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80 climate singers turn Liverpool Street Station into a call to Andy Burnham: Stop Rosebank

Climate Choir Movement stages peaceful musical protest as decision on controversial North Sea oil field looms

London: Sunday 13th September, 4pm: Around 80 singers from Climate Choirs across England staged a peaceful flashmob at Liverpool Street Station this afternoon, making a direct appeal to Prime Minister Andy Burnham that he reject the Rosebank oilfield.

The singers came together from numerous regional climate choirs to perform specially adapted choral music, bringing a message about the climate emergency to one of London's busiest public spaces, and demand that Burnham does not grant a license to Rosebank, the UK's biggest undeveloped oil field.

The action was the latest in the Climate Choir Movement's campaign against Rosebank. The Movement previously staged musical protests at St Pancras and King's Cross stations in 2025 and at the Houses of Parliament in 2024.

Kai Honey, Musical Director of the Climate Choir Movement, said: *"We've had a summer of scary heatwaves, crop failures - with Andy Burnham himself holding up a tiny potato on instagram - and tragic flash floods in Nepal due to melting ice.*

You know what's not going to fix the climate crisis? 250m tons of extra CO2 in the atmosphere due to burning Rosebank's oil! As a choir, we stand together with hundreds of other artists and musical groups around the UK to call on Burnham to reject this insanely dangerous oil field."

Suzi Shingler, Campaign Manager for the Stop Rosebank campaign said: *"This peaceful protest has beautifully shared the message that we have to stop drilling for new oil. More North Sea drilling would do nothing to cut our energy bills and make no meaningful difference to UK energy supply.*

After more than 50 years of non-stop drilling, the UK has now burned most of its gas and the majority of what's left in the basin is oil, which is largely exported elsewhere.

A new oil field on the scale of Rosebank, which is overwhelmingly oil for export, is fundamentally incompatible with safe climate limits and the UK's international commitments.

The science is clear that the world already has far more oil and gas than can ever be safely burned if we are to limit warming.

The Prime Minister needs to listen to scientists' warnings and think back to those families who lost their homes to this summer's wildfires, the UK farmers struggling to grow our food in the drought, and the lives lost in the floods in Nepal – and not the self-interested demands of the oil companies. The government must say no to Rosebank.”

Why Rosebank matters

Rosebank has nearly 500 million barrels of oil, making it the largest undeveloped oil field in the North Sea. The majority of its oil was expected to be exported rather than used to reduce UK energy bills. Burning its reserves would produce more CO₂ than the combined annual emissions of the 28 lowest-income countries.

In January 2025, the Court of Session in Edinburgh ruled that the original approval of Rosebank was unlawful because the government had failed to properly assess the emissions produced when the oil was ultimately burned. A fresh decision was therefore required.

The campaign against Rosebank has attracted opposition from more than one million people, alongside scientists and experts, faith leaders, MPs and major organisations.

About the Climate Choir Movement

Founded in Bristol in late 2022, the Climate Choir Movement brings together regional choirs that use high-quality, peaceful and creative musical performances to engage the public with the climate and nature emergency. Choirs have performed in public spaces and at actions across the UK. www.climatechoirmovement.org

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More about Rosebank:

<https://www.stopcambo.org.uk/updates/what-is-the-rosebank-oil-field>

Response to Rosebank:

Climate damage would obliterate any economic benefits of new North Sea fields, analysis shows

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2026/aug/25/climate-damage-economy-north-sea-oil-gas-fields-rosebank-jackdaw>