and visit them!!

Contact them and ask if you can hand your letter in personally and have a chat about their decision.

Register your visit here: Add your visit/action to the map here and it will give you the option to invite other worried constituents to come along and join you.

Be Covid safe – take masks, sanitizer, social distance.

5 top tips for lobbying your MP

- 1. Try to encourage a few people to come with you to give your action a bit more impact or invite others using the above link to join your MP meeting
- 2. Prepare three key points you want to get across, and one thing you want your MP to
- 3. Read this document where we outline answers to a few stock replies your MP might give you.
- 4. Follow up after the meeting with an email or letter
- 5. Remember it's their job to listen to you and they want your vote in the next election!

If they don't want to chat in person, still go along.

Take some #StopCambo signs. Make your presence known. Leave your letter pinned to their door, with a big green handprint or #StopCambo on it to show you've visited.

Take some pics and share on social media. Invite your local press.

If Your MP Supports The Call To #StopCambo

Please do let us know here: https://bit.ly/CamboMPs

AND!! Ask to meet your MP to say a: BIG thank-you!

Agree a date to go along to your MPs surgery and publicly thank them for supporting the Cambo campaign. Take #StopCambo banners, signs, invite the local press, take photos and post photos from your meeting far and wide on social media.

Add your MP meeting to this map and invite others to join you

Take some StopCambo signs. Film it. Post it on social media. Send it to your local newspaper.

Action 3: Target Tory MPs with our twitter tool



So far only one conservative MP has come out against Cambo. Let's change that! Help us highlight the role Tory MPs can play in helping to #StopCambo.

Generate tweets using the twitter tool on our website:

https://www.stopcambo.org.uk/actions/ask-conservative-mps-to-stop-cambo

There are over 300 Conservative MPs on Twitter. We want to reach every single one of them. If there was ever a time for a Tory MP to break ranks and speak out for the climate, it's now. Keep up the pressure by using the tool to tweet at as many MPs as possible. If you get a response from a Conservative MP on twitter, let us know here.

We can do this!! Thank you for doing your bit. Let's get as many folk involved as we can.

Every fraction of every degree of warming matters. What you do matters and will help push this Government to choose a green, just future instead of further climate catastrophe.

Pass This Toolkit On! https://bit.ly/CamboMPToolkit

