

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA260419-1320

24 May 2019

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the GLA received on 25 April 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked for;

*I'm seeking copies of correspondence sent or received by members of the mayoral team in relation to the recent climate change protests by the activist group Extinction Rebellion. Please provide:*

- *Copies of all relevant emails sent or received by Sadiq Khan between 14 April 2019 and 25 April 2019.*
- *Copies of all relevant emails sent or received by Shirley Rodrigues between 14 April 2019 and 25 April 2019.*

*To help you locate the relevant correspondence, please search these email accounts for messages sent or received between the specified dates and containing the keywords "Extinction Rebellion", "climate", "protest" or "protests".*

Please find attached information. Please note that the emails we have located within scope of your request relating to the Mayor are from members of the public and third parties. Some of the information is therefore exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees or members of the public and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

**Information Governance Officer**

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Submitted on Monday, April 15, 2019 - 9:55pm

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<b>Flag Status:</b>	Completed

Dear Mayor,

Regards  
Please feel free to attach supporting information with your enquiry  
Further supporting information

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 16 April 2019 16:05  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Submitted on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 - 4:05pm

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What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion

Your message Current action by members of Extinction Rebellion is causing a great deal of problems for people trying to get around central London. There has been no comment from the mayor about this situation. With his known views on climate change and air quality in London does the mayor support the action?

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Sadiq Khan,  
Mayor of London  
City Hall  
The Queen's Walk  
London SE1 2AA

16 April 2019

Dear Mayor

**Extinction Rebellion protestors**

West End businesses and their employees are deeply concerned by the continued disruption being caused in central London by climate change protestors. While we fully support the right to peaceful protest, we do not believe that it is acceptable to block, for such a long period of time, some of London's busiest streets.

West End businesses are already suffering from poor high street trading conditions, excessive rate rises, Brexit uncertainty and the late opening of the Elizabeth line. At a time of store closures and redundancies, this additional pressure is deeply damaging to London's economy. The cost to West End businesses is likely to run into tens of millions of pounds. It also has a negative impact on London's image abroad, already suffering because of Brexit delays, and it is undermining your own message that London is open.

Stores are reporting significant declines in footfall and spending, some by up to 25%, difficulties in receiving deliveries and journeys being disrupted due to bus cancellations, which causes major problems in staffing stores. We are also concerned that the West End is currently extremely vulnerable, since emergency vehicles are unable to access the city centre should there be an incident.

We have seen that the failure of police in Paris to take early action against the protests, has resulted in weeks of unrest in that city centre, driving away international and domestic visitors, and hitting shops, restaurants and hotels hard.

We ask, as a matter of urgency, that you take control of the situation, provide means for people to protest peacefully and supervised in the many open spaces in London and allow companies and employees go about their lawful business without threat.

Moreover, with these unauthorised protests happening more frequently, and Oxford Circus being targeted as a high-profile location, we would like to hear from you what long term measures are being put in place, to protect this vital area from regular disruption and damage in the future.

The jobs and livelihoods of thousands of Londoners are at risk.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely



**Sir Peter Rogers**  
**CHAIRMAN**

cc: Sophie Linden Deputy Mayor for Policing & Crime, Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor for Business,  
Commissioner Cressida Dick, CBE QPM



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 16 April 2019 17:51  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** Rajesh Agrawal; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Letter from Sir Peter Rogers, Chairman of New West End Company - Extinction Rebellion Protestors  
**Attachments:** Sadiq Khan 16 April 2019.pdf  
**Importance:** High

Dear Mayor  
Please find attached a letter from Sir Peter Rogers, Chairman of New West End Company.  
With kind regards

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[REDACTED]  
**Sir Peter Rogers & Jace Tyrrell**  
[REDACTED]  
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LINKEDIN: [New West End Company](https://www.linkedin.com/company/newwestendcompany/)

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 April 2019 15:05  
**To:** enquiries@bankofengland.co.uk  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** FW: Climate Change the Facts, You dont know the meaning of the word  
**Attachments:** image004.emz; [REDACTED]llsXX.docx; The Biggest Lie Ever ToldGeobbels.docx; Attenborough&Netflix.docx; ReplytoBEIS290319Supporting documentation.docx

Dear Tom

Ref Mark Carney, Extinction Rebellion, Sadiq Kahn & The Climate Emergency which isn't happening. There is no climate emergency, we are not halfway through a mass extinction and atmospheric Co2 at 0.04% does not pose an existential threat and is not demanding of a massive reallocation of capital. Complete and utter nonsense.

It is grossly irresponsible for the Governor of the Bank of England to advocate the massive reallocation of capital in support of rabid groundless illogical environmentalist scaremongering necessary to invoke the belief that Co2 is the primary and only cause of a change in our climate.

It is not the remit of the BOE to engage in debate about the way in which our climate functions that is not their speciality. And before making such vapid illogical statements the BOE should have at least consulted verifiable data before Mark Carney opened his mouth and let his Canadian environmentalist leftist belly rumble. He expressed the logic of the madhouse which cannot and is not supported by evidence, statistics, fact or scientific literature. The IPCC's remit from the UN is to identify how humanity can be blamed for a change in our climate to advance its Agenda 21 protocols it has nothing whatsoever to do with climate research and functionality.

[Remainder of email chain references various publically available resources referencing climate change research]

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 April 2019 16:04  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Making Oxford Street pedestrians only

Submitted on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 - 4:03pm

[REDACTED]

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What is your message regarding? Making Oxford Street pedestrians only  
Your message Dear Mayor Khan,

In the past three days with the Extinction Rebellion people blocking Oxford Circus, common citizens had the chance to have a glimpse of how the Oxford Street area would be if it were a pedestrians-only area. The air is noticeably cleaner, people are happier and even the homeless of the area seem to fare better (for as much as this is possible).

I really hope that your plan to close Oxford street to the traffic is still ongoing. I understand that there are many business interests involved, but it is the people of London, not the businesses that elected you, and we are concerned about our health.

I think this would be a worthy legacy of your mandate as Mayor of London.

All the best,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 April 2019 16:58  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** CHAOS IN LONDON

Dear Mr Khan,

In the light of the deliberately provocative behaviour by 'Extinction Rebellion' in central London this week, do you not think it is long past time the law was changed to ban protest gatherings from public streets and public transport networks?

Every time this sort of thing happens (and if you live in central London as I do, it happens with depressing regularity) we hear the same, limp official reaction, acknowledging the right to "free speech" whilst regretting the disruption caused to London residents, businesses and visitors. Well-intentioned but equivocal statements like this achieve precisely nothing and are quite beside the point.

Blocking roads and bringing public transport services to a halt have nothing to do with "free speech". They are a form of political blackmail, pure and simple.

These are not "peaceful protests". They are calculated attempts to inflict worry, inconvenience and financial damage on other people and can legitimately be regarded as a form of violence, albeit not physical violence. Other people's rights and lives are most certainly being violated and in extreme cases, for example if incident response by emergency services is disrupted, lives could be put at risk.

The fact that actions of this kind incur extensive public costs, which those who are working and earning (as opposed to those on 'holiday' demonstrating) have to pay for, adds insult to injury. There are real and pressing problems in London which demand Police attention, as you know full well. You have complained repeatedly about cuts to Police numbers and the burdens on our law enforcement system. Yet once again we have to tolerate vast Police resources being diverted, simply to manage the self-righteous posturing of a strident and aggressive minority.

I am in favour of "freedom of speech" and "the right to peaceful protest" as much as the next man. Neither requires our capital City to be brought to a standstill. People can speak and demonstrate peacefully without barricading streets or gluing themselves to trains or buses. There are open spaces in London where demonstrations can potentially be managed in ways which avoid misery, inconvenience and potential harm to tens or hundreds of thousands of people.

It is time to stand up for London residents and businesses and for London's reputation in the world. Major traffic arteries and public transport networks should henceforth be declared strictly out of bounds to any and all protest marches. This should have been done years ago.

Kind regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 17 April 2019 20:28  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

Dear Mr Khan

I am writing to express my amazement and extreme dissatisfaction that Extinction Rebellion are being allowed to totally disrupt London and travellers in/through London over such a long period of time.

I realise that people have a right to protest peacefully, however, I do not understand why this is not being contained in a specific area, eg a park, in order to prevent the protesters causing such mayhem. It is inconceivable that they have been allowed to close a bridge - one of our major arteries to/from the city centre and so close to a hospital.

I have been caught up in their activities which resulted in a great deal of inconvenience and I have a great deal of empathy with both leisure and business people who are equally affected.

I know that some activists have been arrested, however, this is not getting to the nub of the problem.

I would be grateful if you would let me know your views and what action is planned, if any, to restore normality to London.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 17 April 2019 14:28  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Climate Change and Extinction Rebellion

Submitted on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 - 2:27pm

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[REDACTED]

What is your message regarding? Climate Change and Extinction Rebellion  
Your message Mr. Khan,

I believe it is you that needs to think again. What will be your words when Londoners go hungry because crops have been wiped out by floods and drought (You only need to look at the USA mid-west today and also Russia a few years back to see this)? Remember that the UK can only feed half its population. World hunger is now on the increase again because of climate change (check the stats). I think your words are vacuous and quite frankly you lack the leadership required during a time of urgency, when there are no leaders worth mentioning, and the situation is dire. Step down now before your inaction is recorded in history, because when the Arctic Sea Ice melts and Londoners start to go hungry, I don't see your words helping anyone and your inaction may be remembered by the hungry masses. It is action now that counts, and you have none as, to put it bluntly, you cower behind your office.

Contact me if you want my advice and suggestions on what you should be doing to help, if you dare.

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**From:** [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 08:01  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Stop appeasing extinction rebellion Mr Khan

Sadiq Khan,

Many fellow Londoners and myself are astounded as to why the disruption to London was allowed to happen, caused by a group of clueless, self-serving thugs. Many whom have never worked full-time, and instead think themselves cool to be arrested.

Remove their tents now. They are trespassing. They should be in overnight cells at the very least. London police, as usual, have been emasculated in doing their duties for promptly removing these cretins, having to abide by politically correct so-called human rights laws.

How long do your staff at City Hall have to put up with your incompetence?

Enough of this nonsense.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 08:11  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion and Climate Change

Sir,

I am sure everyone will agree that the protests currently taking place are disruptive and causing financial harm.

Whilst I question their methods, the protesters are highlighting an issue that will wreak havoc on our societies in the coming few years. One only has to read the open letter, published by Mr Mark Carney and his French counterpart yesterday. Climate change will indeed produce financial harm and far greater than a few days of disruptive protests.

My issue is that people in positions of authority and with a public voice have condemned the protests while agreeing the right to peaceful protest. I have yet to read of anyone who has raised the spectre of climate change and that we must change - and urgently.

What a lost opportunity. How about instead of more car charges in London, you shout at HM Government to do more to push for EVs - and at the same time shorten that ridiculous 2040 timescale on combustible fuel cars.

Regards,

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 12:15  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion disruption

Submitted on Thursday, April 18, 2019 - 12:14pm

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What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion disruption

Your message Is the Mayor intending to take firmer action to bring to an end the disruption caused by Extinction Rebellion?

I am all in favour of people voicing their genuine concerns about the environment or any other issue — provided they do so within the framework of the law. But if acts of civil disobedience are not actively discouraged, the long term effects can be serious, as they are likely to encourage more of the kind and have the potential in the long term to undermine the observance and enforcement of law.

The current levels of disruption to the lives of those of us who live here is intolerable. I have been told that the actions of the group are non-violent; however, serious disruptions to the transportation system are disruption to people's lives. By disrupting the system they are doing to others what many people do not wish to have done to them — causing them to be late for work, or for hospital appointments; causing loss of business; creating traffic jams which test people's patience to the limit; creating a lot of stress. These are all consequences of their actions and I imagine there may be many more. Effectively, we are being blackmailed: meet our demands or we will disrupt your lives further. These are all manifestations of violence in the sense of doing to others that which they do not wish to have done to them. The situation needs a much firmer hand in my view.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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Further supporting information

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/node/15165/submission/436313>

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 14:39  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

Submitted on Thursday, April 18, 2019 - 2:39pm

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What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion

Your message Why are you taking such a laissez faire approach to these protests. Your job is to create and maintain a thriving city for the benefit of all Londoners. These protests damage business in the short term and will cause long term impact to the city's reputation with business people and tourists. LONDON already has strong environmental credentials with the emissions zone and congestion charge. Use your powers to stop these protests damaging London. Give them space but there's no justification for this criminal activity

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 14:47  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Enquiry from Mark Field MP (Case Ref: ZA22260)  
**Attachments:** letter3893.pdf

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Completed

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Extinction Rebellion Climate Change Protests**

Please see the attached correspondence on behalf of my constituents FAO Mayor Sadiq Khan.

Many thanks for your assistance with this case and I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Kind regards,  
[REDACTED]

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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Sadiq Khan  
Mayor of London  
City Hall  
The Queen's Walk  
London SE1 2AA

18 April 2019  
Our Ref: ZA22260

Dear Sadiq,

**Re: Extinction Rebellion Climate Change Protests**

Over the last four days I have been contacted by a significant number of local residents and business who are, quite rightly, fed up with the ongoing disruption to their daily lives caused by the climate change protests taking place across our city.

I, of course, appreciate and respect the right to peaceful protest as a key part of our democratic tradition, and, as a Foreign Office Minister whose portfolio covers climate change, know better than most the pressing need to address this most serious of issues. Nevertheless, I am sure you will agree that what we have seen over the past few days goes well beyond a good-natured exercise in free speech and that the detrimental effect these protests are having on ordinary citizens and local business is much too great for the protesters, however well intentioned, to be allowed to carry on in such an flagrant way.

As I am sure you already know, West End-based businesses estimate to have so far lost tens of millions of pounds as a result of these protests. Given the already difficult trading conditions for many retailers on our high streets, this avoidable loss comes as a cruel blow in the run up to what, under normal circumstances, should be a busy Easter weekend for business. What's more, 55 bus routes have had to be suspended, inconveniencing around 500,000 passengers, while a planned disruption of the Tube network was mercifully called off at the eleventh hour. I am sure it will not be lost on you that the international reputation of our great capital is at serious risk, should we be unable to find a way to wrest back control of this lamentable situation as soon as possible.

I do not underestimate the challenge that the police is facing and am very grateful for all its efforts thus far. However, given the determination of the protesters to not let up and reports that they intend to continue until next Friday, I should be most grateful if, as a matter of urgency, you would take a much firmer grip on this problem and for the law to be applied to its full extent against those who, despite fair warning, insist on protesting in this anti-social way.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Reij", is centered below the typed text "With kind regards,". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 17:10  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Making XR unnecessary  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

Submitted on Thursday, April 18, 2019 - 5:09pm

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If other, please specify: Give the Mayor a clean City  
What is your message regarding? Making XR unnecessary  
Your message ACTION PLEASE.

A New British Invention

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To date on a shelf because no-one with assets to waste or a comfy job wants change, but people have had enough so Extinction Rebellion is in London, and across the planet, stopping traffic – Heathrow tomorrow and it will go on, and on, until change is made.

One demand XR is making is for the 'truth to be told' – it makes urgency plain.

The truth (all data is in the public domain Public Office Sites - IPCC, NASA, NOAA, etc).

The IPCC told us in Paris in December 2015 that global warming would continue at 0.01°C pa. If we cut carbon we could stay below 1.5°C. They were wrong.

In October last year we were told that, actually, it wasn't 2°C that was dangerous to life but 1.5°C and we had 12 years to cut carbon enough to stay below 1.5°C above the pre-industrial temperature. That remains official, UK CCC and Met Office, conventional wisdom - but is wrong. We are now well above 1.5°C – we have no 12 years.

We, along with 88% of global population, live around the Latitude 44 - 64 North, temperate segment of our planet. The NASA data at Gistemp dTs (land) tables for the Northern Hemisphere give the March 2019 Anomaly as 1.84°C. Warming is now in acceleration. Last year, for the first time, carbon in the atmosphere rose by more than 4ppm - year on year.

We are now in deep trouble and have known it since 2011 when Google, having spent \$850m on its RE>C save the planet project,

abandoned it as 'unachievable'. Google's conclusions were in IEEE Spectrum "What it would really take to reverse climate change". No

current technology can avoid our species extinction. We need "truly disruptive technology" to survive.

Since then we have ignored titans like Professor Wally Broecker, the Father of the climate science "No amount of carbon reduction can void disaster". We are long past Stephen Hawking's 'tipping point', indeed it maybe that Dr Mayer Hillman is right - maybe we are already 'doomed' (Guardian).

What Google did not foresee is that the technology would be invented but not deployed because it would, indeed, be 'truly disruptive' and who wants change.

It will, indeed, mean huge change in replacing coal, oil and gas and also EV and wind turbines, and all post Kyoto cu-de-sac' alternatives; all fine until their carbon footprints told us they go, or we do.

Extinction Rebellion is disrupting ordinary lives because just as the establishment and the Elite are denying the people Brexit so these same people find it inconceivable that we should embrace change if it means wasting assets or avoiding the status quo – as GBS put it "Progress depends upon the unreasonable man".

One can only hope that Extinction Rebellion makes enough 'business as usual' impossible soon enough for 'action' to be effective. We are out of time. Even a global deployment tomorrow of my technology cannot reverse climate change in decade.

We need to 'panic' in its sense of coming to fear a future so grim that we have no choice: we must avoid it no less than strenuously than we resisted Hitler – with all we've got.

That means using this or better technology if it comes to hand, to convert cars to run clean, take homes and factories, et al 'off grid', make ships and trains et al run clean, and recover carbon from the atmosphere. All out of free sunlight and nitrogen, which makes up 78% of our air. No one invents anything – we merely find what's already there.

Consumerism was never about money, save to the none so blind, it was always about carbon and the price now has to be paid; or few, if any of us, will live to see 2050 dawn.

We are, now – this day - in real grim trouble, which Michael Gove no more begins to 'get' than does Clair Perry or Greg Clark – they are happy Fracking – Oh My!

Tonight Sir David Attenborough will tell us there is hope. With respect that is sweetening the pill. There is none as matters stand. Greta Thunberg was ignored at Davos when she told the 'elite' ~ "I don't want you to be hopeful, I want you to panic. I want you to feel the fear I feel every day and I want you to act."

I trust XR will not stop without a commitment from every party in the House to deploy the technology I am happy to give away if that is the best way to reverse climate change.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 18:20  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion!

What? What? YOU are the Mayor of London, the city that is being brought to a standstill at a cost of MILLIONS of pounds to businesses; hundreds of THOUSANDS of citizens are being held ransome and disruption by a few hundred people and YOU are praising them? Are you MAD? For God sake get s grip or leave and we can have a Mayor that has some commonsense! Go and go now!!!!!!

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 18 April 2019 18:30  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Climate Change/ Extinction Rebellion

Dear Mayor,

Although the disruption caused in London by Extinction Rebellion is regrettable and you and Claire Perry, Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has said it isn't necessary to cause such disruption. All I have to say that it is a real shame it has come to this. HOWEVER. Until Greta Thunberg caused such a stir, none was listening, or if they were they did it with their hand over their ears. Or if they heard they either ignored it or thought it didn't apply to them. The time to act was 30 years ago when the science was becoming clear. I heard about it for the first time [REDACTED]

It is clear the situation is now becoming critical in three fronts: Climate change, catastrophic loss in Biodiversity and pollution, especially of pesticides and plastic. A fourth issue is justice to the poor who in all cases of the previously mentioned issues are the first to suffer caused by the actions of the rich. All issues are linked. Help one and you help the others. The Extinction Rebellion crowd of which I am one, have three demands:

Tell the truth:

1. 1/ Government must tell the truth by declaring a climate and ecological emergency, working with other institutions to communicate the urgency for change.
2. Act Now: Government must act now to halt biodiversity loss and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.
3. Beyond Politics: Government must create and be led by the decisions of a Citizens' Assembly on climate and ecological justice.

Mayor Khan, I was delighted when you became Mayor and I have every faith in what you are doing for Londoners, and will certainly promote your re-election when the time comes, but this issue is wider than 'just' London. You know yourself the problems with the air quality in the city and are acting with the low pollution zone. What you do in London to help avert climate change, increase habitats to maintain biodiversity and to reduce waste and pollution will echo round the world. Please use your influence to act now and don't delay.

With kind regards

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 19 April 2019 01:00  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

Submitted on Friday, April 19, 2019 - 1:00am

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If other, please specify: Regards the present Extinction Rebellion

What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion

Your message Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing you about the present situation of climate strikes in your city [REDACTED] and supporter of it and since I saw the unusual behavior of your city organizer made me sad. As you know it's a big reality for now and future to keep our planet well. So it's my thinking that you all should handle it with more proper way.

I made a little project of this situation and find some solutions which I wanted to share with you. And I hope it might be helpful for you in this hard time. Therefore I am here to request you that your actual attention for our environment is more important.

Thanking with best regards,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 April 2019 10:54  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Frustrated / confused with extinction rebellion actions in London? or Bristol? Heathrow?

Dear Sadiq

Your job is to protect Londoners NOT just London businesses but the CHILDREN , your future voters! And not just protect them now, but in the future too, ie from sea level rise, migration and famine like you can't even imagine.

If you are frustrated with Extinction Rebellion in London, Bristol and Heathrow disruption, these two links might explain it better

Firstly the funny Jonathan Pie in London

<https://www.facebook.com/JonathanPieReporter/videos/598929320611854/>

And secondly David Attenborough explaining the facts about climate change on BBC last night,

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m00049b1>

We can all do a lot to curb our own CO2, and then, at least then we can look our grandchildren in the eye and say we did something, and we tried.

Lots of extinction rebellion love

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 19 April 2019 15:09  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** The Climate Change demonstration/sit in/festival

Submitted on Friday, April 19, 2019 - 3:08pm

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What is your message regarding? The Climate Change demonstration/sit in/festival  
Your message I am amazed that the Mayor of London has done nothing to stop the accumulated and additional pollution caused by the traffic jam build up resulting from the so called Climate Change/Extinction Rebellion. It does seem an oddity to encourage pollution as part of the protect but stranger is that the London Mayor and his Department does not appear to care and in a week when he has introduced ULEZ.

Surely, it is not legal to camp in roads, cause roads to be closed, make business and tourism difficult whilst increasing pollution. Are the demonstrators paying the costs of their demonstration? Why do you think it ok to let it continue over Easter?

I look forward to hearing how you are going to solve the problem of those who are accelerating climate change and creating increased risks for those with breathing issues as they camp in Marble Arch.

Please feel free to attach supporting information with your enquiry  
Further supporting information

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 April 2019 16:03  
**To:** mayt@parliament.uk  
**Cc:** Mayor  
**Subject:** FW: First principles  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED].docx; The Biggest Lie Ever ToldGeobbels.docx; Executive Complaints Unit.docx; ReplytoBEIS290319Supporting documentation.docx

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 April 2019 16:02  
**To:** 'sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk' <sajid.javid.mp@parliament.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk' [REDACTED]l@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** FW: First principles

Dear Sajid

The Conservative party and its appeasement of the lunatic climate fringe militia have aided and abetted the action taken by Extinction Rebellion and before that the Youth March.

[Remainder of email includes links to online publications and resources relating to climate change]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 19 April 2019 17:24  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion Protest

Dear Mr Khan,

I am writing to let you know that I am in total support of the Extinction Rebellion protest. I appreciate that they are clearly causing frustration and difficulty for the police force and that this has resulted in police having their holiday cancelled.

If there is anything that we as Londoners can do to support the work of the Police or if you would like to seek donations to cover the cost of policing this protest, I would be happy to offer contributions of either time or funds. Is this something you would like to discuss?

Given the commitment that your office has made to improving the environment in London, I understand that you too are a committed environmentalist and care for the issues that extinction rebellion are campaigning for - whilst not supporting their methods.

I thought it pertinent to state overtly that there are Londoners who are not protesting, and who have been impacted, but who also support the inspiring work that Extinction Rebellion are doing.

Clearly we have to do more as a society to combat the serious issue of climate change and I encourage you as Mayor, and other politicians, to embrace the fact that this is currently front page news and therefore is a chance to make a real lasting difference to policy.

I look forward to your response.

Kindest Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 April 2019 13:27  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Solution to the Protest in London.

Mr Sadiq Khan,

I would urge you to speak to either head of department, in Science and Mechanical Engineering at Oxford or Cambridge Universities.

They now have in their possession a design on Carbon Free Rotational Power, they were both asked to supply a definitive assessment of the design. Which they have now done, exactly what you were asked to do two years ago. Extinction Rebellion know about this and now seek a conclusion, they know that you Sadiq Khan were asked to help. You ignored that request even though you were stating on TV, we must seek out cleaner power for London people.

Think it best you speak to Oxford or Cambridge Universities, when they supply the verification that they hold Carbon Free Rotational Power. Your only course of action the will be resignation, the mails your were sent will be published. That you ensure your time is now concluded, or you can appear on TV and explain WHY you dismissed the requests ?????

Good luck, the protests will not stop.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 April 2019 15:00  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion Protesters

Dear Mr Mayor,

Re: **Extinction Rebellion Protesters**

I, like many many more UK citizens, are dismayed that the so-called 'Extinction Rebellion Protestors' have, for so long, been allowed to cause the mass disruption in London when both the Home Secretary Sajid Javid and Commissioner Cressida Dick have said that the 'full force of the law will be used' to disperse them.

