

Green Party co-leader supports oil injunction campaigners in court



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* Jonathan Bartley: 'The right to peaceful protest is under threat'

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, will today be at the High Court [1] to stand in solidarity with six women [2] challenging an injunction application by UK Oil and Gas [3].

Bartley said the application is part of a nationwide rollout which has put "the right to peaceful protest under threat".

The Green Party has also supported campaigners fighting an injunction by Chris Grayling to curb anti-HS2 action [4], as well as activists given suspended sentences for breaking the Sheffield tree injunction [5], among others.

Jonathan Bartley, co-leader of the Green Party, said:

"The right to peaceful protest is under threat. This draconian application is part of a nationwide rollout of injunctions which seeks to stamp out peaceful dissent wherever it is found. I stand in full solidarity with the brave activists standing up to the fossil fuel industry in court today. UK Oil and Gas' risky methods of oil and gas exploration are a threat to our environment and jeopardise our climate targets."

Notes:

1. Bartley will join activists outside the High Court on Tuesday 3 July 2018.
2. A picture of the six women challenging the injunction is here: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/yfrttm96mxsgzf/UKOGInjunctionDefendants.JPG?dl=0> Left to right of defendants in photo: Constance Whiston; Vicki Elcoate; Ann Stewart; Sue Jameson; Jacqui Hamlin; Natasha Doane
3. UK Oil and Gas has drilling sites across the South East including Broadford Bridge in West Sussex and Horse Hill in Surrey, both mentioned in the injunction. It also has a significant stake in the proposed drilling site

at Leith Hill in Surrey and a planned new site on the Isle of Wight.

4. <https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2018/feb/19/transport-secretary-injunction-stop-hs2-protesters-chris-grayling-london>

5. <https://www.greenparty.org.uk/news/2018/06/08/green-party-responds-to-suspended-sentences-for-sheffield-tree-campaigners/>

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