

It is failure to act on climate crisis which is truly “dangerous and irresponsible” say Greens



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Reacting to comments made by the boss of Shell in a BBC interview [1], Green Party co-leader Carla Denyer said:

“Without even the vaguest hint of irony, the boss of Shell, which recently vowed to scale back on its climate change pledges [2], says it would be “dangerous and irresponsible” to cut oil and gas production, blaming the slow pace of the transition towards renewables.

“This is fossil fuel spin at its worst. The truly dangerous and irresponsible thing to do is to continue with business as usual at a time when temperature records are tumbling on a daily basis [3] and the International Energy Agency has said there must be no new investments in oil, gas and coal [4].

“It is companies like Shell that stand in the way of a rapid move towards renewables, aided and abetted by a Conservative government that continues to grant licences for more oil and gas exploration.”

Notes

1. [Oil giant Shell warns cutting production ‘dangerous’ – BBC News](#)
2. [Shell joins BP and Total in U-turning on climate pledges ‘to reward shareholders’ | Euronews](#)
3. [Tuesday was world’s hottest day on record – breaking Monday’s record | The Guardian](#)
4. [No new oil, gas or coal development if world is to reach net zero by 2050, says world energy body | Climate The Guardian](#)

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