We are continually seeing on TV hundreds of Police deployed to disrupted areas simply standing around with a few 'joining in the fun' and a few Police arresting protestors. The arrested protestors are taken away, charged and simply released to go back to their protesting

This ridiculous situation is making the UK the laughing stock of the world particularly when we see the Police severely manhandling the few Brexiteer protestors outside of Parliament – in complete contrast to the softly softly action against protestors blocking London roads and bridges and then being allowed to hold an unrestricted Cannabis Party in Hyde Park. Why can't the Police be equally as positive and firm with the so-called Extinction Rebellion Protestors ?

May I respectfully suggest that the Police should take more positive action against the Extinction Rebellion Protestors by, for example, using Water Cannon to disperse the protestors and then incarcerating them in, for example, a secured area of Hyde Park. In addition to this, protestors claiming Benefits should have their Benefits immediately stopped. The protestors would soon see the error of their ways and, more important, London would then get back to normal.

With due respect, you (together with the Home Secretary and Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police) cannot allow this disgraceful situation to continue. URGENT (positive) action is required. The Police say that their resources are over-stretched so they should be ordered to stop standing around and to start taking positive action to clear the roads and bridges of protestors and the mess they are generating. Where else in the world would we see such pathetic negative lack of action in clearing such a damaging and unlawful assembly from the streets of a capital city ?

Everyone has the right to protest - but there are lawful and unlawful ways of doing it.

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 21 April 2019 20:19  
**To:** Ofcom  
**Cc:** mpennycook.mp; Cllr G. Brighty; Timesfeedback; Bbcwatchdog; Mayor; Len Duvall  
**Subject:** Oh to be in England.....

Hello [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**ECO Warriors/Extinction Rebellion.** I take dim view of roads and railways being obstructed. The only comment I caught from the Metropolitan Police Commissioner was a meaningless statement that it was the biggest number of arrests in her time on the force! Is it not time for a stronger Commissioner?

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 21 April 2019 21:45  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

Submitted on Sunday, April 21, 2019 - 9:44pm

[REDACTED]

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What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion  
Your message While I appreciate the inconvenience and loss of revenue to London and Londoners through Extinction Rebellion action, [REDACTED], it has been great to have reduced traffic and most importantly reduced pollution for the past week.

Please do talk to them, and please reduce pollution in London more quickly than you are planning.

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2019 00:21  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** business as usual

Submitted on Monday, April 22, 2019 - 12:21am

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What is your message regarding? business as usual

Your message disappointing that the Mayor, who had previously seemed sensible enough, should respond to the Extinction Rebellion calls for a declaration of emergency by urging "business as usual"

any primary school child will explain to the Mayor that "business as usual" is the whole problem.

Please feel free to attach supporting information with your enquiry

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2019 03:17  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Sadiq Khan is wrong to oppose Extinction Rebellion and should say so.

Submitted on Monday, April 22, 2019 - 3:16am

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

What is your message regarding? Sadiq Khan is wrong to oppose Extinction Rebellion and should say so. Your message I read the mayor's comments about Extinction Rebellion. If the mayor wants to maintain his image as a progressive, he must state publicly that he accepts that climate change is the most important consideration in any decision that he can make as mayor.

The mayor should announce that he supports Extinction Rebellion and that he accepts that their disruptive tactics have been necessary to draw appropriate attention to the issue of global warming. He should announce that reduction of CO2 levels is the Number One priority for London.

If the mayor does not do this then he should forget about being newsworthy and popular. He will be demonstrating himself to be just another slimey politician doing his best to enrich himself through "public service" which is actually aimed at nothing but getting him directorships after he leaves.

Or does he want to be PM? Either way, unless he changes his attitude to Extinction Rebellion in particular and climate change in general, then all his posing as a Progressive will be for nought. Climate change is the single most important thing on any agenda now, he needs to understand that,

Cheers,

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2019 08:54  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction rebellion  
**Attachments:** [REDACTED]

Submitted on Monday, April 22, 2019 - 8:54am

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What is your message regarding? Extinction rebellion  
Your message To the Mayor of London

Dear Mr Khan

In your message to the Extinction Rebellion protesters, you make two points which need remarking on.

1) You state that these protests are stretching police resources which are already over-stretched and under resourced. This may well be true, but this has nothing to do with the Extinction Rebellion. Instead of berating the protestors, you might wish to reflect that what you're seeing is a pretty mild harbinger of much more serious social unrest as our economy and ecology crumble, in comparison to which these generally well behaved young people will seem a trivial problem. [REDACTED], I would be very happy and proud to join these protestors; the problem is that there hasn't been enough protests so far. An urgent chat with the PM along with Police Commissioner to insist on the necessary funding of the police and increasing police numbers by a few tens of thousands would make rather better sense and might avoid a serious breakdown of law and order. In addition of course you might wish to inform yourself and the PM on the Extinction Rebellion movement, and take action to deal with their message, instead of shooting the messenger.

2) "My message to all protestors today is clear: you must now let London return to business as usual" I had great difficulty believing you said something so profoundly unhelpful, and basically ludicrous in this situation. Can you not, for a second, understand that this is exactly what these protestors are protesting about? You couldn't have chosen a phrase more calculated to be provocative.. You have basically thrown back in their faces the very reason they're bothering you and other Londoners, and if they've any sense and moral backbone, they'll pay absolutely no attention to your injunction, as it's so blindingly obvious you really just don't "get it".

3) Because, Mr Khan, this "business as usual" - a 4 deg C rise in global temperatures by the end of this century, a few hundred million climate refugees, and the likelihood you'll need a boat rather than a car to escape them.

Thank you for your time

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Today however, I am very disappointed in the stance you

have taken towards Extinction Rebellion in London. The protesters have my full support, and I am afraid that the stance that you have taken, does not. When you say that they must let London return to "business as usual", please be clear, you do not speak for me, and millions of other Londoners. London cannot return to business as usual, urgent action must be taken on climate change immediately, we do not have time to waste. If we return to business as usual, with the current level of inaction, I am very fearful of what the future holds for my young children.

Yours hopefully,

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2019 20:22  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction rebellion

Submitted on Monday, April 22, 2019 - 8:22pm

[REDACTED]

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If other, please specify: Comment on one of the mayor's short-sighted and I'll thought out utterances!  
What is your message regarding? Extinction rebellion  
Your message You say that the protests are taking their toll on business etc. What about the cause they are putting forward and the toll it takes on the whole planet? Usual short-sighted politician! Think of the long game and your children.

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 22 April 2019 23:11  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** The Mayor's statement on 21 April regarding Extinction Rebellion protests

Submitted on Monday, April 22, 2019 - 11:11pm

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

What is your message regarding? The Mayor's statement on 21 April regarding Extinction Rebellion protests  
Your message Dear Office of the Mayor of London,

I have always strongly supported Sadiq Khan and voted for him to be elected. I am really disappointed however with the Mayor's message yesterday regarding the Extinction Rebellion protests.

To say London needs to return to 'business as usual' is an endorsement of a status quo that has us on a path to destruction. It is abundantly clear that radical action is needed for us to curb the extreme dangers of climate change, which are already happening. This means action far beyond the creation of the ULEZ or setting goals for achievement by 2050. Drastic action is needed, far sooner.

It is a dereliction of duty to Londoners like me to refuse to take this action, or even properly engage with the aims of the Extinction Rebellion movement. The tone and content of the Mayor's statement on 21 April was, despite its the profession of "passion" in its opening, dismissive and also unfair in its exaggeration of the level of disruption actually experienced by the vast majority of Londoners. Climate change, as we all know by now, is set to cause far greater disruption than some buses terminating early and some re-routed journeys for car users.

I hope the Mayor will take a longer-term view in future engagement with Extinction Rebellion.

Best wishes

[REDACTED]

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**From:** London City Hall <noreplies@london.gov.uk>  
**Sent:** 23 April 2019 11:02  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

Submitted on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 - 11:01am

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion  
Your message Dear Mayor,

I was so sad to see you come out against the Extinction Rebellion. "Business as usual" is not good enough.

Politicians like yourself need to make some tough, unpopular choices, here and now! Not defer it to another generation.

At the very least your "business as usual" comment was extremely misguided against a growing weight of evidence that "business" is the very thing that needs to change, immediately, here, now!

The money men are not going to do this without being forced to by politicians and legislation. You have made some efforts around pollution but that is nowhere near good enough and neither is your dismissive language you use to describe what I firmly believe are the heroes of our time.

Labour are not at any level doing nearly enough on this issue - as it stands I will vote green at the next general and london mayoral elections, cause I feel after 30 years supporting Labour they are falling short on the two biggest issues facing us today brexit and climate change!

I wait for a leader to lead! I would be patient but sadly we don't have much time.

Thank you

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 April 2019 15:01  
**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Your comments on Extinction Rebellion

Dear Sadiq,

it appeared that you were committed to the cause of saving our environment with the introduction of the ULEZ - a good step forward. However your recent comments on Extinction Rebellion have proved that you do not understand the immediate and catastrophic threat we face. The idea that we can simply "return to business as usual" is ridiculous. There is no more business as usual until we take big steps to rectify the level of CO2 in the atmosphere.

You have a unique power as London mayor to kickstart change that can be copied by other leaders including the *dramatic* decline in the use of fossil fuel vehicles, restrictions on industry, properly investing in public transport and cycling. But you haven't taken serious action on any of these. The ULEZ you keep trumpeting is a start, but it's not nearly enough.

Because of this position I will vote for parties and people who take the threat seriously and understand that it's necessary for the protest to continue until real action is taken and to take serious steps.

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Freedom of Information Officer  
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations to request the following information.

Exchanges or data of interactions between contacts and organisers from the group Extinction Rebellion and yourselves that relate the pausing or cessation of actions in London. To be more specific the information should relate to actions coming specifically under the planned demonstrations that started on the 15/04/2019 and due to last 2 weeks in London – at; Marble Arch, Oxford Circus, Waterloo Bridge, Parliament Square and Piccadilly Circus. The information requested also includes the threatened 'Swarming' at random sites when it is specific to that period. More specifically I would like information and data that was exchanged in that regard in the period between the 17th to the 23rd of April 2019.

Please provide the information in an electronic format.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me via email or phone and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Best wishes,

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**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

Submitted on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - 6:37am

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What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion

Your message Dear Mayor Kahn,

I watched footage of the Extinction Rebellion protests online and was saddened by your response and the treatment of some protestors by the police. The protestors were people who are seriously concerned about what climate change is doing to the planet and were brave enough to engage in peaceful, civil disobedience to make their point and get government attention. I read that over 1000 people were arrested. I think most people only attend these protests out of a sense of desperation, at the slow process of most governments to make real progress in averting catastrophic climate change.

[REDACTED] and I am extremely concerned about what their future will hold. To be honest I think that business needs disrupting. Many businesses are not environmentally friendly and are continuing to pollute and degrade our environment. We are metaphorically shi...ting in our own back yard. I recently read an article by Bill McKibben, the founder of 350.org, that I thought was terrifying. It's keeping me up at night. See <https://lithub.com/its-not-coming-its-here-bill-mckibben-on-our-new-climate-reality/>

My suggestion would be to meet with Extinction Rebellion leaders. To forge a relationship that is beneficial to both parties. An exchange of concerns and ideas to combat climate change. We are all in this situation together, and we need to seek unity and involvement on many levels.

I think Extinction Rebellion is a very important development and should not be sidelined as a nuisance disrupting business or hampering fighting serious crime. The worst criminals on the planet are in my opinion the oil industry, who have lied for decades about the effects of fossil fuel extraction and use, continue to do so and project increased fossil fuel use over the coming decades. They also continue to greenwash their activities. World leaders such as Mr Trump, Mr Bolsonaro and others are also essentially stupid people who put their own personal desires ahead of the health of our planet. What I don't really understand is why anyone would be so stupid so as to risk climate collapse.

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**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion

Submitted on Wednesday, April 24, 2019 - 9:11am

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What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion

Your message I am absolutely sick of and fed up with no buses being able to cross over Marble Arch from Edgware Road. It has all gone on for far, far too long. And for how much longer? One can put up with 1-2 days over the weekend but to continue to suffer after that so that protesters can camp out indefinitely is utterly selfish. Not to mention loss of revenue for shop owners.

We seem now to have demonstrations every weekend, making Londoners life a misery far too frequently. There should be a time limit for any type of demonstration.

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Your message Good morning,

I voted for Sadiq in the last election and was excited by his credentials, including his green credentials. But these comments did huge damage to the cause and showed that any support for green issues falls away when it becomes inconvenient.

Best wishes,

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Business as usual

Dear Mayor Sadiq Khan

I write in dismay at your response to the Extinction Rebellion protests with the words Business as usual. Surely if we are to accept the scientists that we have less than twelve years to cut emissions by 50% and that we must take emergency action to protect nature to preserve our biosphere, there can be no business as usual.

So far we are tinkering around the edges

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**To:** Mayor  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion Policing

Submitted on Thursday, April 25, 2019 - 10:09am

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What is your message regarding? Extinction Rebellion Policing

Your message The Mayor's latest press statement implied that the effectiveness of the policing during the recent protests was due to lack of funding. Reports have said that 10,000 police officers were used during the protest - surely this was enough to remove the protesters involved. There needs to be a severe censure of the lack of effectiveness of the Metropolitan Police in dealing with this. Standing around watching is simply not adequate service for the majority of Londoners affected - it seems the police in France can deal with this but the Met can't. Please advise whether any planning had, or now has, been made to deal with this public threat. Surely just passive protesting doesn't render our police service as impotent bystanders. Please feel free to attach supporting information with your enquiry

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## MAYOR OF LONDON

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"I share the passion of all those protesting in London this week about the urgent need to tackle climate change. It's one of the biggest challenges we face – and Governments around the world are failing to take the action we need. I've made tackling climate change a top priority for my administration at City Hall and have declared a 'climate emergency' in London.

"I'm also a staunch supporter of the right to peaceful protest – which is a cornerstone of our democracy. That's why, for example, I've spoken out in support of the school climate strikes over recent months.

"However, I am extremely concerned about the plans some protestors have to disrupt the London Underground tomorrow. It is absolutely crucial to get more people using public transport, as well as walking and cycling, if we are to tackle this climate emergency - and millions of Londoners depend on the Underground network to get about their daily lives in our city. Targeting public transport in this way would only damage the cause of all of us who want to tackle climate change, as well as risking Londoners' safety and I'd implore anyone considering doing so to think again.

"In the meantime, we are working with Transport for London, the British Transport Police, the Metropolitan Police and other emergency services to minimise any disruption for Londoners and to ensure the continued safe operation of the capital's transport network."

**From:** BusinessGreen - Daily News <e-alerts@businessgreen.com>  
**Sent:** 17 April 2019 10:49  
**To:** Shirley Rodrigues  
**Subject:** Extinction Rebellion vows to target Tube network, as climate protestors step up 'economic disruption'



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# Extinction Rebellion vows to target Tube network, as climate protestors step up 'economic disruption'



Mayor Sadiq Khan says he 'shares the passion' of those protesting, but warns action against public transport 'damages the cause of all of us who want to tackle climate change'

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For a third day, climate change activists are aiming to shut down London. Today they have claimed they will target the Tube network. So far 300 people have been arrested. Extinction Rebellion protestors have been occupying Oxford Circus, Marble Arch and Waterloo Bridge. Earlier, two demonstrators climbed on top of a DLR train at Canary Wharf, but so far there have not been reports of disruption on the underground.

Luke Hanrahan reported from Marble Arch – he spoke to an XR activist who said there was a meeting earlier today where there was a powerful consensus that there should not be any action on the underground for a large variety of reasons. He said there was also support for an escalation of disruption and activity because the government is not listening. He hoped there would be no disruption on the underground but they would actively target Heathrow Express which services the airline industry and doesn't stop in between.

The Mayor has given his reaction that protestors had jumped on a train at Canary Wharf. He says he didn't think it was the right way to protest.

Clip of SK: The issue on which the protestors are protesting about is one that is really important. We do face a climate emergency and the government has been too slow to act. What I would say to the protestors is, you have got to make sure you are safe and you have got to make sure you are not causing danger to others. You don't want to inadvertently cause problems with our public transport which is what we are going to be encouraging people to use when we face a climate emergency. I am worried about protestors targeting public transport because I am trying to encourage more and more Londoners to use public transport because it is good for the environment."

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Today marks the 20th anniversary of the Brixton market nail bombing. It was the first of three attacks over two weeks in London targeting the capital's black, gay and Bangladeshi communities. Three people were killed and 140 injured.

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A charity set up to help sick babies and their mothers is hoping to change attitudes to donating breast milk.

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Euston station is to close for 7 days over the Easter and May bank holiday period.

It is being updated in preparation for HS2 and includes improvements to widening the ramps, outdoor entrance for underground, getting rid of turnstiles on toilets and some shops.

There will be no trains in or out of Euston between 19 and 22 April and between 4 and 6 May.

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT USERS CONDEMN 'SERIOUSLY FLAWED' LONDON CLIMATE PROTEST By Edd Dracott, Press Association

Some travellers affected by the disruption caused to public transport by climate protesters in London have condemned the demonstrations as "seriously flawed".

And London Mayor Sadiq Khan suggested the Extinction Rebellion protests are "inadvertently" driving people away from using public transport to use taxis instead.

"The best way to address the issue of climate change is to encourage people to use public transport or to walk and cycle so inadvertently the protesters are driving people away from public transport to use minicabs and other things," Mr Khan told Sky News.

Music student Anouska Stahlmann said the protests have forced her mother and elderly grandparents to walk across London to find alternative transport.

The 20-year-old's mother has lupus, while her grandparents, who are in their 70s, were travelling from their home in Buckinghamshire to see Ms Stahlmann's sister perform in a play in south-east London.

"Considering my grandma has sciatica and my grandad has asthma, disruption on the Tubes is not an option," she told the Press Association. "They really risk being stuck in a tunnel."

Ms Stahlmann said the trio are now walking across the city to catch a London Overground service.

"I have no issue with wanting to better the environment and we're fairly conscious of it as a family," she said. "Their methods, however, are seriously flawed and are not inclusive of people who want to support the cause."

"I find it awful they're disintegrating into a rent-a-mob mentality really. I'd expect better."

Asked whether she felt Extinction Rebellion's methods are counter-productive, Ms Stahlmann said: "I mean, we're all being told to use public transport as it's healthier for the environment but, now, everyone is going to get in their cars instead today because it's going to be more reliable."

The protests have included two Extinction Rebellion demonstrators clambering on board the carriage of a Docklands Light Railway (DLR) train at Canary Wharf station in east London, with two climbing on to the roof and another gluing his hand to its window.

Sefan White, 24, who works for a company that produces bar snacks in sustainable packaging, was prevented from getting to work by the protesters.

"I'm devastated," he said. "I'm trying to get to a job now. We've got to go round Camden on a 30-pub journey and we're going to be late now."

"We're probably going to lose money today."

"They've had their picture, fair enough, that's all you need now. Why is he spending 15 minutes on top of the Tube? Explain that."

The protests have also faced criticism from a representative for businesses based in London's West End, who warned disruption caused to the shopping district could cost companies hundreds of millions of pounds.

Jace Tyrell, chief executive of the New West End Company, told Sky News the protest had brought a feeling of "intimidation" and on average caused a 25% drop in spending in the area, adding GBP12 million less was spent on Tuesday.

A bright pink boat has been parked on Oxford Street in recent days as part of the protests and Mr Tyrell warned the cost to businesses could rise if Oxford Circus and Marble Arch stations are not opened "pretty quickly".

"What we would like to see is the mayor and the Met to find a more appropriate location in Central London for the protesters to continue their peaceful protest but not hold the West End to ransom," Mr Tyrell said.

"West End businesses fully support the right to protest but actually this is causing significant damage to our area."

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## Climate protests cost Londoners millions as fresh action threatens Easter getaway

Justin Davenport , Daniel O'Mahony , Jonathan Pryn

SHOPS and businesses in the West End have lost more than £12 million due to climate change protests paralysing parts of central London.

The sum was revealed by the [New West End Company](#) as activists threatened to escalate the demonstration with action to disrupt commuters on the Tube and trains.

Disruption continued for a third day running with groups camped in Parliament Square, Waterloo Bridge, Oxford Circus and Marble Arch. The road blocks including a pink boat parked in the centre of Oxford Circus have led to road closures and traffic gridlock, with 66 bus routes closed and more than 500,000 people affected.

British Transport Police have deployed an extra 150 officers on patrols on Tube and rail stations to head off disruption with officers prepared for action, including protesters getting on tracks.

Wi-fi was switched off across the Tube network this morning in an effort to prevent protesters from co-ordinating activities and sharing videos on social media.

Superintendent Matt Allingham, of BTP, said: "We will not tolerate any activity which disrupts the millions of passengers who rely on using the rail network in London."

The action has caused mounting anger among commuters and businesses and has reportedly led to a shortage of police cells following almost 300 arrests.

Joao Verga, who works at a printing company, says the protesters at Oxford Circus have caused him disruption this morning. The 58-year-old, who starts work at 5am, said: "We're trying to make a living and we can't. Why do they pick this time? We move very quick in this country, this is only going to slow down everything."

Mayor [Sadiq Khan](#) said he recognised the urgent need to tackle climate change but condemned the disruption. The Extinction Rebellion group, which is calling for the Government to eliminate carbon emissions by 2025, has vowed to continue the action for "as long as it takes", raising fears of travel misery for thousands during the Easter getaway.

The protests have also placed huge strain on police forces already stretched by the battle against knife crime. Met Police Federation chairman Ken Marsh told the Standard: "There are tents on Oxford Circus allowing that to happen gives the impression of creating a lawless society. The public are aware of the huge demand police officers are under, what with soaring levels of knife crime and counterterrorism. If there were to be more knife crime over the next few days then we're stretched to the point where it's difficult for us to deal with what is put in front of us."

He added that many officers were being called back from their Easter breaks to handle the protests.

Lawyer Farhana Yamin, who was arrested on Monday after glueing herself to the pavement outside the Shell building, said today's planned action would be a "small test" of tactics.

She said she "totally wanted to apologise to people who had been using public transport" during the protests, but added: "At the same time we need to take actions which are disruptive to make sure everyone understands what dangers we are facing right now."

?Additional reporting by Isobel Frodsham and Adebola Lamuye Editorial Comment Page 18

We will not tolerate any activity which disrupts the millions of passengers who rely on the rail network  
Superintendent Matt Allingham

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# Climate activists chain themselves up outside Jeremy Corbyn's house

London protesters have also blocked road junctions and disrupted Canary Wharf trains

Matthew Taylor and Damien Gayle



Extinction Rebellion protesters outside Jeremy Corbyn's London home. Photograph: Matthew Taylor/The Guardian

Climate activists have chained themselves outside Jeremy Corbyn's house in the latest escalation of the civil disobedience protests that have been blocking road junctions and iconic landmarks in the capital since Monday.

At about 2pm four protesters – including one local Labour councillor – arrived at the Labour leader's north London street and chained and glued themselves to the fence outside his home. Corbyn did not appear to be at home.

One of the protesters, David Lambert, 60, who walked from Stroud to join the Extinction Rebellion protests, said they were all supporters of the Labour leader.

"We are here because we are supporters of Jeremy Corbyn and he is the best hope this country has got to get us out of this. But we need system change and a transformation of our consumer economy and we know he is a person who has the authority and power to deliver that."

The group said they had been heartened by Labour's declaration of a climate emergency and its plans for a transformative "green industrial revolution" but added they were here as "critical friends" to urge the party to go further.

Local councillor Skeena Rathor, also from Stroud, said: "Jeremy Corbyn is the only leader that can deliver these things for us and we are here to support that."

Earlier in the day, Extinction Rebellion activists glued themselves to the top of a train carriage at Canary Wharf station on the Docklands Light Railway, bringing services to a halt in the financial hub.

The man and woman unfurled a banner reading “Climate Emergency – Act Now” and glued themselves to the top of the train. Other activists glued themselves to the train. Within minutes of the action, [Transport](#) for London’s website reported “delays between Bank and Lewisham due to a customer incident at Canary Wharf”.

One man who was glued to the train, who gave his name as Mark, was removed by officers at 11.45am. Two protesters remained glued to the roof of the train. One, Cathy Eatburn, 51, said she was taking part for her teenage daughters’ futures.

“I don’t want to be here today and I’m really sorry for the disruption but I feel I have been forced to do this,” she said. “I have two daughters and I can’t sit by while their future is threatened ... The government is doing nothing – we have to force them to act.”

The two protesters who had glued themselves to the roof of the train were finally removed by police at 12.40pm.

Gail Bradbrook, an Extinction Rebellion co-founder who was at the scene, explained why Canary Wharf had been chosen for the protest.

“This is the heart of the system that is bringing us to our knees causing huge disruption and chaos around the world ... so we want people to pause and reflect,” she said.

Bradbrook described the protest as relatively small and said the group would reflect on its success before decide whether to escalate the transport demonstrations in the coming days.

Climate protesters climb on top of train at Canary Wharf – video

Peter, who works in financial services in Canary Wharf and did not want to give his surname, was watching from the platform as police tried to remove the protesters.

