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# SECURING THE UK'S POWER SUPPLIES: HOW TO DO IT SUCCESSFULLY, SUSTAINABLY, AND COST-EFFECTIVELY

## Supporting quotes

### SSE

Keith Maclean, Policy & Research Director, SSE, said "The very broad objectives of government policy - security of supply, decarbonisation and affordability - are absolutely the right ones. Over the last decade, however, energy policy has been bedevilled by inconsistency and incoherence and a failure to integrate properly the issues of supply and demand. The novel, integrated approach taken by our group shows how the Energy Bill could be used to address this long-standing problem - it is an opportunity that the government should take."

### University of Exeter:

Catherine Mitchell, Energy Policy Group, University of Exeter, said "Today's publication is positive, progressive and driven by a desire to deliver a more sustainable, secure and affordable whole energy system. The Government should take the Roundtable's comments into account as it moves forward with the Energy Bill."

### Consumer Focus:

Audrey Gallacher, Director of Energy at Consumer Focus, said: "Our energy supply must be made greener and more secure. But as the costs for improvements will lead to bigger bills for consumers, effective measures are needed to help those struggling to afford higher energy prices. Current Government plans are simply not sufficient to tackle the scale of fuel poverty, with the energy efficiency help available in England actually falling as bills rise. Using some of the extra revenue from carbon taxes could go a long way to plug the funding gap in help for those who need it most."





WWF:

Nick Molho, Head of Energy Policy at WWF-UK said: "Today's publication comes from an unprecedented collaboration between a range of organisations from across the energy sector. Whilst we are all coming at this from different perspectives, we all want the UK to succeed in developing a clean, secure and affordable power sector and are deeply concerned that current Government proposals are just not up to the job."

"It's by putting energy efficiency at the heart of energy policy and by giving tailored, proportionate and long-term support to the renewables sector that we can put the UK power sector on track for a successful decarbonisation and one that could be full of economic growth opportunities."

RSPB:

Harry Huyton, Head of Climate Change and Energy at the RSPB said: "We urgently need a revolution in the way we generate our energy, so that it's low carbon, affordable and sustainable. Today's intervention is from a broad church that spans academia, NGOs, consumer groups and industry, and we're excited by the strong level of consensus reached over the future we want for the UK energy sector. We hope that Government will listen and respond with urgent action to improve its draft Energy Bill so that it works for renewable energy and introduces a target to decarbonise electricity by 2030"

NEA:

NEA notes that whilst the communiqué implies a need for introducing additional policies and incentives, the group have rightly highlighted the critical question facing policy-makers; what are the direct effects on low-income and vulnerable households. In the short term, these issues present a difficult challenge to Government but NEA believes it is positive that there is a growing recognition that environmental policy does not exist in isolation and must take full account of the potential social impacts.

IPPR:

Will Straw, Associate Director for Globalisation and Climate Change at IPPR said "This publication and its diverse group of authors show the level of concern about the Government's energy policy. To deliver a secure, decarbonised and affordable energy system and reap the benefits that holds for economic growth, Britain needs much greater clarity and coherence, and an explicit commitment to decarbonise the energy sector by 2030."

Good Energy:

Juliet Davenport, CEO and Founder of Good Energy – the UK's only 100% renewable electricity supplier said: "The political will for energy reforms has to be better translated into the detail of policy. The Government has correctly identified many of the problems we face, but officials are failing to provide the right kind of solutions.

"There seems to be a pre-occupation with overly complex and ham-fisted policy proposals, instead of producing simple and straightforward solutions that the market can then easily implement. It's not a case of more or less intervention, but a question of good or bad intervention."



Greenpeace:

Doug Parr, Policy Director at Greenpeace said: "Ed Davey's draft energy law risks putting up both carbon emissions and energy bills, but this coalition of business and civil society shows that measures to go green can complement efforts to stabilise energy bills and improve the security of our power supplies."

Energy Saving Trust:

Philip Sellwood, Chief Executive of the Energy Saving Trust, said "The round table was a big step forward in bringing together influential leaders from across the different sectors to help shape our energy future.

"The clear outcome was that everyone involved identified saving energy as the first priority for energy policy. The conclusions put customers at the centre of our thinking, most importantly the need to protect people against fuel poverty."