

# Greens warn of burning world and call for faster government-backed transition

Responding to new data from the Copernicus Climate Change Service (1) showing that the global temperature was the highest on record for a January, Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer MP said:

“In light of this latest scientific evidence, it would be dangerously foolish to do anything to put our burning world in even greater danger.

“Yet that is exactly what the government is doing – determined to expand Heathrow and Gatwick airports and refusing to rule out giant new oil and gas fields at Rosebank and Jackdaw coming on stream.

“Indeed, Equinor, one of the oil giants wanting to exploit the Rosebank field, has decided to cut promised investments in renewables in favour of increased oil and gas production. (2)

“The government is sending totally the wrong signals to the markets. We need a government committed to speeding up the transition away from fossil fuels. The government must make it clear now that it will not allow new North Sea oil and gas drilling go ahead.

“We must also get serious about how we make our communities more resilient to the now-unavoidable impacts of climate change. We need our homes and our communities to be fit for the future.”

## NOTES TO EDITORS

1. [Climate puzzle persists with unexpectedly warm January – BBC News](#)
2. [Norwegian oil giant Equinor cuts green investment in half – BBC News](#)

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