“I think it’s a great thing,” said the 30-year-old. “It’s raising awareness and it’s made me think about this issue and made me come out here away from my desk and engage with what is obviously a very serious issue.”

Thousands of people have taken part in the protests, blockading four landmarks in London in an attempt to force the government to take action on the climate crisis.

On Wednesday afternoon, the four sites – Marble Arch, Waterloo Bridge, Parliament Square and Oxford Circus – remained under the control of protesters, causing delays and diversions in the surrounding areas.

Almost 300 arrests were made in the first two days of the protest. Further arrests were made on Wednesday at the Oxford Circus and Waterloo Bridge sites.

Police arrested about nine people at Waterloo Bridge just after rush hour on Wednesday morning, according to an Extinction Rebellion activist at the scene.

“We are all noticing that they [the police] are not well staffed,” said Sarah Pethybridge, 65, from Cornwall, who had been there since 8.30am. “The police haven’t got the kind of numbers that we would expect. I don’t know, but [I think] the fact that we are spread out spreads their work, and we just get the feeling that they have to work very tactically because they don’t have enough people to come down hard.”

By midday the atmosphere on the bridge was relaxed, with some people watching a string ensemble playing at a stage, while others danced to pop music blaring from a small sound system.

As the Guardian watched, a call went out from the stage for activists to make their way to Oxford Circus, where police were making more arrests.

After arresting about a dozen people before 1pm, police returned in force at about 2pm and started making more arrests. The Guardian witnessed at least half a dozen protesters carried away by squads of officers, who first attempted to persuade their targets to leave of their own accord, then to walk away with them on foot, before picking them up or, in some cases, half dragging them to waiting vans.

Extinction Rebellion protesters, activists and legal observers said that some arrestees are being taken to police stations outside of London, lending credence to persistent rumours that the Metropolitan police's holding cells are being filled to capacity by the numbers of arrests during the protests. Several people said they had heard that people were being taken to Luton, while others mentioned Brighton and Essex as locations arrested protesters were being taken.

The Metropolitan police would not confirm or deny the claim. A spokesperson said: "Those who have been arrested are being taken to MPS custody suites throughout London. Contingency plans are in place should custody suites become full. We will not discuss [the matter] further for operational reasons."

The events in London are part of an international "climate rebellion" organised by [Extinction Rebellion](#). Organisers said protests had taken place or were planned in 80 cities across 33 countries – from India to Australia, and around Europe and the US. In The Hague on Tuesday, activists occupied the international criminal court building.

Twenty-nine arrests were made in [Edinburgh](#) on Tuesday night after police cleared remaining activists who were sitting down across the city's North Bridge. By 6am on Wednesday, all had been released and charged with breach of the peace, to appear in court at a later date. There are no further actions planned in Scotland this week but a number of protesters say they will travel to London to support activists there.

Extinction Rebellion was formed in the UK last year and held its first civil disobedience protests in London in November. It is calling on the UK government to [reduce carbon emissions](#) to zero by 2025 and establish a citizens' assembly to devise an emergency plan of action to tackle climate breakdown and biodiversity loss.

On Tuesday, Supt Colin Wingrove, of the Metropolitan police, confirmed a section 14 order was in place and called on the protesters to leave Waterloo Bridge, Oxford Circus and Parliament Square but they could continue their demonstration at Marble Arch.

"In order to impose this condition, the Met required evidence that serious disruption was being caused to communities in London. We so far have 55 bus routes closed and 500,000 people affected as a result ... we are satisfied that this threshold has been met and this course of action is necessary."

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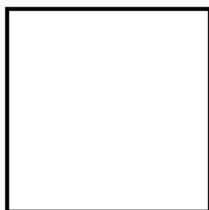
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## Metropolitan Police



### UPDATE: Extinction Rebellion - arrests & condition extension

Metropolitan Police - Apr 17, 2019 18:21 BST



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The condition at Oxford Circus has also been renewed for a further three days. It will expire at 16:45hrs on Saturday 20 April. The same condition apply.

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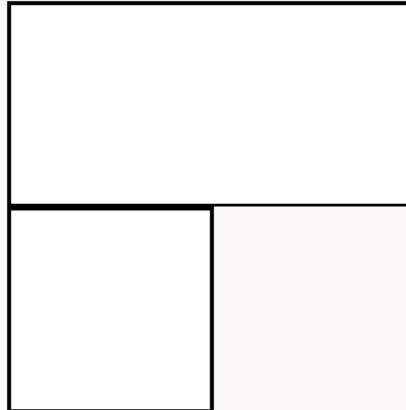
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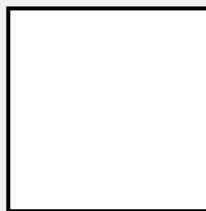
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Climate change protesters have remained in place through the night in central London, blocking the road at Marble Arch and Oxford Circus.

The Extinction Rebellion group posted interviews with "rebels" camped out at locations as they geared up to cause a third day of disruption.

Four people ensconced in the road at Oxford Circus were playing cards and reported being visited by the police.

Meanwhile a woman at Marble Arch, who gave her name as Virginia, said she had come from Oxford to join the protest "to keep the planet in good nick for my grandchildren".

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Transport for London warned bus users to expect disruption in central London during the morning rush.

TfL tweeted: "Central London / Extinction Rebellion - Bus routes which usually serve central London are, again, diverted / curtailed due to on-going protest which are blocking several roads."

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Scotland Yard said "contingency plans are in place should custody suites become full" amid more planned disruption by climate activists.

Some 290 people have been arrested in connection with demonstrations by the Extinction Rebellion group.

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Joao Verga, who works at a printing company, says the protesters at Oxford Circus have caused him disruption.

The 58-year-old, who starts work at 5am, said: "We're trying to make a living and we can't. Why do they pick this time?

"We move very quick in this country, this is only going to slow down everything."

One officer at the scene who has been on night shift added: "We don't know exactly what they're planning. We just want to go home."

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Protester and climate lawyer Farhana Yamin, who was arrested on Tuesday, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "I totally want to apologise to people using public transport.

"But at the same time we need to take actions that are disruptive so everyone understands the dangers we're facing right now.

"I'm not someone who goes out on to the streets and disrupts and gets arrested for no reason at all - but I feel people should understand that we are at a critical moment in our humanity's history."

She asked those affected to "take a pause" and consider why action was being taken by activists.

No details of the form of protests were disclosed, amid suggestions that some activists will attempt to disrupt sections of the Tube network by gluing themselves to trains.

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Wi-fi at Tube stations has been disabled in a bid to stop campaigners planning to disrupt services co-ordinating their protest.

A British Transport Police (BTP) spokeswoman said: "In the interests of safety and to prevent and deter serious disruption to the London Underground network, British Transport Police has taken the decision to restrict passenger wi-fi connectivity at Tube stations.

"We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we would like to assure passengers that this decision is not taken lightly and will be reviewed throughout the day."

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Two protesters from Extinction Rebellion staged a protest on the roof of a DLR train at Canary Wharf station.

The protesters, a man and a woman, said they were staging a "peaceful protest", and were planning to glue themselves to the train.

They were stood holding a banner with "climate emergency" written on it.

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A third protester glued his hand to the window of the train.

Sefan White, 24, who works for a company that produces bar snacks in sustainable packaging, was stopped getting to work by the protesters.

He said: "I work for company that makes a bar snacks in 100% recycled packaging - the first in the UK.

"I'm devastated. I'm trying to get to a job now. We've got to go round Camden on a 30-pub journey and we're going to be late now.

"We're probably going to lose money today.

"They've had their picture, fair enough, that's all you need now. Why is he spending 15 minutes on top of the tube? Explain that."

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British Transport Police have arrived at the platform, along with train staff and station security.

The entrance to the platform has now been closed as police officers attempt to remove the protester who has glued himself to the train.

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A BTP spokesman said: "At 10.50am officers were called to Canary Wharf DLR station after reports of protesters obstructing a DLR train in the station platforms. Units are in the process of responding, including specialist teams trained in protest removal.

"Officers continue to remind passengers to check with Transport for London before travelling."

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Police removed a man who had glued himself to a DLR train at Canary Wharf station.

He was taken outside by police offers and arrested.

Two remaining protesters glued themselves to the roof of the train.

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Transport for London said the DLR stunt has caused only minor delays.

Meanwhile, the number of arrests made connected to the demonstrations has risen to more than 300, Scotland Yard said.

The force said it was now "in the process of moving demonstrators on Waterloo Bridge" and "those that do not comply may be arrested".

Extinction Rebellion has claimed police cells in the capital are full and "operating on a one-in, one-out capacity".

But the Metropolitan Police has said it has "contingency plans in place" should they run out of space.

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Music student Anouska Stahlmann has said the protests are "seriously flawed" after her mother and elderly grandparents were forced to walk across London to find alternative transport.

The 20-year-old's mother has lupus while her grandparents are in their 70s and were travelling from their home in Buckinghamshire to see Ms Stahlmann's sister perform in a play in south-east London.

"Considering my grandma has sciatica and my grandad has asthma, disruption on the Tubes is not an option," she told the Press Association. "They really risk being stuck in a tunnel."

Ms Stahlmann said the trio are now walking across the city to catch a London Overground service.

"I have no issue with wanting to better the environment and we're fairly conscious of it as a family," she said. "Their methods, however, are seriously flawed and are not inclusive of people who want to support the cause."

"I find it awful they're disintegrating into a rent-a-mob mentality really. I'd expect better."

Asked whether she felt the Extinction Rebellion's methods are counter-productive, Ms Stahlmann said: "I mean, we're all being told to use public transport as it's healthier for the environment but, now, everyone is going to get in their cars instead today because it's going to be more reliable."

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Extinction Rebellion has said it is "really disappointed" in the Metropolitan Police for its response to protests.

A comment from its official Twitter account reads: "Really disappointed in the police. As soon as our international solidarity event started, police moved in to begin arresting people."

"We are here to show solidarity. Let us talk about the climate crisis. Let us tell the truth."

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Forty environmental protesters are staging a demonstration in central London, outside the AGM of energy firm Drax.

Drax operates the largest biomass-fuelled power station in Europe, situated in North Yorkshire.

The company receives green energy subsidies from the government. The protesters claim that by burning biomass, Drax produces as much carbon as burning coal.

They plan to walk from Drax's AGM to the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy on Wednesday afternoon.

Duncan Law, 59, a campaigner from Biofuelwatch, said: "We say we need to be dedicating all our intelligence, Drax's included, to achieving a genuine transition to a low carbon future."

"At the moment, we need the money that's going to them to go to a smart, decentralised, democratised, genuinely low carbon electricity energy system. This is an obscenity."

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British Transport Police said it had made two further arrests following the protest on train at Canary Wharf DLR station.

It said a man and a woman were in custody, held on suspicion of obstructing the railway.

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A representative for businesses based in London's West End has warned disruption caused to the shopping hotspot by the climate protests could cost companies hundreds of millions of pounds.

Jace Tyrell, chief executive of the New West End Company, told Sky News the protest had brought a feeling of "intimidation" to the West End shopping district and, on average, caused a 25% drop in spending in the area, with GBP12 million less spent on Tuesday.

He warned the cost could rise to the hundreds of millions if Oxford Circus and Marble Arch stations are not opened "pretty quickly".

"What we would like to see is the mayor and the Met to find a more appropriate location in central London for the protesters to continue their peaceful protest but not hold the West End to ransom," he said.

"West End businesses fully support the right to protest but actually this is causing significant damage to our area."

Referencing protests seen in France in recent weeks, Mr Tyrell added:

"We're not saying we're there yet but if we don't grip this and find the appropriate locations then we could see similar activities that are happening in Paris continue in London, which would be hugely damaging at a time when our retailers really need all the support they can get."

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Buddhist minister Yanai Postelnik, who teaches Dharma, he "doesn't know when protests will end".

The 54-year-old, who was arrested at 2am on Monday while coordinating the rebellion at Waterloo Bridge, said: "If the Government get the media to communicate the urgency of the situation, put in place legislation for carbon neutrality by 2025, and reverse all legislation that is inconsistent with it, and create a citizens' assembly that truly represents a collection of the population, we will think about moving.

"It's not just about using our voice which seems to be able to be ignored when you sign a petition or join a march.

"Bringing people onto the street who are willing to take a risk for our grandchildren, their grandchildren and even the police officers'

grandchildren, Shell corporation's grandchildren and for all species in different part of the world, is so powerful.

"And what cannot be ignored is the presence of warm vulnerable human bodies which is basically our foundation at Extinction Rebellion."

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Officers in three police vans arrived at Waterloo Bridge as protesters expected further arrests.

In preparation, protesters positioned themselves in a line to make things more difficult for officers.

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Springwatch presenter Chris Packham has joined Extinction Rebellion protesters at Oxford Circus.

The naturalist tweeted a picture of the crowds with the message:

"Spirits high and the mood is peaceful and resolute at Oxford Circus with @ExtinctionR"

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Buddhist minister Yanai Postelnik was among around half a dozen protesters arrested by officers on Waterloo Bridge.

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Four Extinction Rebellion protesters have glued themselves together outside Jeremy Corbyn's north London home in what they said was a bid to get the Labour leader to commit to tackling climate change.

The activists said they are "all Jeremy Corbyn supporters" but want the Labour Party to go further than declaring a "climate emergency".

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TV presenter and naturalist Chris Packham said he had come to Oxford Circus to show solidarity with climate change protesters.

He added: "I believe the world's leaders are not acting urgently enough to avert a climate catastrophe.

"As long as it is peaceful and democratic then they can count on my support."

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One of the protesters outside the home of Jeremy Corbyn chained herself to the leader of the Opposition's garden fence with a bike lock.

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Mr Packham told the cheering crowds that the difference between them and world leaders was that leaders were not listening.

Addressing Extinction Rebellion protesters in Oxford Circus he added:

"There is no doubt at all that we face all sorts of problems.

"But I stand here as an optimist, I believe our species is resourceful, adaptable and intelligent and we can come up with the solutions and implement them for positive change.

"But we don't do that with short-term vision, we don't do that with short-term politics.

"The key to our success is to remain peaceful and democratic, the key to our success is to continue to tell the truth and not get goaded into excitable mistruths.

"Ultimately people will listen and we will win."

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Chris Packham told reporters that the protesters will have to keep being imaginative to get their message across and attract people's attention.

But he stressed the demonstrations had to remain "peaceful and democratic" and not resort to criminal violence.

Mr Packham added: "We don't need to damage anything."

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Jeremy Corbyn has declined to meet protesters today after they chained themselves to the garden fence of his home in Islington, a spokesman told reporters waiting outside.

Easter eggs and flowers from the protesters, which had been taken into Mr Corbyn's home earlier, were returned to the street by the Labour leader's wife Laura Alvarez.

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Packham said commuters annoyed by travel disruptions during the protest should know that the activists were demonstrating because of their concerns for tomorrow.

He added: "People have to realise if their life is being disrupted today the reason is we have grave concerns for tomorrow."

He said demonstrators were not picking a fight with the police, and added: "The relationship with the police has been good - I know there have been arrests, but they have been good-natured.

"The police are doing their job. We are not here to fall out with the police but we are here to draw attention to our Government - and the world's governments - of the pressing concerns."

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Jeremy Corbyn left his home in Islington without speaking to the protesters chained to his garden fence.

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A group of demonstrators dressed all in red to represent "the blood of the extinction" have arrived at Waterloo Bridge and climbed onto a bus stop.

A member told the Press Association: "We are representing the blood on our hands, greed and the loss of several species across the world."

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Mr Corbyn left his home without speaking to the protesters.

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The four protesters chained to Jeremy Corbyn's garden fence have left.

When asked why, Tracee Williams, 55, said: "I don't think this was a misstep but whether we'd do it again, I'm not so sure.

"We just really felt we had to bring it to his front door.

"I feel absolutely terrible about upsetting his wife."

Earlier, Skeena Rathor, a Labour district councillor for Stroud said: "I feel really sorry and sad and guilty."

They said they have had conversations with Mr Corbyn's staff about a potential meeting next week.

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The Metropolitan Police events unit, which manages protests and special events, tweeted: "Contrary to rumours circulating, our custody suites are not full and we are continuing to arrest those who are breaking the law. Those who continue to demonstrate in areas where a S14 is in place may face prosecution. No one arrested has been taken to a suite outside of London."

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Roads around Parliament Square remain closed to cars and other vehicles.

Environmental protesters were dancing to samba music in the street and reading "letters to the Earth" from a podium on the green in the middle of the square.

Campaigners have also taken part in a live demonstration of an exercise designed to simulate the workings of a "Citizen's Assembly", the creation of which is one of Extinction Rebellion's demands.

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The Metropolitan Police have said the number of arrests linked to the climate change protest has risen to 340.

A Met statement said: "As of 5pm on Wednesday 17 April, a total of 340 arrests have been made since Monday."

Conditions ordering protesters to gather at Marble Arch only have been extended for a further three days in the areas of Parliament Square and Oxford Circus, the force added.

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## The Telegraph

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### How Sadiq Khan attempted to ingratiate himself with climate change protesters... only for them to grind his City to a halt

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By Camilla Tominey, Associate Editor  
The Telegraph Online

As statements go, it did little to dissuade climate change protesters hellbent on wreaking havoc across the streets of London.

Reiterating his “passion” for peaceful protest as “the cornerstone of our democracy”, Sadiq Khan could barely disguise his glee at the idea of Extinct Rebellion taking aim at the Government’s supposed inaction on climate change - while diverting attention from criticism of his response to London’s knife crime epidemic.

Keen to use the opportunity to brandish his well-honed eco-warrior credentials, the London mayor told Sky News the ‘climate change emergency’ was a ‘top priority’ for City Hall.

Naturally, the former Labour MP for Tooting could not resist using the three-day upheaval in the capital, which has affected more than 500,000 people, to make a party political point too: “The Government has been too slow on climate change,” he railed.

The onslaught continued as Mr Khan delighted in celebrating how well behaved the protesters had been - despite the Met making more than 300 arrests.

According to Extinct Rebellion’s legal advice, some of the protesters will soon be citing Mr Khan’s ‘climate change emergency’ rhetoric in their defence. No wonder the Police Federation thinks he may have made things worse.

As demonstrators glued to a DLR train at Canary Wharf were being forcibly removed by police and West End businesses were complaining of a £12 million loss in sales, Mr Khan was professing his “full respect” for the anarchists to the LBC’s left-wing, pro-remain host James O’Brien.

Extinct Rebellion has said it wants to “shut down London” until April 29 but Mr Khan did not seem to have an answer to the question of when the protesters might be minded to put down their loud hailers.

“Well I’ve got to say this,” he insisted. “Some of those organising over the past two or three days have been extremely cooperative with the authorities and I want to thank them for doing so.”

Although it was not lost on the former transport minister that blocking public transport would simply push people into polluting cars - his critics suggested his championing of peaceful protest appeared to outweigh his concern for the average London commuter.

As his mayoral rival, Tory candidate Shaun Bailey put it: “The Mayor is telling law-abiding Londoners their interests come second to those who shout loudest and disrupt the most.”

Mr Khan's solidarity with the demonstrators appeared to have been born out of the fact he attended last month's march for a second referendum.

"I was at a protest myself a few weeks ago, protesting, campaigning and lobbying on whether the public should have a final say on staying in the union and given the option of what parliament's voted for," he declared, likening the climate protesters to suffragettes.

He even generously conceded that he would support a protest he didn't believe in, adding: "You don't have to be a left of centre to be able to protest on London, you can be a right of centre person or somebody who holds views that I would find deeply objectionable."

Yet one wonders how the London mayor would treat a protest against his beloved Ultra Low Emission Zone, which is going to make travelling in central London doubly expensive for the diesel drivers Labour incentivised in the first place?

Accusing Mr Khan of "grandstanding", Tory MP Bob Neill, chairman of the All Party Parliamentary Group on London, suggested the London mayor's approach had spectacularly backfired.

"Khan's got a history of passing the buck onto others - and blaming the Government for failing to tackle climate change is just another example of this. Sadiq is all talk and not enough delivery."

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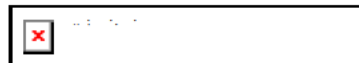
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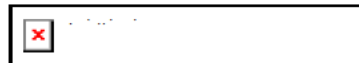
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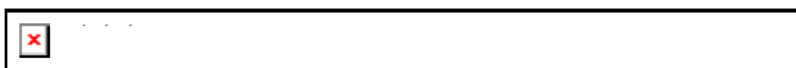
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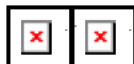


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**The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, said:**

"I'm extremely concerned by reports that climate protestors are planning to disrupt Heathrow Airport tomorrow. This is extremely dangerous, illegal and is putting an unacceptable toll on our police force and our city.

"I support the democratic right to peaceful protest and agree that governments need to do more to tackle climate change, but these protests are now putting Londoners' safety at risk.

"More than 1,000 police officers have been responding to the protests across London this week and more than 460 people have been arrested. The operation is having a significant impact on the police, with rest days and leave being cancelled for officers. The Met have requested mutual aid support from other police forces to support their operation at Heathrow.

"Our hard-working police officers have my full backing in their efforts to keep Londoners safe and to keep our city running, but I am now very concerned about the impact the protests will have on our ability to tackle issues like violent crime if they continue any longer.

"I urge everyone to co-operate with the police and comply with their instructions by attending Marble Arch as part of the legal protest - Marble Arch is the designated place that anyone wanting to protest should attend. If protestors don't, and break the law, the police will have no choice but to make arrests.

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# Metropolitan Police

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A Metropolitan Police statement said it had "strong plans" in place to deal with any planned demonstration at Heathrow Airport.

The force said: "We are aware of information that suggests the protesters will carry out a demonstration on Friday, 19 April in the vicinity of Heathrow Airport.

"We have strong plans in place that will enable us to deploy a significant number of officers to Heathrow and take firm action against any protester seeking to cause disruption at this location by committing criminal offences such as obstruction of the highway.

"We have requested mutual aid from other police forces to support our operation.

"The airport is part of our national infrastructure and we will not allow the illegal activities of protesters to cause further disruption and misery to thousands of travellers, many of them families, over Easter.

"We would urge any protester planning to attend Heathrow to strongly reconsider."

The Met said it had cancelled officers' rest days and leave over the Easter weekend in order to deal with the disruption, as well as violent crime.

The force said: "Throughout the course of today, Thursday, 18 April, we will have had more than 1,000 officers on the streets policing the demonstrations.

"This is putting a strain on the Met and we have now asked officers on the boroughs to work 12-hour shifts; we have cancelled rest days and our Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) have had their leave cancelled.

"This allows us to free up significant numbers of officers whilst responding to local policing. We would also like to reassure people that we have ring-fenced the VCTF so we retain the capacity to deal with any unrelated violent incidents.

"However, the protesters need to understand that their demonstration is meaning officers are being diverted away from their core local duties that help keep London safe and that this will have implications in the weeks and months beyond this protest as officers take back leave and the cost of overtime."

Met Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgrave said the Extinction Rebellion protests are "increasing in intensity" and warned any protesters considering targeting Heathrow Airport to expect "a robust response".

He told the Press Association: "The fact it's gone on for the number of days it has does mean it's increasing in intensity - of course the disruption that Londoners have faced has continued over those days.

"We have had information that the protesters intend to target Heathrow Airport. We want to make it very clear that we are aware of that - it's been made very obvious in social media."

He added: "Protesters can expect a robust police response. We are determined to keep the airport operating."

Mr Ephgrave said 1,000 police officers had been devoted to covering the protests.

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Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said: "I'm extremely concerned by reports that climate protesters are planning to disrupt Heathrow Airport tomorrow. This is extremely dangerous, illegal and is putting an unacceptable toll on our police force and our city.

"I support the democratic right to peaceful protest and agree that governments need to do more to tackle climate change, but these protests are now putting Londoners' safety at risk.

"More than 1,000 police officers have been responding to the protests across London this week and more than 460 people have been arrested. The operation is having a significant impact on the police, with rest days and leave being cancelled for officers. The Met have requested mutual aid support from other police forces to support their operation at Heathrow.

"Our hard-working police officers have my full backing in their efforts to keep Londoners safe and to keep our city running, but I am now very concerned about the impact the protests will have on our ability to tackle issues like violent crime if they continue any longer.

"I urge everyone to co-operate with the police and comply with their instructions by attending Marble Arch as part of the legal protest - Marble Arch is the designated place that anyone wanting to protest should attend. If protesters don't, and break the law, the police will have no choice but to make arrests. "

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The number of arrests linked to the climate change protest in central London has risen to 480 as of 5.50pm on Thursday, Scotland Yard said.

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Mr Ephgrave said although the Met were aware of the planned protest, they had not known what scale it would be.

"That has developed as the days have passed," he said.

Extinction Rebellion has said the current protest will end on April 29.

Mr Ephgrave said: "The one thing about this protest that is absolutely true is that there has been no violence whatsoever or any disorder.

"The protests have been good natured, the protesters have been good natured albeit it has proved a very difficult challenge to police."

He warned protesters to think carefully about the prospect of getting a criminal record.

"It's a very significant thing and it has huge, life-changing effects so I would ask people if they want to protest - go to the place you can do that lawfully which is Marble Arch."

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It's the fourth day of environmental protests. The number of arrests stands at more than 450. The Home Secretary has told the police to take a firm stance and that protestors should face the full force of the law. More than 1000 officers have been deployed each day which the Met says will have a knock on effect on policing the city for months.

