

Template Letter to the Prime Minister: Rosebank Oil Field

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Dear Prime Minister,

I am writing to you as a resident of north Devon, and as someone who cares deeply about our coastline, to urge you not to proceed with approval of the Rosebank oil field.

I understand your government is preparing to make a final decision on Rosebank, with the public consultation closing on 17 August. I am asking you to use this moment to say **no**.

Rosebank alone could produce between 200 and 250 million tonnes of CO2 equivalent over its lifetime, more than the annual emissions of 28 low-income countries combined. This is happening only days after the Met Office confirmed the UK's third heatwave of the summer, on the back of two record-breaking ones in May and June. A joint study by the Met Office, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and Imperial College London found that climate change was responsible for around 42% of the 2,700+ heat-related deaths recorded in England and Wales this May and June alone.

This is not a distant problem. Here in north Devon, we are already living with the consequences of a warming climate: rising wildfire risk on our moorland and coastal paths, rivers under growing pressure, and harvests coming earlier and smaller than they used to. Approving a new oil field that will keep us reliant on fossil fuels for decades runs directly against the interests of coastal communities like ours.

As Mayor of Greater Manchester, you championed a science-led approach to climate action, including a carbon budget informed by the Tyndall Centre and a declared climate emergency. I would ask you to bring that same evidence-led approach and courage to this decision as Prime Minister. Approving Rosebank would be a hard case to reconcile with the standard you set for yourself in Manchester.

I would be grateful to know your position on Rosebank, and what your government intends to do to protect communities like mine from the effects of a warming climate.

Yours sincerely,

Prefer to write your own version? The key points to include are: Rosebank's emissions impact, its timing against the UK's third heatwave and the recorded heat deaths, what a warming climate already means for North Devon, and a clear ask not to approve the field.

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