

Newsletter Jan/Feb 2022

“There is no flag large enough to cover the shame of killing innocent people.”

We have shifted our gaze momentarily to the plight of refugees of the Ukraine conflict.

If you would like to support the fleeing refugee families with aid, please **click on the link below TODAY** to see what items are needed and the drop off times and points for donations in your area. Thank You
<https://www.countypress.co.uk/news/19959075.new-facebook-page-brings-isle-wight-together-help-ukraine/>

Divestment from Fossil Fuels - IW Council Pension fund portfolios continue to be invested in fossil fuels - both directly and indirectly. Prior to the February Committee meeting we wrote to ask if there are plans to divest from fossil fuels. You can see our question and their response [HERE](#)

We hope to have access a full breakdown of the Pension Plan assets and will keep you posted.

- In September 2020, the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy asked officials to conduct a review into the licensing of oil and gas in the UK. **The main question of this review was whether the continued award of new licences for oil and gas exploration is consistent with the UK’s wider climate objectives.**

They prepared a Government Document on possible **Climate Checkpoints ONLY** for future rounds of **new UK onshore and offshore Oil and Gas Licences**, ignoring checkpoints for existing functioning sites. You can read it at this [LINK](#)

A public consultation on these proposed policies and checkpoints was launched and has since closed on February 28th.

We have responded to the consultation **objecting to the introduction of new fossil fuel licence rounds and omitting consideration of introducing such checkpoints for existing active sites.**

Read our response at this [LINK](#)

The Weald Action Group, to which we are affiliated, also responded to the consultation.

Read their response at this [LINK](#)

- There is a great deal happening on a global scale regarding the current fuel crisis and the impacts on Government strategies to solve current shortages.
- There have been calls from the International Panel for Climate Change for immediate action to start NOW to resolve escalating climate change which has already begun.
- There have been accusations of Governmental prevarication and active opposition to the implementation of their promises of finances, policies and strategies for reducing UK climate impacts.

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