Karl Mercer reports that the Met was out in force today after criticism that they have not acted strongly enough. There were plenty of arrests today at Oxford Circus, Waterloo Bridge and Parliament Square.

Ken Marsh – Met Police Federation – there are plans afoot to deal with this. Unfortunately the legislation is very difficult around obstructing a highway and public order. Tomorrow and Saturday you will start seeing clearance of the roads.

The protestors say they will stay for as long as it takes. Officers in outer London have been put on 12 hr shifts, rest days have been cancelled.

Asst Commissioner Nick Ephgrave – Many officers are now not going away for Easter when they may have anticipated doing so. This will all have an impact of people's well being and resilience. We need to think about better legislation to deal with these kinds of protests.

It is taking up to 4 officers to arrest one person. Police say because the protest is peaceful, there is very little else they can do. The group say they will target Heathrow tomorrow. Heathrow say they are working with authorities to address any threat of protests. The Met say they have extra officers ready to respond. The Mayor has said he has grave concerns and is urging protestors to move the Marble Arch, where they can legally protest.

Extinction Rebellion has been holding training sessions for protestors who want to get themselves arrested.

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The private health care provider The Priory facing is facing calls for an investigation into its practises, following the death of a 16-year-old boy who committed suicide whilst under the care of staff at The Priory in North London. His family say that his death could have been prevented and that he wasn't adequately observed, the hospital says that it takes patient safety extremely seriously.

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It was due to open last year, but now it looks like it will not be open until the spring of 2021. Crossrail will end up being more than 2 years late. None of the stations are completed and there are concerns about the signalling system. It is also nearly £3bn over budget.

Tom Burridge package includes vox pops with commuters disgruntled by the delay to Crossrail. It is an incredibly impressive piece of engineering – but a senior source connected with the project says that it may not be complete until the spring of 2021. A best case scenario is the Spring of next year. The budget was £14.8bn – but that rose to £17,6bn – that figure is expected to rise again. Software on the trains is still not fully compatible with signalling and marrying them up is proving much tougher than envisaged.

Phillip Haigh – Rail Magazine – the real problems are building the stations and installing the cabling and cameras and platform doors.

The initial delay was only made public last summer – just weeks before the line was due to open. Crossrail say testing on the trains and signalling is going well and it is finalising plans to open the line at the earliest opportunity.

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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTESTS STRETCHING POLICE, SCOTLAND YARD WARNS

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Climate change protests are putting a strain on police in the capital and diverting officers away from their "core local duties", Scotland Yard said.

More than 1,000 officers a day have been deployed on the streets of London to deal with the Extinction Rebellion demonstrations this week.

The Metropolitan Police said officers have been asked to work 12-hour shifts, while rest days have been cancelled.

Those in the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) have had their leave cancelled and the unit has been ring-fenced to deal with any violence unrelated to the protests, the force said.

The Met said in a statement: "The protesters need to understand that their demonstration is meaning officers are being diverted away from their core local duties that help keep London safe and that this will have implications in the weeks and months beyond this protest as officers take back leave and the cost of overtime."

London Mayor Sadiq Khan said he will consider claiming compensation from the Government for the cost of policing the climate change protests.

In a letter to the Home Secretary he said Government cuts have impacted the Met's capacity to respond to the demonstrations.

"The Met's ability to police protests without impacting on core policing priorities - such as tackling knife crime - has been made significantly harder by the huge cuts to Government police funding," he wrote.

Sajid Javid said the force had his full support to police the protests after meeting with Met Commissioner Cressida Dick.

He said: "I have spoken to the Met Commissioner today to offer her whatever support she may need and pass on my appreciation to the thousands of officers patrolling the streets of the capital over the Bank Holiday."

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## EXTINCTION REBELLION CLIMATE PROTESTERS TO TARGET HEATHROW AIRPORT

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(Updates number of people arrested and charged)

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Scotland Yard has warned environmental protesters will face a "robust response" if they target Heathrow Airport, ruining families' Easter holiday breaks.

The force said it has "strong plans" in place involving a significant number of officers to deal with the planned Extinction Rebellion (XR) action on Good Friday.

The airport said it is "working with the authorities" to address the threat of mass disruption, while Home Secretary Sajid Javid has urged police to use the "full force of the law".

Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgrave said the protests were "increasing in intensity" and warned demonstrators against targeting Heathrow Airport.

He told the Press Association: "Protesters can expect a robust police response. We are determined to keep the airport operating."

A Met statement added: "The airport is part of our national infrastructure and we will not allow the illegal activities of

protesters to cause further disruption and misery to thousands of travellers, many of them families, over Easter.

"We would urge any protester planning to attend Heathrow to strongly reconsider."

The Met have arrested more than 500 protesters as illegal demonstrations continue at Waterloo Bridge, Oxford Circus and Parliament Square, while demonstrations are allowed to continue only at Marble Arch.

The arrests are for obstructing the highway and breaching the Section 14 order that prohibits protests apart from at Marble Arch, and 10 people have been charged with those offences.

A further three people who have been charged by British Transport Police appeared in court on Thursday morning.

A spokesman for the XR group said activists will be staging protest action at Heathrow on Friday, with around 500,000 people expected to fly out for Easter breaks over the bank holiday weekend.

Speaking after a briefing with Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick on Thursday, the Home Secretary said she had told him that more than 1,000 officers were being deployed to the streets of the capital each day of the protests.

"Let me be clear - I totally condemn any protesters who are stepping outside the boundaries of the law," Mr Javid said.

"They have no right to cause misery for the millions of people who are trying to lead their daily lives. Unlawful behaviour will not be tolerated.

"I expect the police to take a firm stance and use the full force of the law."

Scotland Yard said officers have been asked to work 12-hour shifts, while rest days and leave has been cancelled.

The force said that although the Violent Crime Task Force (VCTF) has

been ring-fenced, the protests are diverting officers away from their local duties.

London Mayor Sadiq Khan has written a letter to the Home Secretary about the increasing cost of policing a growing number of protests in London, and he is working with the Met to consider making a special grant claim over the current demonstrations.

The fourth day of protests - which have seen activists glue themselves to public transport and block bridges and major roads across the capital - began with a challenge to Environment Secretary Michael Gove to meet with activists at Parliament Square to find a solution to the issue.

And organisers said they expected even more people to join the protests, with a statement - which was later deleted - adding: "Easter weekend is tomorrow and thousands more rebels will join.

"Police struggle to arrest 350 and there are 10 times that number prepared to be arrested.

"The hollowed-out British state is overwhelmed."

Cathy Eastburn, 51, Mark Ovland, 35, and Luke Watson, 29, were remanded in custody after they were charged over their alleged involvement in obstructing trains at Canary Wharf station on Wednesday morning.

All three indicated a not guilty plea when they appeared at Highbury Corner Magistrates' Court.

Speaking from Waterloo Bridge, Dr Gail Bradbrook, a co-founder of the XR group, said demonstrators would continue to act despite the first people being charged over the disruption.

"It (the charges) might put some people off and we escalated our strategy by focusing on the rail infrastructure," she told the Press Association.

"It's certainly an option that tactics will be escalated if our demands are not met," she said.

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**Trio glued to trains are now stuck behind bars**  
John Simpson

Three environmental activists accused of obstructing London's transport network by supergluing themselves to a train were remanded in custody yesterday.

Cathy Eastburn, 51, Mark Ovland, 35, and Luke Watson, 29, appeared before magistrates facing charges relating to an Extinction Rebellion protest at Canary Wharf station on Wednesday morning. The court was told that they had stuck themselves to a Docklands Light Railway train.

The trio are thought to be the first people to be charged over the protests, which have disrupted transport services across the country. All three indicated a not guilty plea to obstructing trains or carriages on the railway by an unlawful act. They will next appear at Blackfriars crown court on May 16.

Scotland Yard last night defended its response to the Extinction Rebellion roadblocks but admitted that some of the protesters' tactics were working.

The group is known to have trained and briefed its frontline activists to engage politely with police and not to resist arrest. In a statement police said that the protesters' tactic of lying on the ground to be carried away by four officers was draining resources.

The force, which had arrested more than 500 people by last night, said that just ten had been charged with criminal offences and conceded that officers were powerless to stop the protesters they arrested from returning.

It added that it was cancelling rest days for neighbourhood police to cover the shortfall and putting them on 12-hour shift patterns, cancelling leave days for the violent crime taskforce and asking other forces to provide extra officers.

"We are looking at other tactics such as tighter police cordons, but again that is resource intensive in terms of officer numbers and more often than not it just shifts the protesters to another location near by, and does not assist in reopening roads," the statement said.

The force said that it was better to process arrested protesters quickly and release them, rather than keeping them for 12 hours waiting for a court date.

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## **Sajid Javid demands police use 'full force of the law' against environment activists threatening protest at Heathrow**

Charles Hyams, Jack Hardy, Steve Bird

Sajid Javid urged police to use the “full force of the law” against environmental activists bringing “misery to millions” as they threatened to extend the protests to Heathrow on one of the busiest holiday weekends of the year.

The Home Secretary told the Met Commissioner Cressida Dick he expected the police to “take a firm stance” as the force faced mounting criticism for its lenient approach to the protesters’ illegal occupation of London landmarks including footage of officers dancing with the demonstrators.

Extinction Rebellion (XR), the group behind the action, said it will be targeting protests on Heathrow today, just as around 500,000 people are expected to fly out of Heathrow for Easter breaks over the bank holiday weekend.

Sadiq Khan, the London mayor who has been accused of “aggravating” protests with earlier tacit support of their aims, last night pleaded with them to “co-operate” with the police and not go ahead with the action.

### **Extinction Rebellion protest sites**

“I’m extremely concerned by reports that climate protesters are planning to disrupt Heathrow. This is extremely dangerous, illegal and is putting an unacceptable toll on our police force and our city,” he said.

“I support the democratic right to peaceful protest and agree that governments need to do more to tackle climate change but these protests are now putting Londoners’ safety at risk.”

Scotland Yard has deployed more than 1,000 officers and cancelled leave over the Easter weekend but has failed to remove the climate change protesters from their illegal four-day occupation of four central London locations including Parliament Square.

After meeting with the commissioner yesterday, Mr Javid said: “I expect the police to take a firm stance and use the full force of the law. They have my full backing in doing so. I have spoken to the Met Commissioner today to offer her whatever support she may need.

“Let me be clear - I totally condemn any protesters who are stepping outside the boundaries of the law. They have no right to cause misery for the millions of people who are trying to lead their daily lives. Unlawful behaviour will not be tolerated.

“Everyone has the right to protest peacefully – it’s a cherished, long-standing British tradition and a fundamental cornerstone of the democracy we live in. But people do not have the right to break the law and significantly disrupt the lives of others.

[Read more | Extinction Rebellion climate protests](#)

“Commuters trying to earn a living have been unable to travel to work and businesses disrupted. Emergency vehicles have faced difficulties navigating the road networks and the demonstrations have put added pressure on police officers whose job it is to solve crimes and protect the public.”

The Met has called on other forces for extra officers to support its operation and keep Heathrow open. It warned it would take “robust” and “firm” action against anyone breaking the law by obstructing routes to the airport or flights.

A Met spokesman said: “We will not allow the illegal activities of protesters to cause further disruption and misery to thousands of travellers, many of them families, over Easter. We would urge any protester planning to attend Heathrow to strongly reconsider.”

Scotland Yard has arrested more than 460 protesters at the protests at Waterloo Bridge, Marble Arch, Oxford Circus and Parliament Square.

However, police admitted yesterday the protests were “increasing in intensity” as activists started launching so-called “swarming roadblocks” where they stand in front of other major junctions to unfurl banners and block junctions.

XR organisers also said they were summoning “thousands more” demonstrators from around the country to be arrested.

Former Met Commissioner Lord Stevens urged the force to abandon its lenient approach, adding that the resulting transport chaos was “absolutely beyond acceptance.”

He said: “Where the mistake has been made is to give them the authority or give them the ability to do this. And what’s happened is they’ve stayed there,” he said during an interview with LBC radio. The bottom line is, you have to get in there, you have to make the arrests and clear the streets.”

Lord Stevens, who as Met Commissioner sanctioned the controversial tactic of “kettling” protesters during the 2001 May Day riots in London, warned that the failure to shut down the protests could actually be contributing to London’s rising knife crime crisis.

“A lot of police will be taken from boroughs outside London,” he said. “We know from past experience that when that happens crime goes up - and here we are in the middle of a knife crime crisis and we really have to get on with it.”

He added that stalemate between police and protesters had become so entrenched that the time may have come for politicians to meet leaders of the group and then encourage them to break up the protests. But he concluded: “The police have to enforce the law, that’s the bottom line.”

Mr Khan yesterday wrote to the Home Secretary saying Government cuts were hampering the Met’s ability to police the protests and put him on notice of a claim for compensation for the cost of policing them.

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## **Sajid Javid calls for 'full force of law' against Extinction Rebellion protesters**

Rowena Mason

Sajid Javid has called on police to use the “full force of the law” against Extinction Rebellion protesters causing disruption in London to draw attention to the issue of climate change.

The home secretary, who is positioning himself for a run at the Conservative party leadership, made a series of tweets condemning “any protesters who are stepping outside the boundaries of the law”.

He called on the police to “take a firm stance” against protesters who were “significantly disrupting the lives of others”.

“Over recent days, commuters trying to earn a living have been unable to travel to work and businesses have been disrupted,” he said, following a meeting with Met police chiefs.

“Emergency vehicles have faced difficulties navigating the road networks and the demonstrations have put added pressure on police officers whose job it is to solve crimes and protect the public.

“Let me be clear: I totally condemn any protesters who are stepping outside the boundaries of the law. They have no right to cause misery for the millions of people who are trying to lead their daily lives. Unlawful behaviour will not be tolerated.”

Hundreds have been arrested and more than 1,000 officers deployed to police the protests, which entered their fourth day on Thursday.

Scotland Yard took the rare step of releasing a detailed statement setting out the difficulties they have faced keeping control of the protests, while avoiding infringing on the activists’ rights to demonstrate.

They said demonstrators’ tactic of lying down meant four officers were needed to make an arrest but said there was no legal justification for more draconian tactics, such as kettling and mass-arresting groups, because the demonstrations were peaceful.

Politicians have struggled to respond to the protests, as they are keen to head off complaints that not enough is being done to tackle climate change at the same time as taking a tough stance against disruption to commuters.

Javid and Sadiq Khan, the mayor of London, have come under pressure from the rightwing press in recent days to take a more outspoken stance against any protesters disrupting public transport or acting illegally.

In a letter to the home secretary, Khan suggested that cuts to funding were restricting the ability of the Metropolitan police to cope with the activists.

“The Met’s ability to police protests without impacting on core policing priorities – such as tackling knife crime – has been made significantly harder by the huge cuts to government police funding,” he said.

Citing £850m of cuts to the force since 2010, he added: “Whether to tackle violent crime, or police protests, our brave police officers deserve the resources they need to keep us safe.”

He highlighted the increasing cost of policing a growing number of protests in London, and said he was working with the Met to consider claiming for a special grant to help with costs for the current demonstrations.

He has said on Twitter that the world is “facing a climate emergency” and that he “fully supports the right of protesters to protest on this vital issue”, while urging organisers to “work with police to ensure their demonstrations are peaceful and lawful and that disruption is kept to a minimum”.

The environment secretary, Michael Gove, said: “We’ve got the message,” after some activists glued themselves to a train and others chained themselves to a garden fence at the home of the Labour leader, Jeremy Corbyn.

Claire Perry, the energy and climate change minister, also said that she “got the science, motivation and passion driving climate emergency protests” but could not see that “disrupting one of world’s busiest transport systems ... blocking emergency routes and making life difficult for so many is going to build consensus and support for the changes we need”.

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## BROADCAST

### BBC Breakfast London news

- The Met police have called the disruption caused by climate change activists as “beyond unacceptable”. More than 500 people have been arrested during the Extinction Rebellion protests this week at locations including Oxford Circus and Waterloo Bridge. 1000 officers have been deployed daily with many having rest days cancelled. Activists have 3 core demands for the government.

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### LBC London News

- [REDACTED]
- Police have been told to use the full force of the law against climate change protestors who are expected to attempt to disrupt Heathrow airport today.
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- Travel – Waterloo Bridge closed, Parliament square is closed on all approaches and protests are expected at Heathrow from 8AM

### BBC Radio London


- As the climate change protests in London enter their 5<sup>th</sup> day, Scotland Yard has described the disruption they are causing as “beyond unacceptable” – it has admitted the police force will be stretched and officers are working longer shifts and rest days will be cancelled.

**Met rep:** “Many officers are now not going away for Easter with their families when perhaps they had anticipated doing that. We have brought people in for 12 hour shifts across the Met and all of that will have a cumulative effect on people’s wellbeing and resilience. But we’re not at that point yet, so we’ve taken some pretty significant measures to cope with the demands we are seeing and at the moment we feel that is sufficient to deal with it.”

So far more than 500 people have been arrested as part of the XR demonstrations. Yesterday Home Secretary Sajid Javid said police should use the full force of the law to deal with protestors. The Met says because they are peaceful, it doesn’t have the legal powers to use stronger tactics. Scotland Yard said officers will take firm action against anyone trying to cause disruption at Heathrow today. A group is currently standing on the roundabout at the bottom of the spur road of the airport as an activist told a reporter flying is one of the worst things we can do.

**XR rep:** “Generally people are flying way too much, we’re not talking about once or twice a year, we’re talking about many times a year and for reasons that aren’t important. a

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- Travel – protestors are en route to Heathrow with traffic slower than usual. Waterloo, Marble Arch, Oxford Circus still blocked due to protestors

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- Climate change activists will attempt to shut down Heathrow today – Heathrow agrees action on Climate Change is needed but asked them not to cause disruption.
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### **Trio glued to trains are now stuck behind bars**

*The Times*, 19/04/2019, p.7, John Simpson [Article](#)

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## POLICE

### Use 'full force of law' against protesters, Javid tells Met

*The Daily Telegraph, 19/04/2019, p.1, Charles Hymas; Steve Bird; Jack Hardy [Article](#)*

Sajid Javid last night urged police to use the "full force of the law" against environmental activists bringing "misery to millions" as they threatened to extend the protests to Heathrow on one of the year's busiest weekends. Sadiq Khan, the London mayor, who was accused of "aggravating" the protests with earlier tacit support, last night pleaded with them to "co-operate" with the police and not go ahead with the action. Mr Khan also spoke out, publicising a letter to the home secretary in which he blamed budget cuts for the Met's difficulty in managing the current protest.

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## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION

### I've had to axe staff, says furious boss

*Daily Mail*, 19/04/2019, p.6, Xantha Leatham [Article](#)

The owner of a delivery firm vented his fury at the eco-protesters yesterday, as he spoke of having to sack 15 employees because of the disruption. The man, named Matt, from Merton, south London, said the damage to his company was 'unbelievable' as he slammed police and London mayor Sadiq Khan for not taking stronger action. He told Nick Ferrari on LBC Radio: "I'm in the transport industry and I run 25 vans. Last night I had to turn around and terminate five drivers."

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## THE ENVIRONMENT

### Climate coverage goes mainstream as protesters force issue on to agenda

*The Guardian*, 19/04/2019, p.36, Caroline Davies [Article](#)

With Extinction Rebellion making headlines and Sir David Attenborough broadcasting *The Facts*, climate change is in the spotlight this Easter. The nation watched protesters disrupt public transport, turn London's roads into gardens and actively invite arrest in their hundreds. Attenborough's much heralded *Climate Change: The Facts*, broadcast last night, is part of a series of hard-hitting documentaries by the corporation, including a forthcoming programme on human population growth, presented by Chris Packham.

#### Also in

[Daily Express](#), p.44, [Morning Star](#), p.8

### Thatcher can teach green activists a lesson

*The Times*, 19/04/2019, p.25, Philip Collins [Article](#)

Against the backdrop of the eco-demonstrations in London, Philip Collins suggests that Margaret Thatcher offered a way forward. She suggested "a vast international, cooperative effort" but the stress in her speech was on getting the economics right. "We must resist the simplistic tendency to blame modern multinational industry for the damage," she said, because "it is industry which will develop safe alternative chemicals for refrigerators and air conditioning".

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ACTIVISTS STAGE CLIMATE CHANGE PROTEST AT HEATHROW AIRPORT

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A group of demonstrators have staged a climate change protest at Heathrow Airport.

Between 15 and 20 people, many of them aged under 17, unfurled a banner on the pavement outside the transport hub reading "are we the last generation" on Friday morning.

The protest is part of wider demonstrations around London organised by the campaign group Extinction Rebellion (XR), which has blocked routes around Marble Arch, Oxford Circus, Parliament Square and Waterloo Bridge since Monday.

Protesters stood by the tunnel that leads to Terminals 2 and 3 at the airport, but all roads around the roundabout remained open.

Extinction Rebellion said police had warned the youngsters at Heathrow that they could be arrested.

Home Secretary Sajid Javid has urged police to use the "full force of the law" to deal with illegal XR demonstrations as they enter a fifth day.

More than 500 protesters had been arrested by Thursday night as activists continued to ignore orders to leave roadblocks at Waterloo Bridge, Oxford Circus and Parliament Square.

Organisers said action would be escalated to include Britain's busiest airport on Good Friday, with around 500,000 people expected to fly out for Easter breaks over the bank holiday weekend.

Scotland Yard has warned protesters the force had "strong plans" in place with a significant number of officers ready to respond.

The airport said it was "working with the authorities", while Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Nick Ephgrave said:

"Protesters can expect a robust police response. We are determined to keep the airport operating."

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said he was "extremely concerned" about the possible disruption.

"This is extremely dangerous, illegal and is putting an unacceptable toll on our police force and our city," he said.

More than 1,000 officers have been deployed daily to deal with the protests.

Some have been working 12-hour shifts, while rest days and leave have been cancelled.

The Met said the protests are putting a strain on policing in the capital with officers diverted away from "core local duties".

After a briefing from Met Commissioner Cressida Dick, the Home Secretary said: "I totally condemn any protesters who are stepping outside the boundaries of the law.

"They have no right to cause misery for the millions of people who are trying to lead their daily lives. Unlawful behaviour will not be tolerated.

"I expect the police to take a firm stance and use the full force of the law. They have my full backing in doing so."

Mass arrests for obstructing the highway and breaching the Section 14 order that prohibits protests apart from at Marble Arch do not appear to have deterred protesters and 10 people have been charged with those offences.

A further three people who were charged by British Transport Police appeared in court on Thursday morning.

Cathy Eastburn, 51, Mark Ovland, 35, and Luke Watson, 29, were remanded in custody over their alleged involvement in obstructing trains at Canary Wharf station on Wednesday morning.

Organisers said they expected more people to join the protests and warned they would continue until their demands are met.

The group wants the Government to declare a climate emergency and take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.

Actress Dame Emma Thompson joined the protests in London after flying from Los Angeles.

In a video shared by the campaign group on Thursday, the Hollywood star urged viewers to "come and join" the demonstrations.

A representative of Dame Emma said she needed to take the 5,400-mile flight home to London after working in LA.

Large numbers of protesters moved from Oxford Circus to Parliament Square on Thursday night after organisers announced police were planning to make arrests in Westminster.

Sir David Attenborough's BBC documentary Climate Change: The Facts was projected on to Westminster Abbey.

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Friday, 19 April 2019

Dear Reader,

Extinction Rebellion (XR) has taken central stage. And at *The Ecologist*, we've been reporting the latest developments, and also hosting a debate about the theory and practice behind this new climate protest manifestation.

As we approach the second week of direct action, we want to know - do you support what XR is doing in London and around the world?

Does Extinction Rebellion have your support?

**Yes, I think XR is awesome!**

Select

**No, this is not the way to address the crisis of climate breakdown.**

Select

If you do support XR you can help spread the word by **sharing our journalism** across social media right now. The full, extensive list of our reports can be found [right here](#).

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Extinction Rebellion (XR) protesters gave Parliamentary journalists some respite from the monotony of their current existence during the latest round of Brexit debate in the House of Commons. Civil disobedience XR was seeking to highlight the...

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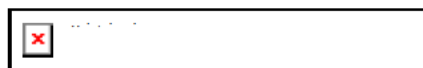


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**Extinction Rebellion latest: police descend on Oxford Circus as Dame Emma Thompson rallies climate change activists from pink boat**

Scores of police officers descended on central London this afternoon as they closed in on Extinction Rebellion (XR) protesters on the fifth day of demonstrations.

Metropolitan Police officers surrounded a pink boat in Oxford Circus as Dame Emma Thompson rallied activists with a rousing speech and poem.

She joined the protests after jetting into London from Los Angeles.

There have been more than 570 arrests this week across London linked to the protests.

"We are here in this little island of sanity and it makes me so happy to be able to join you all and to add my voice to the young people here who have inspired a whole new movement," Dame Emma said to cheers of support.

Speaking to reporters, she said her generation had failed to protect the planet for young people.

She added: "We have seriously failed them and our planet is in serious trouble, we have much, much less time than we thought.

"I have seen the evidence for myself and I really care about my children and grandchildren enough to want to be here today to stand with the next generation."

When asked whether protesters were having too much fun, Dame Emma said protests should have a sense of joy.

