

The Rt Hon Sir Keir Starmer
Prime Minister
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Dear Prime Minister,

Re: 250 signatories urge you to put a stop to the controversial Rosebank oil field

We are writing to you on behalf of the movement which champions a move away from oil and gas production in the UK in favour of a fair and fast transition to renewable energy. From leading membership organisations to local groups covering all four nations, we are a vast network united in a positive vision of a just and fair renewable energy system, free from fossil fuels.

Together, we represent the campaign to Stop Rosebank which has brought together over 150,000 supporters and mobilised thousands of activists to push back against the disastrous decision taken by the previous government to approve Equinor's climate-wrecking Rosebank oil field.

We welcome the government's agreement that the approval of Rosebank in 2023 was unlawful, recognising that the full extent of its climate impacts should have been taken into account. We also welcome the positive commitments made in Labour's manifesto to "not issue new licences to explore new fields because they will not take a penny off bills, cannot make us energy secure, and will only accelerate the worsening climate crisis," and recent government announcements reinforcing this commitment. We further welcome the government's intention to support oil and gas workers in the transition and look forward to celebrating the implementation of these commitments. Having campaigned under a government that had previously vowed to "max out North Sea oil and gas", we share a sense of optimism that the future of energy production, and energy consumption, in this country is set to change under a new government.

The potential development of the Rosebank oil field has been seen by many as a litmus test for the previous government's attitudes towards action to mitigate carbon emissions. It has commanded significant media and political attention since the campaign to stop Rosebank launched in 2022 with 64 mentions in parliament and frequent, prominent discourse about the field in national and international press. When Rosebank was approved in September 2023, thousands took to the streets in 40 protests across the UK, and the field has been publicly opposed by [700 scientists and experts](#), [200 organisations](#) and celebrities, [trade union leaders](#), 400 faith leaders, 40 [MEPs](#) and MPs from every major political party.

Rosebank is a case study for the urgency for oil and gas phase out:

- Rosebank is a **climate change and climate justice issue**. Scientists have warned global leaders time and time again that governments cannot allow any more new oil and gas if we are to limit catastrophic global warming. The CO2 from burning the fossil fuels in just this one field would be equal to the annual emissions of the 28 lowest-income countries in the Global South combined. Allowing oil and gas companies to develop new oil and gas fields in the North Sea, which will operate for decades, will not help the UK to become a clean energy superpower.
- Rosebank is a **just transition issue**: New fields like Rosebank won't stem the decline of jobs in the North Sea, because the North Sea basin is in decline. Over the past decade, the number of jobs supported by the oil and gas industry in the UK has more than halved, despite new fields being approved. In a declining basin, the only way to create long term, secure jobs is to invest in a just transition and support workers into clean energy industries that have a future.
- Rosebank is a **cost of living issue**. Rosebank would do nothing to lower our energy bills or make our energy supply safer. Oil and gas prices are set on a global market, so it doesn't matter where it's produced. More domestic production simply doesn't lower our bills. 90% of the fuel that would be extracted from Rosebank is oil, which would most likely be exported overseas.
- Rosebank is a **nature issue**: The gas pipeline that would connect Rosebank to Scotland would go right through a Marine Protected Area. Rosebank poses a direct threat to the endangered and threatened species that call that area home. A major oil spill from Rosebank could have devastating impacts on marine life and ecosystems in the UK and neighbouring countries.

People in the UK have voted for change, not more of the same rip off energy system where oil and gas companies walk off with massive profits, leaving us with higher bills, declining jobs and a worsening climate crisis.

The science is unequivocal about what will happen if we do not stop burning fossil fuels, and with a change in leadership, the UK now has every opportunity to act in the interests of a liveable future for the people of this country and the rest of the world. We applaud your decision to stop new licences, and now we ask that you continue taking real action on climate change:

- **Reject Rosebank:** the decision taken by the last government to approve Rosebank is about to come under judicial review. Should the court case against Rosebank's approval be successful and Equinor resubmits it for government approval, we ask that you reject Rosebank.
- **Support an end to new oil and gas projects in the UK:** in line with what is urgently required to prevent further catastrophic climate breakdown.
- **Back a plan for a properly funded just transition:** for oil and gas workers and the communities that depend on them. This plan must get into the specifics of where and how jobs will be created, backed up with investment, as well as making it easier for workers to retrain, providing job guarantees, and improving the quality of offshore energy jobs.
- **Focus on the real solutions to tackle Britain's broken energy system:** including scaling up renewables and insulating our leaky homes.

We look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

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