

# [war on Iran shows dependence on fossil fuels makes economies vulnerable to oil shocks](#)

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Responding to the Climate Change Committee's (CCC) finding that the cost of Net Zero is less than the cost of the 2022 Ukraine oil price shock, the Green Party has today said we need to transition to clean energy as quickly as possible to protect people and the economy from future oil shocks.

Contrary to Reform UK's unfounded claims about the cost of Net Zero, the CCC has today confirmed that the benefits of Net Zero outweigh the costs: "for every £1 spent there will be £2 to £4 in benefits" they conclude.

**Green Party leader Zack Polanski said:**

"Our dependency on fossil fuels is a strategic vulnerability for the UK – as evidenced by the war between Russia and Ukraine and the now the war on Iran. We need to make the transition to clean energy as fast as we can to protect people and our economy from the price shocks and instability that come when oil prices spike."

**Green Party MP Carla Denyer, who leads on energy security and net zero, said:**

"This report makes a compelling case: that cutting carbon emissions makes sense for our economy, as well as for the safety of our climate.

"The numbers speak for themselves – investing in Net Zero pays dividends, avoiding the billions of pounds in climate damages that we would face as the cost of not acting, while also giving us warmer homes, cheaper bills, cleaner air and healthier lives for us and future generations."

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## [Green Party statement on latest developments in Iran war](#)

Responding to the latest developments in the war on Iran, Dr Ellie Chowns, Parliamentary Green Party spokesperson on foreign affairs and MP for North

Herefordshire, said:

“The human cost of the illegal attack by the US and Israel on Iran is becoming clearer every day. The UK Government must stand unequivocally against this reckless war and use every available lever to press for a peaceful solution.

“The Iranian regime’s human rights abuses are intolerable, and the Green Party stands in complete solidarity with the citizens of Iran and the pursuit of justice for the those who have been targeted and killed by the horrific regime. We also recognise that the illegal US-Israeli strikes on Iran have not and will not ensure the safety of Iranian civilians, nor further the pursuit of nuclear de-escalation.

“Since the strikes on Iran began, more than 1,200 people in the country have been killed, with many more injured and 13 verified attacks made on health infrastructure. Conflict has escalated throughout the region, with civilians paying a heavy price. Just yesterday Israeli forces launched massive airstrikes in the southern suburbs of Beirut, only hours after issuing an evacuation order for the over 500,000 people living there.

“This displays an utter disregard for civilian lives. We saw these patterns in Gaza – it cannot happen again in Lebanon.

“No nation should be able to break international law with impunity – civilians and healthcare facilities must be protected and those responsible for illegal attacks held to account.

“The Prime Minister has stated he believes the best way forward is through a negotiated settlement, yet he has not condemned the initial attacks made by the US and Israel in the midst of those very negotiations, and has allowed the US to use UK military bases for defensive action.

“This is a clear error; not only was this permission given without a parliamentary vote, but the Prime Minister has offered no clear assurances regarding how the UK can be certain of the defensive or offensive nature of any US action launched from our bases. At this moment, the UK stands at great risk of being dragged further into another illegal war in the Middle East, forsaking the lessons of past involvements.

“It is one reason why, with cross-party support, I brought a Bill to Parliament earlier this week that would require the UK government have a viable objective, legal basis, and the backing of MPs before military deployments can be made.”

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# “Rehash of an old BNP policy” – Greens slam Labour immigration reforms

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Responding to today’s [announcements by the Home Secretary](#), Green Party Deputy Leader Rachel Millward said:

“Migrants and refugees have always been, and always will be, part of who we are as a country. Migration is a story as old as time. People coming here to live is part of the patchwork that makes Britain great.

In contrast, today we’ve seen a Labour Home Secretary rehash an [old BNP policy](#) of paying people to leave the country. We’ve seen rights becoming conditional on those with language skills. Policies that risk leaving people on the streets, as the rights of those seeking safety from war and persecution are eroded. The impacts will be real both on individuals and our communities.

Labour clearly have not learnt the lessons of Gorton and Denton. Voters showed Labour that they are not persuaded by their attempts to copy Reform’s rhetoric or to blame migrants for the real challenges facing our country. Voters are looking for honesty, practical solutions and hope that things can get better.

That’s why we support a fair and well-managed migration system alongside serious action on the cost-of-living crisis. This is what people want to see – strong communities and affordable weekly shops. That Labour don’t understand this still is striking.

While Labour continue to dismiss or caricature Green supporters, we will continue to stand up for the many people who have chosen to make their lives here and contribute to our communities every day. Proudly, we say not only that Britain’s problems were not caused by migrants or those seeking asylum, but that those who come to live, work and love here play a really important role in making us who we are.”

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