She added: "If you can't have fun whilst saving the planet, what's the point?"

"Protest should always have a sense of joy in it because what we are protesting about is saving this extraordinary home of ours and also celebrating the passion and inspiring energy of this young generation.

"These are young people who have finally said to my generation 'I'm so sorry but you have failed us'.

"We all feel dreadful about that. My feeling is I feel massively inspired by this young generation and want to stand next to them."

She said climate change is "the most pressing and urgent problem of our time, in the history of the human race".

Shortly after Dame Emma's address, a team of police officers encircled the boat and told bystanders there was an ordinance to clear the area.

Police pushed bystanders further away from the blockade while dozens more officers moved in.

Dame Emma left the protest but told activists she was sorry she had to go.

She said it was the police's decision to expend manpower at a non-violent protest. She added: "If they choose to close down a non-violent protest by using their police... that's their decision. If that causes difficulties then that's their problem and their decision."

Earlier, on Friday morning, about 20 activists, most of them under 17, had staged a brief demonstration on roads near Heathrow Airport.

Standing close to a tunnel which leads to terminals two and three, they unfurled a black banner with the message: "Are we the last generation?"

Several police officers watched over group before an XR spokesman announced before midday there were no further plans to cause disruption at the airport.

All roads remained open during the demonstration, which is part of a two-week campaign that began in central London on Monday.

Heathrow previously said it was "working with authorities" to remain business as usual.

Waterloo Bridge has now been blocked by demonstrators for five days despite the Metropolitan Police making more than 570 arrests.

Ten people had been charged by the force by Thursday night and three others arrested by British Transport Police were remanded in custody after they appeared in court accused of obstructing trains at Canary Wharf.

The Met said: "The protesters are using tactics of lying on the ground when approached. This means that it takes at least four officers to remove one person to ensure their safety which is resource intensive."

Routes are also blocked around Parliament Square and Marble Arch, and Home Secretary Sajid Javid has urged police to use the "full force of the law".

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Ken Marsh, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, told BBC Breakfast the protests were "very, very difficult" to handle and could cost "millions".

He said: "The sufferers will be the communities in the local boroughs where officers are being taken from the community areas and the funding and money has to be found to deal with what we are doing."

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A pink boat used by Extinction Rebellion (XR) activists to blockade Oxford Circus has been towed away by police after five days at the heart of the climate demonstrations in London.

The boat, which became a symbol for the ongoing disruption, was dismantled on Friday afternoon, several hours after Dame Emma Thompson used it as a stage to rally protesters.

Police were initially forced to remove several activists from the deck as dozens of other officers formed a huge line to force back others on the ground.

The mast was then dismantled and the boat was towed away to a nearby location as the crowds chanted, "we have more boats".

A cordon was also placed around the area during the removal.

The scene unfolded as the Metropolitan Police said it had made 106 arrests by around 5.30pm on Friday, bringing the total since Monday to 682.

"The serious disruption the demonstrations are causing to people in London and beyond is unacceptable and we completely understand the concern it is causing to those who are disrupted by it," a tweet said.

Hours earlier Dame Emma, the Oscar-winning British actress, arrived in Oxford Circus and gave a speech to crowds from the boat.

She said: "We are here in this little island of sanity and it makes me so happy to be able to join you all and to add my voice to the young people here who have inspired a whole new movement."

Speaking after to reporters, Dame Emma added: "If you can't have fun whilst saving the planet, what's the point?"

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- Reporter VO from XR protest: To the relief of thousands of passengers flying out of Heathrow this morning, the planned protest by Extinction Rebellion protestors failed to cause any disruption but at Oxford Circus, 5 days in it is a different story. Protestors there received a boost by the arrival of Oscar-winning actor Emma Thompson.

Emma Thompson: It is extremely painful to inconvenient people and make them suffer in any way but the consequences of not acting on what is happening to the planet are so much worse that there are occasions where one has no choice but to act in this way.

Reporter VO: Enjoying a traffic-free Oxford Street, some felt the protestors had done the capital proud.

**\*\*Voxes of people saying they had come to support the activists, others saying "enough is enough."\*\***

Whatever you think of the protests, they have certainly grabbed London's attention. Few would have thought the protest would shut down major streets for the last 5 days in a row but now you have the sight of a major Hollywood actor on top of a pink boat at an illegal protest. It means that these images are going to be beamed around the world for some time. Shortly after she left, the police arrived and nearby shop workers' customers were moved beyond the police cordon.

**\*\*vox pop from LEON worker who says she will have to shut the store and food and time has been wasted\*\***

Reporter VO: It has been a long 5 days but it is possible that XR's stand at Oxford Circus is coming to an end.

Anchor: Does it look like these protests will go on much longer?

Reporter on location: It doesn't look like they will continue much longer, there has been something of a standoff between the protestors and the police and the pink boat, which has been a centrepiece of the last few days is attached to this truck ready to get dragged away.

Met rep: What we have seen is a different tactic being employed by this particular group of demonstrators and we need to learn how to respond to that. One thing that is good about this organisation is we will always respond to that, we debrief our operations and we will think about how we respond looking at tactics from us and from demonstrators and seeking to learn from this so that if it happens again, we are in a better position.

Reporter VO: You only have to look around to see what a resource-heavy operation this has been for the police. In terms of the success of the protests the past 5 days, yes they did bring parts of central London to a standstill but none of the politicians have been engaging with their key demands. So exactly what kind of effect this will have compared to the other ways of protesting about climate change will be reviewed in the next few weeks.

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## **Extinction Rebellion: Police move in on London protesters**

**Hundreds of police officers have closed in on Extinction Rebellion protesters in central London as demonstrations entered a fifth day.**

Officers surrounded a pink boat in Oxford Circus as actress Dame Emma Thompson told activists her generation had "failed young people".

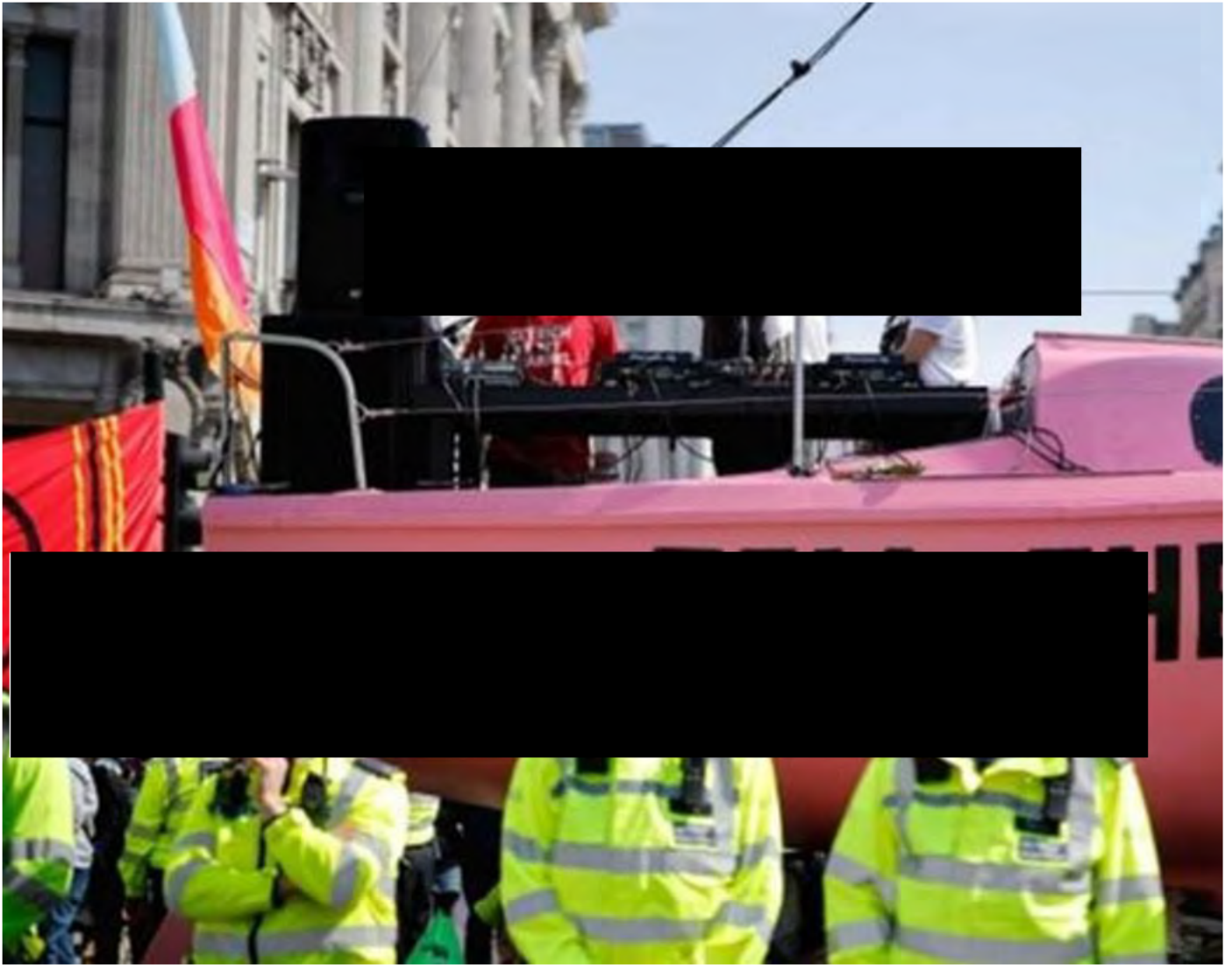
More than 570 people have been arrested at protests this week in Oxford Circus, Parliament Square and Waterloo Bridge

Dame Emma joined the protests after flying from Los Angeles on Thursday.

She said: "We are here in this little island of sanity and it makes me so happy to be able to join you all and to add my voice to the young people here who have inspired a whole new movement."

Police wearing jackets saying "protester removal team" have begun carrying and leading activists away from the protest in Oxford Circus.

One woman was carried out the cordons by four officers while a man led was away by two more.



**At the scene: Lauren Turner, BBC News**



Under the blazing sun, people were handing out water and asking if anyone wanted sun cream, some shielding themselves from the heat with rainbow-striped umbrellas.

But this is a bank holiday gathering with a difference, between police and activists converged at the centre of Oxford Circus.

If the police had kept more of a low-key presence earlier this week, there was no mistaking them now.

Dozens formed cordons in concentric circles - one around the pink boat at the protest's centre, then one around the press and protesters - and lines of officers further down Regent Street, preventing more people coming closer.

And officer numbers increased in the afternoon, with teams armed with tools removing those who had attached themselves to the boat.

The atmosphere has been good natured, with protesters chatting to officers, with a drum beating and colourful flags fluttering in the slight breeze.

But every now and then, whistles and cheers have gone up as protesters have been carried away to waiting police vans, with shouts of "climate justice now".

One protester addressing the activists by loudspeaker emphasised it was a peaceful event, urging people not to engage in any violent behaviour.

She asked people to turn to the nearest police officer and say "I love you", to cheers from the crowd.

Before long, those same officers were removing another one of the activists.

Protests are still being held at Waterloo Bridge and Parliament Square. The Met Police said officers had been working 12-hour shifts and have had leave cancelled.



It comes as a small group of demonstrators staged a protest at Heathrow Airport amid threats to disrupt flights over Easter.

Protesters stood by the tunnel leading to Heathrow Terminals 2 and 3, but all roads remain open.



However, Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, 24, said the group had succeeded in creating an "emotional disruption" at Heathrow, adding that no further Extinction Rebellion protests would take place on Friday.

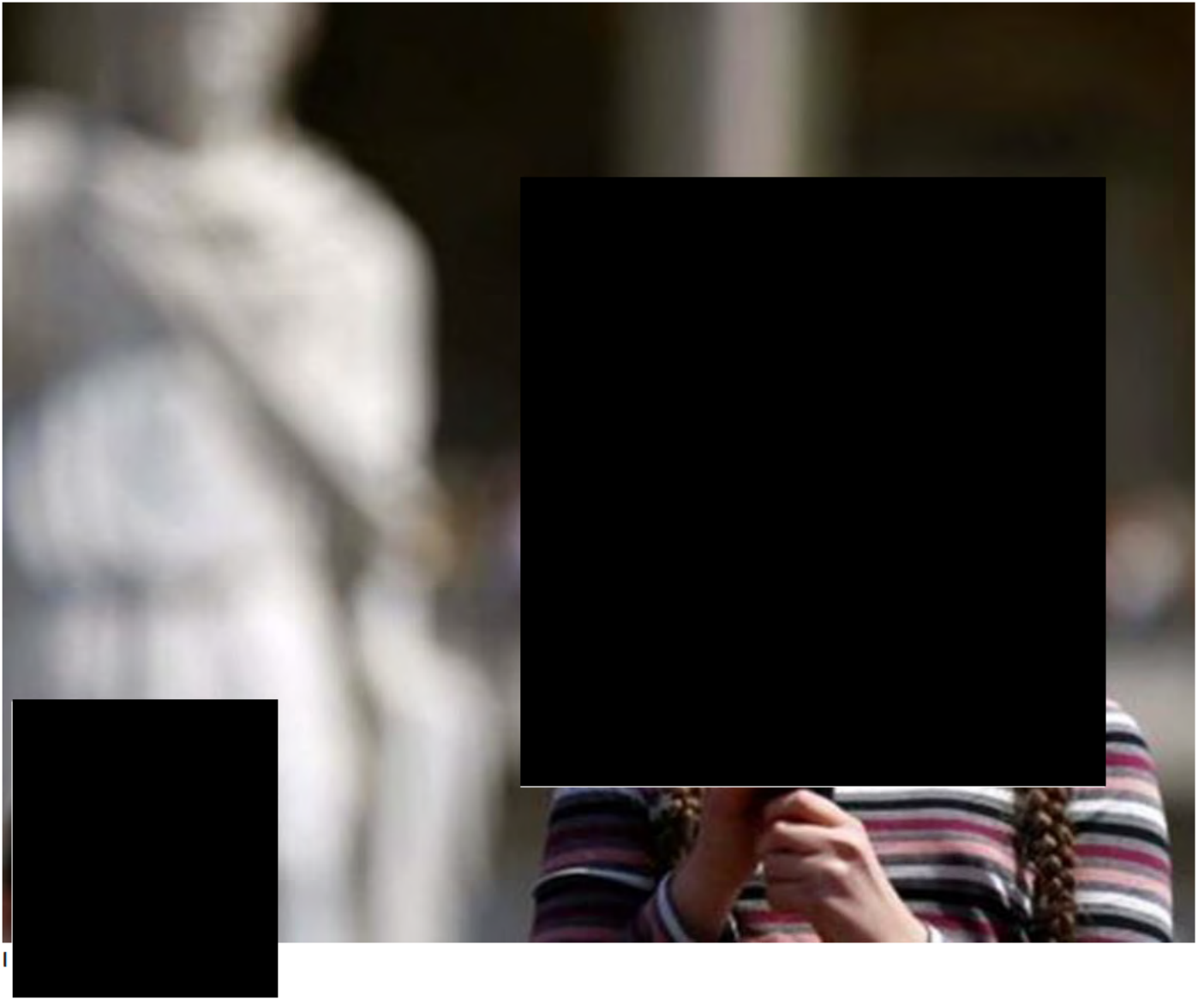
Ken Marsh, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, said: "This is very, very difficult for us because my colleagues have never come across the situation that they are faced with at the moment.

"They are dealing with very, very passive people, probably quite nice people, who don't want confrontation whatsoever with the police or anyone else but are breaking the law."

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Environmental activists have also been in action in other parts of the world.

In Paris, they blocked the entrance of the Societe Generale bank headquarters, as part of a protest urging world leaders to act on climate change.





Pepper spray was used by anti-riot police in an attempt to disperse the demonstrators.

Activists also gathered outside the Ministry of the Ecological and Inclusive Transition in La Defense, near Paris, and blocked the entrance of the headquarters of French oil giant Total there.





Meanwhile, two of the UK's leading thinkers on climate change dismissed the demand of Extinction Rebellion for virtually zero carbon emissions by 2025, arguing the 2050 date was more realistic.

Corrinne Le Quere, professor of climate change and science and policy at the University of East Anglia, told BBC Radio 4's Today programme that 2025 was "probably quite unrealistic" as a target to "move completely away from fossil fuels".

The economist Lord Stern agreed, saying: "The target of zero net emissions by 2050 makes sense and that looks like the right one, and I think the government is quite likely - at least I hope it will, and we'll be pressing them to do that - to come up with that target sometime in the next few months, and I think it's very important they do."

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About 20 protesters have been moved onto the pavement by police at one of the road entrances to Heathrow Airport.

Protesters stood by the tunnel that leads to terminals two and three, but all roads around the roundabout remain open.

The group is surrounded by police.

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An organiser for Extinction Rebellion Youth said the group had succeeded in creating an "emotional disruption" at Heathrow Airport, and that no further Extinction Rebellion protests would take place on Friday.

Robin Ellis-Cockcroft, 24, said: "This is it. The idea is that we said we were going to disrupt Heathrow. The thing that's disruptive is the truth of what's happening to our generation, the truth of what those 14 year olds are going to face in the future.

"That's the point. That's what should be in people's minds all the time.  
It should throw everyone out of their ordinary lives. It should be as disruptive as anything else, more disruptive than a bunch of people wandering around in the road.

"It's like life-changingly disruptive. That's the point, that's what we're here for.

"We said we'd disrupt Heathrow and we've disrupted Heathrow. We've disrupted the narrative of everyday life. We've disrupted the idea that we can just carry on and this climate crisis is something we can just ignore and talk about later.

"It's an emotional disruption. The point of this is reaching people on an emotional level."

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Four Extinction Rebellion Youth protesters remained in a sitting protest on the pavement near the entrance to Heathrow terminals two and three.

They have been informed by police that they are in breach of by-laws and may be arrested.

A spokesman for the group said the remaining protesters had made a choice and were willing to be arrested.

Around 30 police officers remained at the scene.

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Dame Emma Thompson has arrived at the Extinction Rebellion protest in Oxford Circus in central London.

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Dame Emma told reporters she had come to support the movement and had been greatly inspired by it.

She said her generation and politicians had failed young people.

She added: "We have seriously failed them and our planet is in serious trouble, we have much, much less time than we thought.

"I have seen the evidence for myself and I really care about my children and grandchildren enough to want to be here today to stand with the next generation."

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Dame Emma added: "This is the most pressing and urgent problem of our time, in the history of the human race."

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A spokesman for Extinction Rebellion said the group has no further plans to disrupt Heathrow Airport.

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When asked whether protesters were having too much fun, Dame Emma said protests should have a sense of joy.

She added: "If you can't have fun whilst saving the planet, what's the point?"

"Protest should always have a sense of joy in it because what we are protesting about is saving this extraordinary home of ours and also celebrating the passion and inspiring energy of this young generation.

"These are young people who have finally said to my generation 'I'm so sorry but you have failed us'.

"We all feel dreadful about that. My feeling is I feel massively inspired by this young generation and want to stand next to them."

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Dame Emma ascended the ladder to the deck of the pink boat parked at Oxford Circus to cheers from the crowd.

She said: "We are here in this little island of sanity and it makes me so happy to be able to join you all and to add my voice to the young people here who have inspired a whole new movement."

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Dozens of officers strode into the crowd of activists at Oxford Circus and started to surround the pink boat which Dame Emma was in.

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Police officers are not letting people into the circle around the protesters.

One officer told bystanders that there was an ordinance to clear the area.

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Dame Emma climbed down from the pink boat and started talking to the activists glued to its frame.

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Police pushed bystanders further away from the blockade while dozens more officers moved in.

Dame Emma left the protest but told activists she was sorry she had to go.

She said it was the police's decision to expend manpower at a non-violent protest.

She added: "If they choose to close down a non-violent protest by using their police... that's their decision. If that causes difficulties then that's their problem and their decision."

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Police have begun carrying and leading activists away from the protest in Oxford Circus.

One woman was carried out the cordons by four officers and a man led away by two more.

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Specialist officers have entered the ring of police around the boat.

Officers wearing hi-vis jackets with protester removal team written on them are within the cordon.

There are also officers wearing harnesses and carrying boxes of equipment and protective visors.

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Specialist officers have begun cutting protesters from the frame of the pink boat in Oxford Circus.

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Police have surrounded the pink boat in Oxford Circus and the activists glued to its frame.

The other protesters have sat down in the street and officers are setting up a second ring around them.

Dozens of officers are stationed beyond the group by a number of police vans parked in Regent Street.

When asked if she was willing to be arrested, Dame Emma shrugged and said something off mic that could not be heard properly.

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Officers grabbed people trying to break through the police ring around climate change protesters in Oxford Circus and pushed them back.

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The number of people arrested in connection to the climate protest in central London has risen to 682, the Metropolitan Police said.

The force's events unit tweeted: "So far today we have made 106 arrests. This brings the total to 682.

"The serious disruption the demonstrations are causing to people in London and beyond is unacceptable and we completely understand the concern it is causing to those who are disrupted by it."

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Police have cleared the centre of Oxford Circus of protesters and are dismantling the pink ship.

Specialist officers wearing helmets and harnesses have taken down the mast and can be seen working on top of the boat.

Police have set up a wide cordon around the junction of Oxford Street and Regent Street with crowds of people watching the operation.

Drums and chants can be heard from the crowd, with many carrying banners and flags.

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Police have towed the pink boat at the centre of climate change protests out of the centre of Oxford Circus.

A truck was reversed into the junction and the boat turned on its frame in order to be attached to it.

While the boat was being manoeuvred into place crowds chanted "we have more boats" from outside the police cordon.

A police officer pushed a woman trying to get through the cordon, causing her to fall on her back on the street.

Two officers then escorted her away in front of an angry crowd.

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Police have pulled the cordon back to the entrance of Regent Street.

The pink boat has been towed out of Oxford Circus but remains behind the new cordon.

Climate change protesters have filled Oxford Circus again, with some sitting on the road.

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Police have towed off the pink boat from Oxford Circus.

The vessel was attached to a lorry and taken away up Regent Street followed by a number of jogging uniformed officers.

Regent Street is still cordoned off by officers.

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Climate change protesters have sat down in the road at the junction of Great Portland Street and Langham Street to stop the police towing away the pink boat.

One protester glued themselves to the road to stop the boat, campaign group Extinction Rebellion said.

But the group decided to let the boat go and the activists have began to move out of the vehicle's path.

The crowds, many of whom carried flags and banners, chanted "we love you" to the police convoy before departing.

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## TEENAGE ACTIVIST GRETA THUNBERG HOPES TO JOIN CLIMATE CHANGE PROTESTERS

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The teenage founder of the school strikes against climate change has said she hopes to join the protesters in London.

Greta Thunberg told The Guardian on Friday she hopes to join the Extinction Rebellion (XR) protests when she arrives in London over the Easter weekend.

Her comments come as the protests at Marble Arch, Oxford Circus, Waterloo Bridge and Parliament Square were approaching their sixth day.

The 16-year-old Swedish activist is due to meet senior British politicians next week having already met with Pope Francis and addressed the EU Parliament.

She told The Guardian she would also like to join the protests if they are still going when she arrives.

She added: "I would love to participate in their protests while in London if there is time and if they are still protesting.

"I think it's one of the most important and hopeful movements of our time. Civil disobedience is necessary to create attention to the ongoing climate and ecological crisis."

Large numbers of police officers moved into Oxford Circus on Friday to remove the pink boat XR had installed there which has become a symbol for the ongoing disruption.

The boat, which is named after murdered environmentalist Berta Caceres, was dismantled several hours after Dame Emma Thompson used it as a stage to rally protesters.

Police were initially forced to remove activists from the deck and frame as dozens of other officers formed a huge cordon to force back others on the ground.

Activists tried to stop the boat from being towed away, with one woman gluing herself to the road in front of it in Great Portland Street, XR said.

But the group decided to let the boat go and then chanted "we love you" to the large police convoy escorting the boat before departing.

Earlier, on Friday morning, about 20 activists, most of them under 17, had staged a brief demonstration on roads near Heathrow Airport.

The scenes unfolded as the Metropolitan Police said it had made 106 arrests by around 5.30pm on Friday, bringing the total since Monday to 682.

In a statement on Friday night the force said it had focused its arrests at Oxford Circus to give businesses the chance to get back to "business as usual".

It added: "One thing that is unusual about this demonstration is the willingness of those participating to be arrested and also their lack of resistance to the arrests.

"To date, since Monday April 15, we have made over 680 arrests and of course that places a logistical problem on, and not just, the police service for cell space but also the wider criminal justice system."

Ten people had been charged by the Met by Thursday night and three others arrested by British Transport Police were remanded in custody after they appeared in court accused of obstructing trains at Canary Wharf.

Routes are also blocked around Waterloo Bridge, Parliament Square and Marble Arch, and Home Secretary Sajid Javid has urged police to use the "full force of the law".

Dame Emma, the Oscar-winning British actress, arrived in Oxford Circus on Friday and gave a speech to crowds from the boat before departing after the police surrounded the vessel.

XR has pledged to continue causing disruption until its demands are met.

They want the Government to declare a climate emergency and take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.

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**Extinction Rebellion: Police accused of 'brutal' treatment of activists after officers filmed dragging protesters**  
Tom Embury-Dennis

Officers from London's Metropolitan Police have been accused of "brutal" treatment against climate change activists from the Extinction Rebellion group.

Footage shared on social media on Friday showed officers at Oxford Circus dragging two protesters across tarmac.

At one point, the officer dragging the female activist pulls her so quickly he loses balance and topples next to her.

As another policeman comes to assist, another officer dragging a male protester in a red t-shirt can be seen lifting him up by his belt.

"Brutal dragging of protesters by the police earlier at #ExtinctionRebellion ldn," one Twitter user said, alongside a video of the incident. It was not immediately clear when the footage was taken.

The tactic of one officer per protester appears to contradict the force's own guidelines.

In a statement earlier this week it said it took at least four officers "to remove one person from a site to ensure their safety".

"We have always been, are and will always be non-violent," XR tweeted in response to the footage. "This aggression from the police against our peaceful Rebels in London is inexcusable. Shame on them, do they not know that we are rebelling for their families and loved ones also."

In response to the video, a Metropolitan Police spokesperson told The Independent: "Protesters have been told to leave Oxford Street and go to Marble Arch. Some demonstrators have decided not to go to Marble Arch and obstructed officers in the course of their duties. The response by officers has been proportionate in order to facilitate their removal."

The incident came amid a concerted effort by police to clear the capital's busiest shopping street of protesters, who have blocked the junction with Regent Street using a pink model boat which acted as a stage since Monday.

But Oxford Street remained blocked by activists on Friday night, alongside sites at Marble Arch, Parliament Square and Waterloo Bridge.

Almost 600 people have been arrested since the demonstrations began, including three who have been denied bail after gluing themselves to a train at Canary Wharf.

Four teenage climate-change protesters threatened with arrest in video

Extinction Rebellion naysayers refuse to see the bigger picture

In the face of climate breakdown – scientists have warned we have 12 years to stop catastrophic global warming – XR has three demands.

It is demanding the UK government declare a climate and ecological emergency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025, and create a so-called citizens' assembly made up of members of the public, which would lead decision-making in the fight against climate and ecological breakdown

XR said there were set to be protests in at least 80 cities in more than 33 countries.



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## **London police move in to clear climate protesters**

Yasemin Craggs Mersinoglu | Elliot Kime

London's police have made their most concerted effort to clear climate protesters from one of the four thoroughfares in the heart of the UK capital that they have occupied since Monday.

The operation involving hundreds of officers at Oxford Circus in the West End came hours after supporters of Extinction Rebellion, the group organising the protests, failed in their attempt to disrupt road traffic at Heathrow airport.

On Thursday Sajid Javid, the home secretary, had urged the police to use "the full force of the law" against demonstrators committing crimes. On Friday afternoon the Metropolitan Police said they had arrested 682 people in connection with the protests since Monday, describing the "serious disruption" as "unacceptable".

The British Transport Police and the Metropolitan Police's Protester Removal Team surrounded a 30-foot pink boat emblazoned with the slogan "Tell the truth" that had been parked in the middle of Oxford Circus since Monday. The 20 demonstrators who had glued themselves to the vessel were taken away and then the boat was removed.

Police had also closed nearby streets, including Regent Street — usually one of London's busiest shopping venues — during the operation. But hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the police cordon and reoccupied Oxford Circus after the boat was removed.

A protester from a Catholic group glued herself to the road in the front of the boat when it had been towed as far as Great Portland Street, delaying its removal for an hour and a half.

Then an Extinction Rebellion procession walked in front of the boat singing mourning songs around 9pm before dispersing back to the key sites.

Sam Knights, an Extinction Rebellion organiser, said the mass deployment at Oxford Circus was a new tactic by the police. "They've come a lot more prepared," he said.

Protesters have used the boat as a stage since Monday. Jessie Docherty, 42, from Wales, one of the production team for the performances, said: "This feels like a very dignified appropriate ending to a lovely time. We were here for longer than people expected. There is no sense that everybody is not going to come back again and again."

Iggy Fox, an Extinction Rebellion co-ordinator, said the removal of the boat would not end the protest at Oxford Circus. "You can see that there are far more people than there are police," he said. "Some people are sitting down to blockade and join [the protesters willing to be detained]."

Mayor of London Sadiq Khan said on Friday he shared the passion of those fighting climate change but was concerned about the demands of dealing with the demonstrations on other areas of police work like tackling violent crime.

"I urge anyone involved to co-operate with the police and comply with their instructions by attending the designated place that those wanting to legally protest should gather — Marble Arch. If protesters break the law, the police will have no choice but to make arrests."

The police were not making any effort on Friday to clear protesters from Parliament Square, Waterloo Bridge or Marble Arch, the three other venues protesters have occupied since Monday.

The scale of the protests has stretched the Met's resources. Many officers are working 12-hour shifts and have had their Easter leave cancelled.

Extinction Rebellion wants the government to declare a climate emergency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions to a net level of zero by 2025 and create a "citizens' assembly" to develop policies to reach this target.

Businesses in the West End say they have lost millions of pounds in revenue as shoppers have stayed away because of the protests.

The police operation at Oxford Circus began shortly after a speech by Oscar-winning actor Emma Thompson.

She told the Financial Times her generation had "failed" young people and that the protests were necessary to get ministers' attention. "The government has been silent on every issue except Brexit. They haven't been governing for three years," she said, adding that she was willing to be arrested.

Earlier on Friday morning, fewer than 20 activists, many of them teenagers, failed to disrupt road traffic at Heathrow, Britain's biggest airport. They tried to occupy a roundabout but were quickly surrounded by police. The action, which organisers said would "shut down" the airport, lasted about an hour.

Heathrow said there had been no disruption to services. "We are working with the authorities to address any threat of protests which could disrupt the airport," a spokesperson said.

"While we respect the right to peaceful protest and agree with the need to act on climate change, we don't agree that passengers should have their well-earned Easter break with family and friends disrupted."

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## **This Easter the Extinction Rebellion protests remind us what true passion is all about**

Janet Street-Porter

The Extinction Rebellion climate change protestors are an easy target for middle England. The true believers include passionate pensioners (few have full time jobs), well-spoken teenagers (on Easter breaks from private schools), and – the icing on the cake – the presence of leading luvvie Dame Emma Thompson, who flew in from Los Angeles to state her allegiance, running up a large carbon footprint in the process.

All week, as parts of central London ground to a standstill, drivers fumed and raged. Bridges remained closed, with temporary campsites replacing the roar of diesel engines. With over 500 arrests and every cell full, police officers have had their holiday leave cancelled, accused of not doing enough to control the demonstrations. Protestors glued themselves to public buildings and trains and even pitched up outside Jeremy Corbyn's house. They were heartbroken (according to the press) when the Labour leader eventually emerged with his wife and refused to speak to them.

One person's passionate cause is another's source of unspeakable irritation. Tourists and visitors might have found the demonstrations entertaining, but office workers and commuters weren't so tolerant. I had to catch a train from Liverpool Street on Wednesday and spent all morning worrying whether the underground was going to be closed down (it wasn't). Today, tempers will flare as half a million travellers attempt to fly out of Heathrow on Easter breaks. Protestors have signalled they'd like to close the airport down, claiming air travel should be rationed and only used for emergencies.

It's not hard to mock these earnest Extinction Rebellion protestors. The Daily Mail has been the most vociferous – yet the newspaper claims to care about the environment, with campaigns targeting plastic in oceans and tons of wet wipes clogging up the Thames. The newspaper is marshalling an army of volunteers to collect litter up and down the country, but this is just window dressing in the big picture regarding environment pollution. For real change, every one of us must rethink how we shop and travel, pushing councils and politicians into radical action if we really want clean air and our rivers to be free of pollutants.

The ER participants are willing to be mocked to gain our attention and their tactics – to put “peaceful and smiley arrestables” in the front line of any demonstration, to engage as many police officers as possible in dealing with these (largely middle class) sacrificial lambs who don't fear conviction and regard it as a badge of honour – has been remarkably effective in obtaining maximum publicity.

Many scientists say Britain is already doing its fair share in targeting emissions and dealing with pollution, but these protestors reckon it's too little, too late. ER want net-zero carbon emissions by 2025 – an impossible target, according to experts, who say that 2050 is more realistic.

How appropriate that Easter – a solemn celebration of one holy man's decision to make the ultimate sacrifice and die for his faith – is being marked with such public displays of heartfelt conviction. Passion has more or less disappeared from our politics over the last decade. The Poll Tax riots brought passion (along with violence) onto city streets. Combative protests at the G2 summit and the spiralling demonstrations over student tuition fees (which culminated in a statue of Winston Churchill and the Cenotaph being defaced) didn't really engage the whole population, who looked on appalled at images of kettling and containment and armed police. In 2016, Brexit stole up on us, and turned ordinary people on to politics again, it enraged them and engaged them in equal measure.

Since the 2016 referendum, people who would never have spent five minutes discussing Labour policy or Tory tax evasion spend at least five minutes every single day moaning about Brexit. We might think politicians are a scabby untrustworthy bunch, full of hot air and false promises, but at least we now talk about all our options going forward. We might hate the existing parties, and many of us dream of a new centrist movement. Brexit has been like Viagra, it has re-energised parts that traditional politics has failed to reach. Passion (along with bad manners and loathing) has returned in everyday life. By the way, Brexit wasn't the "biggest democratic exercise" in modern politics – more people voted in the 1992 general election.

Or course, being British, we disguise our new-found interest in politics as exasperation and cynicism, but it's undeniably there. Climate change is another issue, like Brexit, that will turn out to engage the British public in a way that politicians have been slow to notice. The London mayor has been lacklustre, failing to make radical changes to transport which would improve air quality. He failed to curb deliveries during office hours, failed to ban heavy lorries during daytime, failed to force all cabs and rental vehicles to convert to electricity. He hasn't forced fast food outlets to reduce wrapping waste by 50 per cent or pay to clean the surrounding streets. In short, he has tinkered around the edges of the biggest problem impinging on the lives of city dwellers and workers.

This Easter, let's celebrate the return of passion to our streets. It's exactly what Jesus would have wanted.



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Letters: Alison Leonard, Hebden Bridge, West Yorkshire, writes: "The letter about HS2 from Andy Burnham and Steve Rotherham (19 April), mayors of Manchester and Liverpool, might be persuasive if it were not written while Extinction Rebellion takes action against climate catastrophe and David Attenborough delivers his powerful piece on BBC One."

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## Climate protesters' passion is cause for celebration

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All week, as parts of central London ground to a standstill, drivers fumed and raged. Bridges remained closed, with temporary campsites replacing the roar of diesel engines. With more than 500 arrests and every cell full, police officers have had their holiday leave cancelled, accused of not doing enough to control the demonstrations. The London Mayor has been accused of being lacklustre, tinkering around the edges of the biggest problem impinging on the lives of city dwellers and workers. But some voices

have been raised in support of the demonstrators.

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## CLIMATE CHANGE PROTESTERS REMAIN OUT IN FORCE AS ARRESTS TIP 700

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Climate change protesters at four key sites in London remain out in force over the Easter weekend as the number of arrests tipped 700.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) demonstrators will observe a candlelit vigil on Saturday evening followed by an Easter Sunday feast the following day.

Greta Thunberg, the teenage founder of the school strikes against climate change is expected to address the protesters on Easter Sunday.

The 16-year-old Swedish activist is due to meet senior British politicians next week having already met with Pope Francis and addressed the EU Parliament.

Activists who have set up a garden on Waterloo Bridge showed no signs of shifting under the hot sun, watched on by tourists and families enjoying the end of the school holiday.

Sites at Oxford Circus, Marble Arch and Parliament Square are also occupied, despite the removal by police of the pink boat which had acted as a natural focal point for the movement.

Police say more than 715 people have now been arrested, six days in to the XR protests, and 28 people have been charged.

Members of the group said they were aware that some arrested demonstrators had been taken outside of London due to a lack of custody space.

One demonstrator said she had been told that some people had been taken to Brighton and Southampton.

With the pink boat no longer at Oxford Circus, supporters have sat down in a circle at the centre of the junction.

The vessel has been replaced by two demonstrators holding a sign "We are the boat" after it was removed by police on Friday after five days.

Earlier on Saturday, about 50 police officers surrounded the group who said they had been told they could remain until "no later than 10.30am".

One demonstrator said: "Holding the space is important and being arrested is not undignified.

"We are here for an important reason, so we should be prepared to be removed for that. Being arrested is a statement."

Another demonstrator countered: "Dignified withdrawal is an option."

However, within minutes police numbers had dwindled, and demonstrators continued to occupy the road.

It comes as a video of police officers dragging demonstrators along the ground by the arms on Friday emerged, after Home Secretary Sajid Javid urged police to use the "full force of the law".

In the footage, a woman is seen being dragged along the road close to Oxford Circus by a police officer who then stumbles and falls over, knocking his hat off.

Another officer is seen dragging a man sideways.

It is one of the more aggressive encounters between police and demonstrators, which have so far remained largely good natured and peaceful.

XR tweeted that the movement was "peaceful and non violent", adding: "We face a climate and ecological emergency. Now is not the time to be on the wrong side of history".

The group has pledged to continue causing disruption until its demands are met.

It wants the Government to declare a climate emergency and take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.

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With the pink boat no longer acting as a natural focal point for the climate change action at Oxford Circus, demonstrators have sat down in a ring in the middle of the junction.

About 50 police officers were waiting on the outskirts of the ring and demonstrators said they have been told they can remain until "no later than 10.30am".

One demonstrator said to the group: "Holding the space is important and being arrested is not undignified.

"We are here for an important reason, so we should be prepared to be removed for that. Being arrested is a statement."

He was roundly applauded.

Another demonstrator countered: "Dignified withdrawal is an option."

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Around 30 demonstrators moved closer to each other and sat down in the centre of the Oxford Circus junction as police threatened arrests. They are outnumbered by officers.

Members of the public watching have also been asked to move on.

Two demonstrators holding a sign "We are the boat" were singing in support.

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Police say more than 715 people have now been arrested in connection with the Extinction Rebellion protests and 28 people have been charged.

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A member of XR said she had been told that some arrested demonstrators have been taken to Brighton and Southampton due to lack of custody space in London.

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Dozens of police have moved onto Waterloo Bridge, forming cordons.

Activists continued to play music as passers-by gathered to watch the increased activity.

Demonstrators chanted "We love you" as the police advanced and surrounded a truck acting as a stage.

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XR said there were about 14 police vans on the southern end of Waterloo Bridge and they believe it is a "genuine concerted effort" to clear it.

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Nearly 50,000 new members have signed up to join XR since the protests started, the group said.

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Max Wedderburn, a 13-year-old from Milton Keynes, addressed crowds at Waterloo Bridge and received cheers and applause.

He said: "We are getting bigger, we are getting stronger, we are gathering momentum. Together we can change the future."

Speaking afterwards, he said he became inspired to fight against climate change after learning about it from his mother.

He added: "My lifelong dream is to become a zoologist but I feel there is no point if half of the animals are all dead by the time I reach that goal."

He spoke just yards from a police cordon, which formed more than an hour ago. Officers do not yet seem to be making arrests.

A pair of demonstrators were seen embracing each other from different sides of the cordon while one protester hugged a police officer.

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As police lined parts of Waterloo Bridge, watching the XR protest, Lyndon Edwardson told the Press Association he has been "locked on" to the River Thames crossing for the past couple of hours.

The 27-year-old and a friend have used chains and a cycle D-lock to attach themselves to the bridge and to each other. He said they both took the action once officers arrived.

"We will be staying until they cut us out, hopefully we can be here as long as possible," the landscaper said - revealing that four other campaigners are glued and locked on to a lorry parked on the bridge.

He was first arrested two days ago and said he is willing to be arrested again. He defended the group's actions, saying that they are justified because society is in an "extreme situation", adding: "All I want is a long life - I am worried about having kids and grandchildren."

But despite the presence of officers amongst the protest, and the potential threat of clearance, he praised their actions, saying the police have been "brilliant", have worked "really hard" and made sure their rights are protected.

Mr Edwardson said he understands that the plan of the police is to "get rid of some of their infrastructure", so that they can try to reduce the size of the XR presence on the bridge.

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The number of people arrested at the climate change protests in London has topped 750 as of 4pm.

The Metropolitan Police said those who had been released under investigation "will be brought back to be formally interviewed and charged as appropriate in due course".

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At the lorry on Waterloo Bridge, officers could be seen around and underneath the truck as they worked to remove the campaigners who had attached themselves to the vehicle.

Over the sound of cutting equipment and hammering, singing could be heard from one highly spirited protester as officers worked to free them and at least four others.

With three officers carrying a female campaigner away at around 5pm, there were shouts of "we love you" from the protesters gathered on the other side of the police line.

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Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick said the situation facing officers as they attempt to clear climate change protesters from blocking streets is unprecedented.

She said she was "very proud" of the work of thousands of officers over the past six days, adding that she was aware that armchair critics would feel things could have been done differently.

Ms Dick said: "We have shown that we are strong, we are determined.

"I have never - I've been a police officer for 36 years - I have never known an operation, a single operation, in which over 700 people have been arrested.

"It shows we are determined and we will carry on."

Another woman, who was freed from under the lorry by police at around 5.10pm, voluntarily walked away with an officer and could be heard saying: "I am desperate for a pee, so if you carry me I will pee."

Following cries and protests from one of the campaigners under the vehicle, a man was tentatively brought out by officers, placed in handcuffs and then onto a stretcher before being carried away at around 5.20pm.

Close to one of the wheels of the lorry, a sign which read "caution my hand is glued" could be seen.

At least five officers worked under the truck to free the remaining protesters, with a number still on the roof.

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**Police finally get organised as the pink boat sails for eco warriors**  
Victoria Ward

POLICE officers last night removed a pink boat left in Oxford Circus by climate change protesters after admitting they had finally "come up with a strategy", five days after parts of London were left paralysed.

Shortly after Dame Emma Thompson, the actress, had addressed the crowd from the flag-draped vessel, specialist officers moved in and began to clear the area, cutting off the sound system and carrying activists away from the scene.

The escalation of force followed criticism that Scotland Yard had failed to deal adequately with the Extinction Rebellion demonstration, which has blocked transport hubs and taken over busy thoroughfares in the capital.

Ken Marsh, chairman of the Metropolitan Police Federation, admitted it had taken several days to form an appropriate policy to deal with the largely middle-class, non-violent activists because it was an "alien" situation. "We have come up with a formula and a strategy and are now fully prepared," he told The Daily Telegraph. "It took a while but it's a very difficult situation and we had to get it right. We didn't want to be disproportionate but we're in a better place now.

"These people are from suburbia. They are saying: 'Please be careful when you put the handcuffs on'. We are usually rolling around on the floor having to fight people."

He spoke out after Sajid Javid, the Home Secretary, urged police to "use the full force of the law" following criticism of the Met's "soft" approach that had allowed the protests to continue for several days.

The protesters took over Parliament Square, Waterloo Bridge and Oxford Circus last Monday, vowing to continue causing disruption until the Government takes drastic action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Dame Emma courted controversy by jetting 5,400 miles (8,700km) from Los Angeles to take part in the action but defended herself by insisting that she "plants a lot of trees".

She told the BBC she was "too old" to fly economy but added: "One of the things that has happened consistently over the decades I've been protesting about this - and flying economy by the way, whenever I did fly - is that it's always turned back on the individual. "The fact of the matter is everyone has been asking for clean energy for decades and it has been ignored for decades. So, where is the hypocrisy? If I could fly cleanly, I would."

She had earlier climbed aboard the pink boat to declare that the planet was "in serious trouble".

"We have much, much less time than we thought," she said.

"I have seen the evidence for myself and I really care about my children and grandchildren enough to want to be here today to stand with the next generation. We're in a race between consciousness and catastrophe." She said climate change was "the most urgent problem in the history of the human race", and branded the failure to make supermarket plastic bags illegal "psychotic".

When Dame Emma, who had previously said she wanted to be arrested, left the site, the police swiftly moved in, removing those chained or glued to the boat. They formed two rings, gradually pushing activists out of the area before officers dismantled the vessel, which was bolted to the ground.

By early evening, they had made 106 arrests, taking the total detained all week to 682.

Earlier, plans to shut down Heathrow airport were abandoned after the group's tactics were leaked.

Instead, about 15 under-17s from the protest group stood outside the transport hub holding a large banner saying: "Are we the last generation?" Bryony Gordon: Page 27

'These people are from suburbia. They are saying, "Please be careful when you put handcuffs on"'

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#### ITV London evening news

- The Metropolitan Police has made a request for hundreds of extra officers from other forces to help it deal with the climate change protests in central London. 718 people have now been arrested while 28 have now been charged as Extinction Rebellion took to the streets disrupting traffic for a sixth day. Met Commissioner Cressida Dick says the extra help the Met are getting is not uncommon.

**Cressida Dick:** It's a well-established national system whereby we all train to the same level, we all have the same radio systems, we all work together really easily and we can bring people in and have done over the last couple of days. If we need that to continue minimising disruption, keeping Heathrow open for example, we will continue to do so for the next couple of days.

- Diane Abbott has apologised after a picture of her drinking alcohol on a TfL train was circulated. It has been illegal to drink on the network since 2008
- Tom Golding from Sidcup will be running the London Marathon in aid of Evelina Children's hospital in Lambeth which saved his daughter's life
- Singer Adele has separated from her husband Simon Konecki after 3 years of marriage

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BBC London evening news

- **Asad Ahmed:** So they came back, for a few hours anyway. A day after being cleared out of Oxford Circus, XR protestors returned as the Metropolitan police pleased with neighbouring forces to send any available officers to help. Sarah Harris reports on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of the demonstration and the frustration felt by some activists because they are not being arrested.

**Sarah Harris VO:** They may have lost their centrepiece (pink boat) which was towed away by police last night but despite attempts to move protestors away from Oxford Circus to Marble Arch, they are back and in large numbers. Some Easter shoppers but not all were losing patience.

**\*\*Voxes of mixed opinions for and against the protest\*\***

**SH VO:** Induction courses for those wishing to join Extinction Rebellion are continuing 4 times a day at 4 different sites with existing members recruiting friends on social media.

**XR Rep 1:** There is no sign from me of our numbers dwindling at all. We're training people in non-violent direct action, how to be safe and respect the police and people round here, I don't think this is going away for a while.

**SH VO:** Their ambition is to get arrested but sunburn seemed to be the bigger danger. They had been told London police stations are full.

**XR Rep2:** We've had about 20 of our group arrested at least but loads have tried really hard to do that and some haven't achieved it yet but we've got a few more days.

**XR Rep3:** We don't take lightly the resources that are being used here but I think the amount of people wanting to get arrested shows the strength of support for what we're doing.

**SH VO:** With police from other forces drafted in and plenty of new protestors joining, it's likely this demonstration will last well into next week.

- London, despite its size and population, is known as one of the loneliest places to live in Britain. This is why a charity in Hackney has set up a group called Brocals aimed at tackling loneliness in older men. The men attend regular meetings where they plan trips, cook and even plan holidays.

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**Summary of Commissioner interview, done with Sky News (pooled) and PA at approx 1630hrs outside SOR, Lambeth HQ on Sat 20 April.**

- It has been a very challenging week. Every day 1000 officers working to police protests. Not just had an impact on policing, but the whole of London. I have one message - please go to Marble Arch where you can protest legally. Stop your unlawful protest. If you don't want to go Marble Arch, go home.

- Businesses? All Londoners will have sympathy. Some will be able to cope with losses, but not others. Clear that stopping Oxford Circus and blocking through route across Waterloo Bridge will have had an effect on business. I have been out and about, talking to people who are very fed up.

I am very proud of what the MPS is doing. We have extremely experienced public order policing - experienced people on the ground. Officers been working extremely hard in challenging situation - providing a proportionate response.

- Lessons learnt? There are armchair critics who will be saying we would do things differently. Officers are making difficult decisions with a high level of scrutiny (people recording on mobile phones etc). They are doing a fantastic job and I am very grateful to them.

- What happens next? Up to protestors to some extent. Police will dismantle street furniture to stop locking on if we need to. Minimise disruption in order to keep things moving.

We are strong and determined. I have been officer for 36 years and have never known a single operation where we have arrested over 750 people.

- Will you run out of officers and cells? Many of the protestors are glueing themselves onto [things], or using mechanical contraptions to make it difficult for officers to arrest. Officers spending a lot of time getting people free. Then people are refusing to walk - have to be carried. Amazed no one been injured. Sometimes takes 5 officers = resource intensive.

- Custody suites? They are very busy but we still have cell space available. If we need to, we will seek custody cells in other parts of the country. This is quite normal.

- Spoken to PM? Not saying who she has spoken to - spoken to many senior politicians and has a direct line to Mayor and Home Sec. (In response to suggestions others are influencing policing strategy)  
Operations on the ground are for MPS, BTP and City to direct and we will direct how we police them.
- Lessons learnt? After any large scale op we will look to see if there is anything else we can do differently.  
Legal side? We might need to speak to CJ colleagues about legal framework but now not the time to do that. If powers are insufficient then we will be asking for changes, but now not the time to go into that.
- Marathon next week? My message to protestors is that the marathon is a large event, and a lot of people across UK will be furious if it was disrupted by protest.
- The video of officers dragging people? Officers have been in challenging situations where they have refused to move and been obstructing officers from doing their work in a challenging operation. Won't comment on individual cases.
- MPS is a huge service that is continuing to run its business, and dealing with violent crime. Officers working extensive hours. Will adapt and flex as we need to, and will ask for help if we need to. Very very proud of what we have achieved - Heathrow not disrupted, Officers been extraordinarily professional. It is has been very busy these last few days, but staff been very professional.

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OLYMPIAN: PROTESTERS' DISRUPTION WILL BE DWARFED BY FUTURE CLIMATE EMERGENCY

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Olympic gold medallist Etienne Stott has said any inconvenience caused by climate change demonstrators in London will be dwarfed by the future ecological emergency as he joined the movement.

The London 2012 canoe slalom champion said civil disobedience by Extinction Rebellion campaigners was "justified" as he put aside university work to protest at Waterloo Bridge on Saturday.

The Metropolitan Police have asked for help from hundreds of extra officers as the number of arrests passed 750 on the sixth day of demonstrations.

Commissioner Cressida Dick has called for the group to stop its "miserable disruption" and said people were "fed up" of their ongoing presence.

Stott, 39, said he came up to the capital after demonstrating last week in Nottingham and will risk arrest by staying put if police ask him to move on.

He said: "I joined the protests because I don't think there is anything more meaningful that I could be doing in my life right now.

"The climate emergency is just such a serious thing, and for me I'm willing to put in as much time and energy as I can spare and try and use everything I can to try and make the situation better."

On Saturday afternoon the police managed to successfully clear demonstrators in the junction at Oxford Circus, which was reopened to traffic, while dozens of officers carried out arrests on Waterloo Bridge and slowly removed campaigners who had attached themselves to a truck acting as a stage.

Asked what he will do if police ask him to leave, Stott said: "I am going to say I am not moving on, because I want to stay here until the Government declare a climate emergency."

Stott said he was currently studying for his final module of a psychology degree he has been working towards for 10 years at the Open University.

He said he was worried about putting aside his assignments, but declared that "the time is now and I've got to be here".

He said: "It's a critical time for me and I felt really bad I had not come down earlier because I was trying to do my stuff, but then I realised this has gone so far now in London that we need to keep it going and just try and maintain that pressure, maintain that visibility, so people realise this is desperately serious, and we are serious to try and get this sorted out."

He added: "I feel like it is really really tough to disrupt people's lives like this, but this is really important because I believe the disruption that will come down the line if we do not declare a climate emergency and do not tackle this situation of climate change, it will just dwarf any inconvenience here today."

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## CLIMATE CHANGE PROTESTERS TO 'PAUSE REBELLION' AHEAD OF POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS

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Climate change protesters who have stopped traffic in a series of peaceful demonstrations across London will "pause" their rebellion in a bid to achieve their political aims.

Extinction Rebellion (XR) have announced they are switching disruptive tactics for political negotiations as they enter a second week of campaigning to have the Government declare a climate emergency.

It comes as the Metropolitan Police revealed 831 arrests have been made in connection with the demonstrations, and 42 people charged, as of 10am.

Farhana Yamin, the group's political circle co-ordinator, said: "Today marks a transition from week one, which focused on actions that were vision-holding but also caused mass disruption across many dimensions (economic, cultural, emotional, social).

"Week two marks a new phase of rebellion focused on negotiations where the focus will shift to our actual political demands."

She added: "We want to show that XR is a cohesive long-term, global force, not some flash in the pan.

"We can do that by showing we are disciplined and cannot only start disruptive actions but also end these when needed. We are not a rabble, we are rebels with a cause!

"Being able to 'pause' a rebellion shows that we are organised and a long-term political force to be reckoned with.

"This will give XR leverage as we enter into negotiations with those in power to make headway on our three demands."

The group hopes to negotiate with the Mayor of London and Metropolitan Police to agree that they be allowed to continue their protests at Old Palace Yard, in Westminster, and leave other sites.

Over the past week protesters have stopped traffic in Oxford Circus, set up camp in Marble Arch and created a temporary garden on Waterloo Bridge.

Members would commit to not disrupting other areas in exchange for Sadiq Khan speeding up the implementation of the Declaration of Climate and Ecological Emergency and considering setting up a London Citizens' Assembly.

They will also set up a political taskforce to take forward public negotiations with the Government, warning that they are prepared to scale up action depending on how much progress is made.

Neither the Met nor the Mayor's Office would say whether they were considering the proposals.

The announcement comes on the seventh day of the protests, with the teenager who inspired the climate change school strikes due to join crowds later on Easter Sunday.

Greta Thunberg is expected to address Extinction Rebellion members ahead of meeting senior British politicians next week.

The 16-year-old Swedish activist has already met Pope Francis and spoken at the European Parliament.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick said the policing operation had been unlike any she had experienced in almost four decades of policing, and called for the "miserable" disruption to end.

The Mayor said more than 9,000 police officers had been responding to the protests, which had proved "extremely challenging for our over-stretched and under-resourced police".

Mr Khan said he shared activists' passion about tackling climate change but added: "I'm extremely concerned about the impact the protests are having on our ability to tackle issues like violent crime if they continue any longer. It simply isn't right to put Londoners' safety at risk like this.

"My message to all protesters today is clear: you must now let London return to business as usual."

On Saturday afternoon, police managed to successfully clear demonstrators in the junction at Oxford Circus, which was reopened to traffic, while dozens of officers carried out arrests on Waterloo Bridge and slowly removed campaigners who had attached themselves to a truck acting as a stage.

The lorry was cleared from the area at 5.18am on Sunday, police said.

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### **Extinction Rebellion to 'pause' London protests**

Extinction Rebellion is to "pause" the protests that have caused widespread disruption across central London for seven days.

The group said it would mark "a new phase of rebellion" to achieve "political aims".

A total of 831 people have been arrested during the climate change protests and 28 people charged.

Hundreds of officers from other forces have been sent to London to help the Metropolitan Police.

Extinction Rebellion said it hoped to negotiate with the Mayor of London and the Met over continuing its demonstrations at Old Palace Yard, Westminster, and leaving other sites.

Farhana Yamin, from the group, said being able to "pause" the protests showed it was an "organised and a long-term political force to be reckoned with".

"Today marks a transition from week one, which focused on actions that were vision-holding but also caused mass disruption across many dimensions," she said.

"Week two marks a new phase of rebellion focused on negotiations where the focus will shift to our actual political demands."

Oxford Circus has reopened to traffic after officers cleared protesters but they continue to occupy Waterloo Bridge and Parliament Square.

Met Commissioner Cressida Dick said she had never experienced anything like it in her career.

She said: "I've been a police officer for 36 years - I have never known an operation, a single operation, in which over 700 people have been arrested."

Ms Dick added she was grateful for the help from hundreds of police officers drafted in from several forces, including the neighbouring City of London Police.

Officers from Kent, Sussex, Essex and Hampshire and Greater Manchester have also been sent.

Police have been trying to confine the protests to Marble Arch but demonstrators have ignored the threat of arrest and continued to block roads across the capital.

Teenage activist Greta Thunberg is expected to address Extinction Rebellion members at Marble Arch later ahead of meeting senior British politicians next week.

Since the group was set up last year, members have shut bridges, poured buckets of fake blood outside Downing Street, blockaded the BBC and stripped semi-naked in Parliament.

It has three core demands: for the government to "tell the truth about climate change"; to reduce carbon emissions to zero by 2025; and to create a citizens' assembly to oversee progress.

Controversially, the group is trying to get as many people arrested as possible.

But critics say they cause unnecessary disruption and waste police time when forces are already overstretched.



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## Metropolitan Police

### UPDATE: Details of those charged in connection with London protests

Metropolitan Police -



**A total of 40 people have been charged in connection with ongoing Extinction Rebellion protests in central London.**

Charges have been made for various offences including breach of Section 14 Notice of the Public Order Act 1986, obstructing a highway and obstructing police.

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EXTINCTION REBELLION PROTESTS: THE CHARGES SO FAR

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A total of 40 people, aged 19 to 77, have been charged over the ongoing Extinction Rebellion protests, police said.

The Metropolitan Police revealed 831 arrests have been made in connection with the demonstrations as of 10am Sunday, and 40 people charged for "various offences including breach of Section 14 Notice of the Public Order Act 1986, obstructing a highway and obstructing police".

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- A father has renewed his plea for information about his 18 year old son's murder, a year on from his death. Samer Sidhom's son was stabbed repeatedly in the back on his way home from a West Ham football match in a case which police believe was mistaken identity. His father last saw him bleeding to death outside his own home. No witnesses have come forward and nobody has been charged.
- Members of London's Sri Lankan community have been reacting to today's bomb blasts at hotels and Easter services all over Sri Lanka. There are over 50,00 people of Sri Lankan origin living in the capital
- **Reporter:** It is now the 7<sup>th</sup> day of the XR protest which has brought some of the busiest roads in London to a halt. Oxford Circus and parliament square have been cleared but demonstrators remain at other sites. The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has called on the movement to allow London to return to business as usual but as Charlotte Gallagher reports, there is no guarantee that will happen soon.

**Charlotte Gallagher:** Oxford Circus, back to normal after days of protests on London's busiest shopping street. The flags, stickers and extra police officers the only reminders of London's demonstrations. Here the buses are back up and running but there are disruptions and diversions on many other routes. But elsewhere the protests are still going on and attracting new supporters, undeterred by the threat of arrest. One demonstrator has glued and handcuffed himself to a metal pipe.

**XR campaigner 1:** The idea of this wonderful garden bridge staying here as it is, keeping clean air and a lovely space for people to come into and engage on one of the most important issues ever. That is why. That ship has probably sailed but our job is to, in the most peaceful, principled possible way to try and not make the job of the authorities to remove this incredibly important protest any easier.

**XR campaigner 2:** The arrogance of our species is really destroying so much of this really beautiful planet. It feels as if the blue sky knows that we care about it and this is a peaceful protest and I'm happy to be part of it.

**Charlotte Gallagher:** Police are telling the protestors to come to Marble Arch or go home. Some people have been camping out for a week now and they say they've got no intention of leaving until the government listens to them.

The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan has made it clear he wants the protests to end saying "The safety of Londoners is being put at risk" and he wants "The capital to return to business as usual."

Extinction Rebellion say they will negotiate with the police and the Mayor but some protestors may take longer than others to move on.

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## TEENAGE ACTIVIST GRETA THUNBERG EXPECTED TO JOIN CLIMATE CHANGE PROTESTERS

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The teenager who inspired the climate change school strikes is due to join protesters in London as they enter a seventh day of demonstrations.

Greta Thunberg is expected to address Extinction Rebellion members on Easter Sunday ahead of meeting senior British politicians next week.

The 16-year-old Swedish activist has already met Pope Francis and spoken at the European Parliament.

Organisers of the protests said they would be holding a "feast of renewal and celebration" on Sunday afternoon to which the public were invited.

They said: "We recognise we have caused disruption for many Londoners, so are extending our love through food to all who would like to join us."

On Bank Holiday Monday, they plan to hold a picnic on the Westway and peacefully block the road near Edgware Road underground station.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick said the policing operation had been unlike any she had experienced in almost four decades of policing, with more than 750 peaceful activists arrested in less than a week.

Hundreds of officers from other forces have been drafted in to help quell the ongoing disruption.

Police have been trying to confine the protests to one site in London, at Marble Arch, but protesters have ignored the threat of arrest and continued to block roads across the capital.

Ms Dick said: "We have shown that we are strong, we are determined.

"I have never - I've been a police officer for 36 years - I have never known an operation, a single operation, in which over 700 people have been arrested.

"It shows we are determined and we will carry on."

On Saturday afternoon the police managed to successfully clear demonstrators in the junction at Oxford Circus, which was reopened to traffic, while dozens of officers carried out arrests on Waterloo Bridge and slowly removed campaigners who had attached themselves to a truck acting as a stage.

Extinction Rebellion members showed no signs of voluntarily shifting under the hot sun over the Easter weekend, watched by tourists and families enjoying the end of the school holidays.

On Saturday night, candlelit vigils were held as campaigners sang.

The Commissioner said she was grateful for the help from "hundreds" of officers drafted in from "several" forces, including the neighbouring City of London.

She added that custody suites in London were "certainly very busy" but not yet full, amid reports from demonstrators that some people had been taken outside of the capital.

Ms Dick said she was "not embarrassed" about the length of time it is taking officers to clear the streets, defending their "determination and the resilience and the courage that they are showing in the face of quite a lot of difficulty".

She predicted that large numbers of people would be "furious" if the demonstrations affect the London Marathon, which will take place next Sunday.

The Commissioner said she will be talking to the Government and criminal justice colleagues to see if changes to the police's powers should be made to help officers deal with non-violent demonstrators when they are acting unlawfully.

"That is the dilemma and if our powers are insufficient, if we don't have sufficient deterrents in the criminal justice system, then I will certainly be asking for changes."

The group has pledged to continue causing disruption until its demands are met.

It wants the Government to declare a climate emergency and take action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero by 2025.

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### **Climate change protesters should check the UK's record**

The real Extinction Rebellion, protesting on the streets of London and other cities, has had plenty of coverage. Though it has brought disruption and inconvenience, the protests have been good-natured and non-violent. At a time when London, for example, is emptier than usual because of the Easter holidays, the impression is of protesters having a holiday of their own.

There are policing lessons to be learnt; future protests may not be as peaceful as Extinction Rebellion but may learn from its tactics. There are also lessons to be learnt by the protesters.

The UK has a good record. Greenhouse gas emissions in 2017 were 43% below 1990 levels and well on track for an 80% reduction by 2050. This country's share of global greenhouse gas emissions is a little over 1%. London, where the protests were biggest, was pioneering in introducing a congestion charge for vehicles and has an ultra-low emission zone. Unrealistic demands, such as zero carbon emissions by 2025, contribute little.

The big three countries for carbon emissions are China, America and India, half of the global total. China's coal-fired power plants have pushed the people's republic up to nearly 30% of global carbon dioxide emissions. Donald Trump is a climate change sceptic but, as we discovered in a different context from the Mueller report, many Americans and US states follow their own consciences.

Germany accounts for almost twice as many emissions as the UK. Coal and lignite plants supply 40% of its electricity thanks to a knee-jerk reaction against nuclear power. Yes, there is more to be done. But we should be clear about where the effort is best directed.

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## **Bounce for UK and global markets enough to put a spring in the step**

Jeremy Warner

It's time to be a little more optimistic about immediate prospects in the UK, European and global economies. The moment of greatest danger - when an abrupt, disruptive Brexit threatened to plunge the entire European economy into renewed crisis, Trump's trade war looked as if it might spiral out of control, the Fed seemed to be over-tightening, and China's miraculous growth spurt appeared to have lost its way - has passed. Let's be clear: sunlit uplands are not in prospect, but the removal of these uncertainties ought to breathe new life into business and consumer confidence, underpinning some kind of a bounce in economic activity going into the summer months.

Start with Brexit, as regrettably we always must. The delay until October guarantees a lengthy breathing space in which either a transitional deal is agreed or Brexit is taken off the table altogether. European elections are of no significance. They don't affect the dynamics around what sort of Brexit, if any at all, might occur.

I make no judgment on whether politically this is a good or a bad thing, but observe only that the latest ComRes poll shows that Remain would overwhelmingly win a second referendum - by 58pc to 42pc. No deal, for all its very vocal and high profile advocates, is still very much a minority preference, and is now the least likely outcome by some distance. This outrages many, but for most business leaders it is a major risk removed. European economies can also breathe a sigh of relief. The threat of a sudden stop in trade with the EU's second biggest economy has been lifted, at least for now.

The US too is heading into politically and therefore economically less choppy waters. Publication of the Robert Mueller report, which dismisses allegations of Russian collusion, lifts a giant cloud from the presidency, giving Donald Trump a new lease of life and reinvigorating an economic boom struggling to stay alive. The priorities of the electoral cycle mean no lever will be left unpulled in sustaining the expansion over the next year and a half.

And finally there is China, where renewed fiscal and monetary stimulus is starting to gain traction. None of this means underlying vulnerabilities have gone away. They have merely been swept under the carpet. This is very much global recession postponed, not removed.

**Unreliable auditors** When you have been a financial journalist as long as I have, you get to see that it is indeed perfectly true - what goes around comes around. Every seven years or so there will be a major accounting scandal, prompting calls for something be done about the monopoly power of the big audit practices. As a general rule of thumb, one of their number will have given the company in question a clean bill of health only months before the balloon goes up. What is the point of audit if it is incapable of spotting wrong 'uns? There were a whole spate of such scandals during the early Nineties when, among a certain type of financier and entrepreneur, window dressing of accounts to make things appear much better than they really were seemed to be par for the course.

Then came Enron in the early 2000s, a not dissimilar but much larger case of cooking the books. This did actually manage to produce an auditing scalp. Arthur Andersen, then one of the "big five" international audit practices, was completely destroyed by the affair, ironically not primarily because of its audit failures, but because senior employees ordered a cover-up.

The collapse last year of the construction and outsourcing company Carillion at an estimated cost to the taxpayer, never mind other creditors, of £148m, has raised similar questions over the efficacy of the audit - as well as another great outpouring of reviews and investigations. Last week, these duly produced two key recommendations for

reform from the Competition and Markets Authority - an "operational split" between audit and consultancy services, to reduce the "distracting interest" of more lucrative non-audit work; and mandatory joint audit, including at least one non-big four firm, for most of the UK's large companies.

Will they do any good? I'm not as sceptical as some. Use of the audit as a loss leader for the sale of more lucrative professional and business services has long been a major cause for concern, resulting in an obvious conflict of interest and blurring of boundaries, which in a number of instances has demonstrably compromised the audit. Is the main job of the big accounting practices to provide oversight on behalf of creditors - the function of audited accounts - or to enrich themselves by selling other services? The importance of this latter activity to the UK economy is not to be underestimated. Professional and business services are estimated to have generated some £70bn of exports last year, and have consistently grown faster than any other sector of the UK economy, generating some two million new, relatively highly paid jobs over the last 40 years. Already struggling with the challenges of Brexit, which threatens to limit these sales in overseas markets, this may not be the best time for a regulatory crackdown.

Global companies, moreover, require highly specialised skills and international reach. According to Hermione Hudson, UK head of assurance at PwC, "between 20-50pc of the work on PwC's largest audits may be performed by specialists who are not themselves financial auditors, such as cyber, pensions, tax, valuation and technology experts".

Plainly, there is some risk of throwing the baby out with the bath water. All the same, formal separation, which in any case some firms claim virtually to have done already, doesn't strike me as an altogether bad development. Certainly it would concentrate minds among those confined to audit, encouraging them to focus on their proper, regulatory purpose, and making them less subject to management capture and deception.

A dual audit might carry a cost, but it would also help keep the accountants honest, and by making predatory pricing more difficult, promote the development of viable challenger firms to compete with the stranglehold of the big four. But will these reforms prevent the next accounting scandal in the making? I wouldn't bet on it.

Ever been a worse mayor? Come back Ken Livingstone, all is forgiven? It is hard to imagine anything worse than the present incumbent Sadiq Khan. His apparent toleration of the Extinction Rebellion protests, which have brought large parts of the capital to a virtual standstill, is a disgrace to the position, and his constant buck-passing over delays and cost overruns to CrossRail, a shameful abdication of responsibility.

'Removal of uncertainties ought to breathe new life into business and consumer confidence'

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## ENVIRONMENT CLIMATE LATEST

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Farhana, the group's political circle co-ordinator said: "Today marks a transition from week one, which focused on actions that were vision-holding but also caused mass "disruption" across many dimensions (economic, cultural, emotional, social).

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She added: "We want to show that XR is a cohesive long-term, global force, not some flash in the pan.

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"Being able to "pause" a rebellion shows that we are organised and a long-term political force to be reckoned with.

"This will give XR leverage as we enter into negotiations with those in power to make headway on our three demands."

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The group hopes to negotiate with the Mayor of London and Metropolitan Police to agree specific areas where demonstrators can remain.

They have proposed that the group be allowed to stay at Old Palace Yard and leave the other sites, including Waterloo Bridge where a garden has been set up.

Members would commit to not disrupting other areas in exchange for Sadiq Khan speeding up the implementation of the Declaration of Climate and Ecological Emergency and considering setting up a London Citizens' Assembly.

They will also set up a political taskforce to take forward public negotiations with the Government, warning that they are prepared to scale up action depending on how much progress is made.

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## CLIMATE CHANGE PROTESTERS TO 'PAUSE REBELLION' AHEAD OF POLITICAL NEGOTIATIONS

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Climate change protesters who have stopped traffic in a series of peaceful demonstrations across London will "pause" their rebellion in a bid to achieve their political aims.

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The group hopes to negotiate with the Mayor of London and Metropolitan Police to agree that they be allowed to continue their protests at Old Palace Yard, in Westminster, and leave other sites.

Over the past week protesters have stopped traffic in Oxford Circus, set up camp in Marble Arch and created a temporary garden on Waterloo Bridge.

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The announcement comes on the seventh day of the protests, with the teenager who inspired the climate change school strikes due to join crowds later on Easter Sunday.

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**Extinction Rebellion suggests group is FINALLY ready to end climate change protests after a week of misery for Londoners as activists call for 'urgent meeting' with police and Sadiq Khan**  
Jessica Green

- This week's Extinction Rebellion protests closed key routes through the capital
- Group has now called for 'urgent meeting' with Met Police and Mayor of London
- Meanwhile, teen who inspired climate change school strikes due to join action

Climate change protesters have suggested they are finally ready to end their demonstrations after causing chaos in London.

This week's Extinction Rebellion (XR) protests closed key routes through the capital and resulted in at least 750 arrests.

But the group has called for an 'urgent meeting' with the Metropolitan Police and the Mayor of London, Mr Sadiq Khan, in the hope of ending 'the disruption to Londoners'.

In a since deleted tweet, the organisation said: 'Can we talk and work out a way forward? We request an urgent meeting so sites can be cleared with consent. Please contact us.'



'We want to continue our peaceful rebellion against the UK Government but are willing to end the disruption to Londoners.'

MailOnline has contacted Sadiq Khan and the Metropolitan Police for comment.

It follows a week of misery in London, during which hundreds of protesters blocked Oxford Circus, Waterloo Bridge, Parliament Square and Marble Arch, costing businesses tens of millions of pounds.

Meanwhile, the teenager who inspired the climate change school strikes is due to join protesters in London as they enter a seventh day of demonstrations.

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After fierce criticism of their 'softly-softly' tactics, police officers yesterday finally broke-up the Oxford Circus protest site.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Cressida Dick condemned last week's 'miserable disruption' which has led to more than 750 people being arrested, with 28 charged.

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There are increasing fears that protests by XR, which boasts more than 100 regional groups, could spread nationwide.

Leaked minutes from a meeting of activists in Devon earlier this year reveal plans to 'educate children and infiltrate the school system' along with the use of puppets and street theatre to blockade streets.

  
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**The Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan said:** "I share the passion about tackling climate change of those protesting, and support the democratic right to peaceful and lawful protest, but this is now taking a real toll on our city – our communities, businesses and police. This is counter-productive to the cause and our city.

"More than 9,000 police officers have been responding to the protests across London since they began, and more than 800 people have been arrested.

"I remain in close contact with the Met Commissioner, and agree that Londoners have suffered too much disruption and that the policing operation has been extremely challenging for our over-stretched and under- resourced police.

"I'm extremely concerned about the impact the protests are having on our ability to tackle issues like violent crime if they continue any longer. It simply isn't right to put Londoners' safety at risk like this.

"My message to all protestors today is clear: you must now let London return to business as usual."

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Climate protesters in London have signalled they are willing to call a halt to their activities, provided they can open talks with Sadiq Khan and other political leaders. A week of civil disobedience forced the Metropolitan Police to call in 200 officers from outside forces, and Mr Khan said he was "extremely concerned about the impact the protests are having on our ability to tackle issues like violent crime". He added: "My message to all protesters today is clear: you must now let London return to business as usual."

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## THE ENVIRONMENT

### **The Times (P33) - Business leaders voice support for climate activists who shut down capital**

Comment: business leaders, including former Unilever CEO Paul Polman, have written in support of the Extinction Rebellion agenda, while expressing their regret at the costs the protests have imposed on business, as: "future costs imposed on our economies by the climate emergency will be many orders of magnitude greater."  
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Also in *The Times*, p.24 , *The Daily Telegraph*, p.16 , *The Independent Daily Edition*, p.29 , *i (The paper for today)*, p.4 , *i (The paper for today)*, p.4 , *i (The paper for today)*, p.15 , *i (The paper for today)*, p.49 , *Financial Times*, p.20 , *Financial Times*, p.8 , *Daily Express*, p.21 , *The Daily Mirror*, p.37 , *The Sun*, p.12

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Over 1,000 arrests at Extinction Rebellion protests

As of 10:00hrs on Monday, 22 April, 1,065 arrests have been made since Monday, 15 April in connection with ongoing Extinction Rebellion protests. 53 people have been charged.

Overnight, Waterloo Bridge was re-opened and sites at Oxford Street and Parliament Square were also re-opened on Sunday 21 April. As such conditions are no longer required in these areas although officers remains at all three sites.

We remain in frequent contact with the organisers to ensure that the serious disruption to Londoners is brought to a close as soon as possible and that only lawful and peaceful protests continue.

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## News

23/04/2019

### **Turning ambition into action: One month left to register for edie Live 2019**

Collaborative workshops, a dedicated Plastics Hub and a Future Systems Hackathon are just some of the exciting new features that will be available at the UK's largest sustainability and energy exhibition, edie Live, returns to the NEC Birmingham next month.

### **Xerox's reforestation drive and KFC's science-based targets: Sustainability success stories for Earth Day**

While many of us in the UK will be enjoying the bank holiday break today (22 April), the global business community has been busy making pledges, events and announcements to mark Earth Day. This round-up highlights some of the best sustainability success stories to mark the occasion.

### **Register for this week's ambition into action webinar**

This week on Thursday (25 April), edie is hosting an exclusive one-hour webinar featuring sustainable business experts from Tideway, WSP, the BITC and EDF Energy, who will discuss how UK businesses can ramp up their efforts to reduce energy and resource use in 2019-20.

### **Apple to launch material recovery lab after ramping up circular economy drive**

Technology giant Apple is set to open a new research and development lab focused on closed-loop solutions this year, after diverting more than 48,000 metric tonnes of electronic waste from landfill during 2018.

### **Sustainable Business Covered Podcast: Who Made My Clothes? A Fashion Revolution Week special**

To mark Fashion Revolution Week 2019, episode 61 of the Sustainable Business Covered podcast sees reporter Sarah George quiz some of the key figures helping to make the fashion sector a more planet-friendly and ethical industry.

### **Coalition of central banks urge finance sector to 'raise the bar' on climate action**

A coalition of 36 central banks and regulators, including the Bank of England and the World Bank, have issued a rallying cry urging all stakeholders across the global sector to address climate challenges by "greening" the financial system.

### **West Sussex virtual power plant 'could save UK £32bn' if replicated nationally**

The developers of a new virtual power plant (VPP) system set to come online across West Sussex in stages from autumn have claimed that the model could cut the UK's energy costs by 10% if it is rolled out nationally.

### **Forget Brexit and focus on climate change, Greta Thunberg tells EU**

The teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg has chided EU leaders for holding three emergency summits on Brexit and none on the threat posed by climate change.

### **Costa joins Hull redistribution scheme to combat food waste and hunger**

Coffee chain Costa has joined a collaborative, business-led initiative which uses a food sharing app to help tackle food waste and food poverty issues in Hull.

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## **Features and podcasts**

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### Jargon buster

#### Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020

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#### A Holistic approach to energy



A recent survey by E.ON and Manufacturing Management discovered serious knowledge gaps amongst today's industry leaders when it comes to energy usage. Here, we sit down with Annalisa Bell, strategic account manager at E.ON (pictured), to discuss the ways manufacturers can manage their energy consumption

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Green Alliance blog posted: "What a week for the climate. With impeccable timing, just as a temporary Brexit ceasefire took hold, activists from Extinction Rebellion occupied the streets of London. There followed an incredible week-long display of peaceful determination and optimism,"

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## New post on Inside track



### [After Extinction Rebellion, where next for climate politics?](#)

by [Green Alliance blog](#)

What a week for the climate. With impeccable timing, just as a temporary Brexit ceasefire took hold, activists from Extinction Rebellion occupied the streets of London. There followed an incredible week-long display of peaceful determination and optimism, in the face of a mounting climate crisis. Throw in an Attenborough documentary and an unseasonably hot Easter [...]

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Climate change apathy is thawing

i@inews.co.uk Letter from the Environment Correspondent Tom Bawden

294 words

24 April 2019

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## Features

It's eight days since the Extinction Rebellion protest catapulted climate change into the spotlight, finally giving it the attention it deserves, in the eyes of many.

And, after what feels like a lengthy period of resignation in the battle against global warming, the new-found momentum shows no sign of slowing.

The disruptive part of the rebellion is largely done for now - there were more than 1,000 arrests in a week, making it the biggest civil disobedience event in modern British history.

But the protesters are now limbering up for the next phase - negotiating with the Government and London Mayor Sadiq Khan about decisive action - with the threat of further disobedience if the politicians don't play ball.

At the same time, Greta Thunberg, the 16-year old Swedish activist who inspired school children across the world to strike over climate change this year, is in London this week.

In a sign of how seriously politicians seem to be taking the issue now, she met Environment Secretary Michael Gove, Speaker of the House John Bercow and Jeremy Corbyn yesterday - as well as Liberal Democrat leader Vince Cable, Green Party MP Caroline Lucas and former Labour leader Ed Miliband.

Against this backdrop, every new piece of evidence about the threat posed by climate change seems to carry a little bit more weight than it might have done 10 days ago (our Arctic warming coverage on page five perhaps being a case in point). It could be wishful thinking - and it will be interesting to see if it lasts. But it does seem that the campaign against global warming has just reached a tipping point.

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## News

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### **Today at 10am: sustainability webinar featuring Tideway, WSP and BITC**

Don't miss out on listening to edie's exclusive one-hour webinar featuring sustainable business experts from Tideway, WSP, the BITC and EDF Energy, who will discuss how UK businesses can ramp up their efforts to reduce energy and resource use in 2019-20, taking place today (25 April).

### **Report: Clear CCUS policy needed for UK net-zero emissions goal**

The UK Government should update its "vague terminology" on carbon capture usage and storage (CCUS) deployment in the UK to create clear policy drivers that transform the technology into a primary tool to meet national and international climate change targets.

### **How have key MPs responded to Greta Thunberg and the climate protests?**

Following young climate activist Greta Thunberg's rousing speech to UK MPs calling for an overhaul to "very creative, carbon accounting," edie rounds up how key political figures have responded to her comments and the ongoing Extinction Rebellion protests.

### **Oxford City Council to create citizens assembly to assist with climate change targets**

Following a week of climate-related protests in London, Oxford City Council has announced its intention to become the first UK local authority to create a "citizens assembly" to assist with the establishment of new carbon targets and climate mitigation strategies.

### **Britain notches up another coal-free record over Easter**

Great Britain's power grid notched up another coal-free record over the Easter weekend, operating for nearly 92 consecutive hours without any domestic coal generation.

### **Landsec and RBS become first companies to join RE100, EV100 and EP100**

Property developer Landsec and the Royal Bank of Scotland (RBS) have become the first two firms in the world to have joined all three of The Climate Group's sustainable business programmes - RE100, EV100 and EP100.



## Features and podcasts

### **SDGs In Action: How Tetra Pak is achieving Goal 13 - Climate Action**

Welcome back to edie's new editorial series which breaks down exactly how businesses are turning the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into action. Up next: multinational food packaging firm Tetra Pak unveils how it is protecting futures by championing...

### **The Big Brexit Questions podcast: What next for the UK's natural capital?**

With Brexit discussions set to resume as MPs return to Parliament after an 11-day Easter break, edie's new podcast mini-series explores the impact of Brexit on key areas of the UK's green economy. Up next: Natural capital.

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## Blogs

### **Climate change: Are businesses ready for the 'Attenborough effect' part two?**

The aftermath of BBC's Blue Planet 2 series sparked an unprecedented public outcry against single-use plastics, where businesses were firmly in the crosshairs. With Sir David Attenborough and BBC partnering on the Climate Change - The Facts documentary, do businesses need to prepare for more public scrutiny?

### **Business can't wait for government intervention to tackle climate change**

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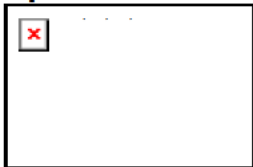
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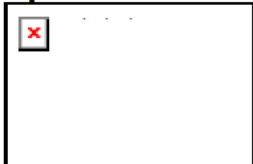
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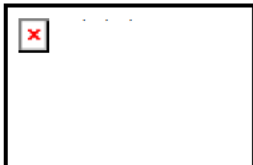
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By Bioregional's Head of Sustainable Business Majonne Frost

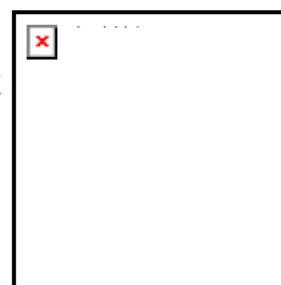
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## New on Carbon Brief

### Guest post: How will climate change's warming pattern look in the future?

Andrew King, Carbon Brief

In a guest post for Carbon Brief, climate science lecturer Dr Andrew King explores how and why the pattern of warming may change as the world heats up. "I examine this question by considering how local temperatures are expected to change in different models at possible future levels of global warming: 1.5C, 2C, 2.5C, 3C and 3.5C above pre-industrial levels," he says.



## Climate and energy news

### Extinction Rebellion: Climate change protesters glue themselves to London Stock Exchange

Harry Cockburn, The Independent

Many publications report that protesters from Extinction Rebellion have today glued themselves to the London Stock Exchange as part of a series of new demonstrations targeted at the capital's financial district. The Independent reports that five men and woman wearing black suits and red ties glued themselves together in a line, blocking the entrance to the building. The group said the area is being targeted because "the financial industry is responsible for funding climate and ecological destruction and we are calling on them, the companies and the institutions that allow this to happen, to tell the truth", the Independent reports. The [Guardian](#) reports that this "rush-hour disruption" is the last action before the group brings an end to its current actions in London. However, the group said that the world should "expect more actions very soon", [BusinessGreen](#) reports. The group will hold a "closing ceremony" today at 5pm in Hyde Park and will also withdraw from Marble Arch and Parliament Square, Business Green adds. The [Daily Telegraph](#) and [Climate Home News](#) also cover the group's latest moves. The [Guardian](#) also reports that public support for the group has "soared" following its easter protests. Separately, the [Guardian](#) reports that up to 10,000 anti-fracking protesters plan to line the route of the Tour de Yorkshire, which starts in Doncaster next Thursday. Protesters will wear masks depicting Ineos

chief Sir Jim Ratcliffe as the devil, the Guardian says. The chemical company Ineos “has been announced as the new sponsor of what was Team Sky – home to Tour de France winners Chris Froome and Geraint Thomas”, it adds.

## **Deforestation: Tropical tree losses persist at high levels**

Matt McGrath, BBC News

Several publications report on new data from the Global Forest Watch showing that around 12m hectares of forest in the world’s tropical regions were lost in 2018. This is the “equivalent to 30 football fields per minute”, BBC News reports. The data shows that deforestation is “still on an upward trend”, the [Guardian](#) reports. “Although 2018 losses were lower than in 2016 and 2017, when dry conditions led to large fires, last year was the next worst since 2002, when such records began,” the Guardian says. [InsideClimate News](#) says the rate of forest loss “threatens a crucial climate solution”.

## **Carbon capture crucial to hit green targets, say MPs**

Nathalie Thomas, Financial Times

The Financial Times covers a new report from MPs finding that the UK cannot “credibly” reduce greenhouse gas emissions to net zero without the widespread use of carbon capture technology, but government support for the fledgling industry has been “turbulent”. A business, energy and industrial strategy (BEIS) select committee said current policies on carbon capture are “so broad as to be meaningless”, the FT adds. [Reuters](#) also has the story.

## **Climate change and sexual harassment top list of girls' concerns**

Amy Walker, The Guardian

Climate change and tackling sexual harassment are the main concerns for girls and young women in the UK, according to research covered by the Guardian. The results come from a consultation with 76,000 girls and young women aged from four to 25 in the UK by the Girl Guiding organisation.

## **Climate and energy comment**

### **Greta Thunberg is right – only a general strike will force action on climate change**

McEver Dugan and Evan Cholerton, The Guardian

Comment and opinion surrounding 16-year-old Swedish activist Greta Thunberg continues in the UK media. The Guardian carries an opinion article from McEver Dugan and Evan Cholerton from the grassroots movement Earth Strike that argues that Thunberg “is right” to call for a general strike to force action on climate change. “For whatever comes, we will fight, and strike, together,” the article reads. An

editorial in the [Sun](#) says Thunberg is “admirable”, but “what troubles us are the credulous adults fawning over her”. “The general strike Greta demands – or the end of air travel – would bring only chaos and hardship,” it adds. The [Daily Mail](#) carries a comment piece from Stephen Glover which also “admires” Thunberg, but asks “why DO our fawning politicians lose all reason over climate change?” An opinion by Rod Liddle in the [Sun](#) carries comments from climate sceptic Piers Corbyn attacking politicians that pay attention to Thunberg. Meanwhile, writer Deborah Orr says in the [i newspaper](#) that “the lineup of those attacking Greta Thunberg will only make you like her more”. The [Daily Telegraph](#) carries an in-depth profile of Thunberg. The [New Yorker](#) also carries a comment piece surrounding Thunberg’s activism. [Edie](#) explores how “key MPs” have responded to Thunberg and Extinction Rebellion.

## Climate change: animation shows US leading the world in carbon emissions

Umair Irfan, Vox

Several publications carry a Carbon Brief [animation](#) of showing cumulative greenhouse gas emissions by country since 1750. Vox says the “stunning animation” makes it “abundantly clear is that the United States of America is the all-time biggest, baddest greenhouse gas emitter on the planet”. [Grist](#) says the animation “captures just how gigantic the US carbon footprint is”. [Mashable](#) also carries the animation.

## How Big Oil tried (but failed) to capture the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Mat Hope, DeSmog UK

DeSmog UK carries a new series exploring how “a secretive fossil fuel lobby group undertook a decades-long campaign to undermine mainstream climate science while spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to try and influence major scientific reports”. Newly released documents show that the Global Climate Coalition (GCC), a fossil-fuel backed lobby group active in the mid-90s and early 2000s, “tried to manipulate the UN’s official scientific advisory body, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC),” DeSmog UK reports. A [second article](#) released today shows how the GCC “manipulated climate programs”.

## New climate science

### Clean air for some: Unintended spillover effects of regional air pollution policies

Science Advances

Efforts to reduce air pollution in China’s cities could increase pollution, CO2 emissions and water consumption in neighbouring regions, a new study suggests. Using atmospheric chemical transport modelling, the researchers simulate clean air policy scenarios and evaluate their environmental impacts on PM2.5 emissions, CO2 emissions and water consumption in the cities of Beijing, Tianjin and Hebei and the spillover effects to other regions. The findings suggest that the benefits of the policies come at the cost

of pushing polluting industries to other nearby areas that have less efficient technologies and often lower environmental standards, the researchers conclude.

## **Other stories**

### **North American drilling boom threatens major blow to climate efforts – report**

Oliver Milman, The Guardian

### **Transport sector slow to reach UK emissions targets**

Peter Campbell and Josh Spero, Financial Times

### **India: Tata Power to focus on clean energy, won't build new coal-fired plants: report**

Money Control

### **China coal investments unpopular in 'new Silk Road' nations - poll**

David Stanway, Reuters via CNBC

### **US oil companies grasp at Permian Basin's Iron Throne**

Ed Crooks, Financial Times

### **What Game of Thrones tells us about our own environmental disaster**

Alf Hornborg, The Independent

### **Flea infestations TRIPLE in a year as milder weather means bugs and pests can survive outdoors**

Reporter, Daily Mail

### **ExxonMobil to expand UK's biggest oil refinery**

## **The Greta Thunberg effect: her activism in London in two minutes – video**

Akshata Rao, The Guardian

## **Q&A: Wanted: 'Legion of lawyers' to fight climate change**

Ellen M Gilmer, E&E News

## **Australia: Fact or fiction? We check Coalition's claims about Labor's climate change policy**

Adam Morton, The Guardian

## **Dare to declare capitalism dead – before it takes us all down with it**

George Monbiot, The Guardian

## **Climate 'tipping points' could add trillions to the costs of warming**

Chelsea Harvey, E&E News via Scientific American

## **Global warming is hitting ocean species hardest, including fish relied on for food**

Bob Berwyn, InsideClimate News

## **A week with Extinction Rebellion – podcast**

India Rakusen, Damien Gayle and Matthew Taylor, The Guardian

## **NIC chief Phil Graham: 'Highly renewable electricity system should be Plan A for UK'**

Phil Graham, BusinessGreen

## **'Low carbon strategy': Equinor beefs up support for Paris Agreement**

James Murray, BusinessGreen

## **Norwegian oil-and-gas behemoth Equinor strikes climate deal with investors**

Ben Geman, Axios

## **Should we turn the Sahara Desert into a huge solar farm?**

Amin Al-Habaibeh, The Conversation

## **How China, the EU and the U.S. could contribute to temperature extremes in specific regions**

Ben Geman, Axios

## **Antarctica: Thousands of emperor penguin chicks wiped out**

Jonathan Amos, BBC News

## **Video: FEMA Acting Deputy Administrator says climate is changing and 'we have to take action'**

Politico

## **Temperatures will exceed Paris goals even if the largest emitters aggressively cut emissions**

Ben Geman, Axios

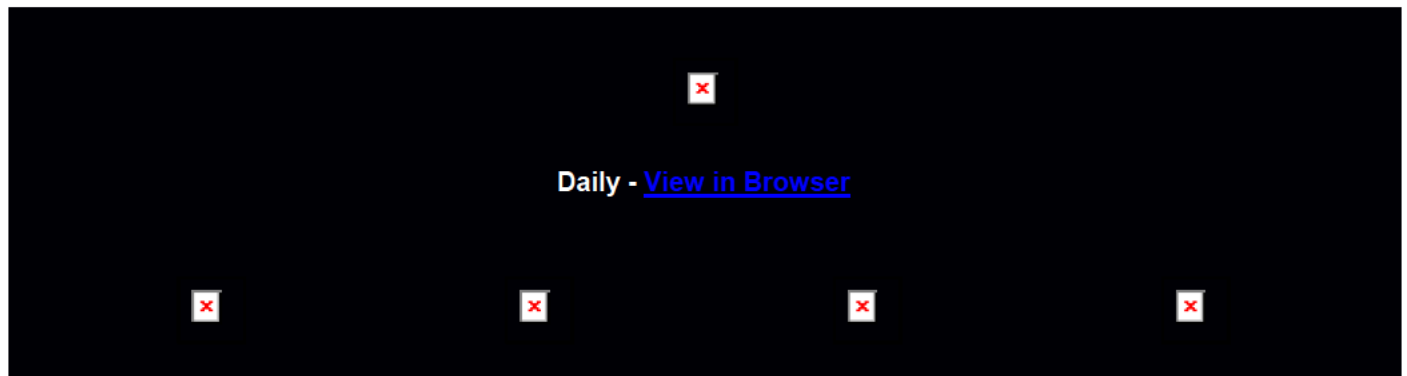
## **Big Oil's expected \$5-trillion investment will blow past global climate goals**

Akshat Rath, Quartz

## **Australian election: The 'unlikely' group calling for climate action**

BBC News

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## Extinction Rebellion targets financial sector ahead of 'closing ceremony'

Rebel Alliance

Green gas milestone: One million UK homes now supplied with biomethane

New York city bans inefficient glass skyscrapers, WA state to end coal

Repower old onshore wind farms to meet climate targets, UK government urged

'Expect more actions very soon': Extinction Rebellion to end disruption in London, for now

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**Cc:** transportdesk  
**Subject:** RE: BBC London - green buses

FYI they're also interested in everything we are lobbying government for power wise on environment which we'll brief in. [REDACTED] is reporter

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Thanks [REDACTED] – probably worth sharing with them a list of all the work we and TfL have done in this area re climate change etc.

I think poss one was pulled together for the broadcast briefing yest?

Thanks v much

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**Cc:** transportdesk <transportdesk@london.gov.uk>  
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Hi,

TfL press office say that BBC London is doing a piece following the climate change protests and wants to highlight the green projects and initiatives around the capital. From a transport perspective, they are interested in the all-electric buses that will help reduce carbon emissions. They are looking to film the all-electric fleet at Waterloo bus garage tomorrow morning.

TfL are putting forward Tom Cunningham for this to talk about the electric buses and the upcoming plans for zero emission buses.

We've suggested he looks at the reactive lines we gave to the Times last week, just in case BBC ask if our progress on electric buses has been too slow..

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**Cc:** Shirley Rodrigues  
**Subject:** RE: Cleared climate lines

And if you need a link – this is the one to our 1.5 degree compatible climate action plan:  
<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/environment/climate-change/climate-action-plan>

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**Subject:** Cleared climate lines

Hi,

Sorry for the delay – cleared lines from policy team and Shirley below:

1. The Mayor was one of the first leaders to declare a climate emergency, in December 2018
2. The Mayor has already adopted a target for London to be zero carbon, and was one of the first global cities to adopt a climate action plan that is compatible with the Paris Climate agreement to keep global warming within 1.5 degrees
3. The Mayor has introduced the world leading Ultra Low Emission Zone, is cleaning up the buses and only licensing zero-emission capable taxis in London, to cut our transport emissions
4. The Mayor has opposed the third runway at Heathrow airport, supporting a judicial review of the government's decision to support it
5. The Mayor has launched a half a billion pound fund to invest in low carbon solutions just in London. This is the same size of fund that government has committed to fund new renewables across the whole of the UK
6. London is the only major city that has implemented a zero carbon standard for new homes, and the Mayor is proposing to extend this to non-domestic developments this year.
7. The Mayor has opposed fracking and is also working with New York to lead a global city network on divestment

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2019 16:04  
**To:** Shirley Rodrigues  
**Subject:** Lines for stakeholders

Hi,

Here's what I plan to send to [REDACTED] (and potentially other stakeholders) on our key lines. The first list is so they know what we're doing and can perhaps endorse. The second is so they know what our key asks are. And the third is more for info.

[REDACTED]

#### **Mayor's current action**

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#### **Key asks of government to achieve the 1.5 degree plan**

1. Delegate powers and resources to set minimum energy efficiency standards for our existing buildings, so the Mayor can improve and enforce them
2. Delegate powers and resources to set emissions limits for new boilers and for combined heat and power plants in London
3. London has been chronically underfunded on energy efficiency for over a decade. Recent cuts have made this even worse. Government needs to acknowledge this and significantly increase its funding for home insulation above and beyond the Energy Company Obligation, ensuring that London gets its fair share.
4. To help Londoners switch to cleaner vehicles, government needs to match the Mayor's £23 million low income scrappage scheme

#### **Key messages from our 1.5 degree plan**

London is one of the only global cities to have published a climate action plan which is compatible with the Paris Climate agreement and a 1.5 degree pathway. Its key messages are:

1. We urgently need to increase the number of buildings retrofitted with energy efficiency measures.
2. Strong national government policy and programmes are needed to get London's buildings to the required levels of energy efficiency
3. London's path towards zero carbon relies on continued grid decarbonisation and more ambitious national government action.
4. Any increases in London's energy demand should be offset by energy efficiency deployment and increasing use of smart technology to smooth peaks in demand.

5. Costs associated with grid upgrades should be manageable.
6. Government must decide which low carbon heat pathway the UK will take by the mid-2020s at the latest.
7. Each different energy system pathway has its own pros and cons. However, costs may be similar and business as usual is not the cheapest option.
8. Decarbonising transport and increasing use of active and public transport remains a key objective for London.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2019 18:11  
**To:** Shirley Rodrigues  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Leah Kreitzman; Nick Bowes; [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT: Bid for SK to meet with Extinction Rebellion on Monday

Thanks

SK is happy with this

[REDACTED] will pick up in the morning and liaise with you all re timings – cc [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in [REDACTED] absence

Thanks

[REDACTED]

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**From:** Shirley Rodrigues  
**Sent:** 25 April 2019 15:54  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; Leah Kreitzman <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; Nick Bowes <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** URGENT: Bid for SK to meet with Extinction Rebellion on Monday

Hi [REDACTED]

Please see an urgent request to SK to consider meeting with members of Extinction Rebellion on Monday – signed off also by Leah K and Nick. Let me know if you have any questions.

Cheers

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**Shirley Rodrigues**

**Deputy Mayor, Environment & Energy**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2019 15:28  
**To:** [REDACTED] Shirley Rodrigues; [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Climate emergency - extinction rebellion

Hi Shirley,

Yes, we printed about 50. [REDACTED] has about 10 copies but I'll bring some more up now.

Thanks  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 April 2019 15:26  
**To:** Shirley Rodrigues <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Climate emergency - extinction rebellion

1.5 plan attached in pdf form.

[REDACTED] will know where the hard copies are.

Thanks,  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Shirley Rodrigues  
**Sent:** 25 April 2019 15:21  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Climate emergency - extinction rebellion

Can you send me a pdf version of the 1.5C report – do you have hard copies too? Can you pop some up today pls?

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 15 April 2019 15:14  
**To:** Shirley Rodrigues <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Climate emergency - extinction rebellion

Hi here is the MQ and briefing – thanks to [REDACTED]

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**From:** Shirley Rodrigues  
**Sent:** 15 April 2019 14:06  
**To:** [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>  
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**Subject:** Climate emergency - extinction rebellion

Hi

See below for the line being used if asked about ER and will ref our 1.5C plan too.

Could you recirculate the MQ answer and any briefing we've done on this as we may be asked for more detail.

Thanks

A spokesperson for the Mayor of London said: "Sadiq fully respects the right to peaceful protest as long as it is within the boundaries of the law. Those protesting should bear in mind the effect of their actions on Londoners and our city.

"The Mayor has been clear that the Government must take bolder action to address the real issue around climate change. At City Hall we are taking action to invest in alternatives, like electric and rapid charging points and making sure we encourage renewable energies. We have also established a £500 million fund to invest in low carbon technologies."

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