Cat's out the bag. Just Stop Oil will take action at airports

By Just Stop Oil

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The secret is out — and our new actions are going to be big.

We're going so big that we can't even tell you the full plan, but know this — Just Stop Oil will be taking our most radical action yet this summer. We'll be taking action at sites of key importance to the fossil fuel industry; super-polluting airports.
Governments promised to stop heating at 1.5°C. They’ve now failed us all.

In 2016, leaders came together and promised to keep heating under 1.5°C as part of the Paris Agreement. Past that our government knows we risk heating spiralling out of control — escalating fires, floods, storms and food shortages.

Last year, heating smashed through to 1.52°C above the pre-industrial average. Sunak's response? Silence. In January 2024 we reached 1.66°C of heating. We are facing a worst-case scenario and our governments are in a state of fear and denial. It’s time to turn up the pressure. We're going to resist this carbon regime with all we've got.

You’ve heard the plan. Now let’s make sure everyone in the UK knows it.

To pull this off, we need to mobilise people across the country. Over 80% of people in the UK are concerned about the climate crisis and in the last year, thousands of people have taken part in radical action. We can do this. But we need proper funding to make it happen.

We need to raise £50,000 in the next month to fund our biggest push yet. With your help, we’ll hold meetings up and down the country, explaining our
plan, building teams and getting people prepared for action.

Here’s how your support could make a difference:

- **£25** could pay for a bus or train ticket for a young person to attend a meeting
- **£50** could buy a stack of posters to spread the word.
- **£100** could help put on a soup night to build community for people taking action.
- **£500** could rent a hall for a talk near you
- **£1000** could pay for a powerful combination of all these things, empowering ordinary people to take action against our criminal government.

We have to do this. Now.

Just Stop Oil are demanding an end to the licensing of new oil and gas projects in the UK — this is the basic first step of any government serious about dealing with the climate crisis. The International Energy Agency (IEA) has said there must be no new investment in new gas, oil or coal extraction projects from now on if we have any chance of avoiding catastrophic heating.

**We won’t be the first.** France, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Portugal, Costa Rica, Ireland and Wales have already made commitments to end the licensing of oil and gas. But that good work is undone when our Prime Minister vows to “max out” oil and gas in the North Sea.
The UK is second only to Norway as Europe's biggest fossil fuel producer (or should we say, carbon polluter). What we achieve here will echo across the globe. We have to stop new oil and gas.

**We know direct action makes the difference.**

At home, every major political party – except the Conservatives — has promised to stop licensing new projects. Media debate over oil and gas licensing is through the roof. An ex-government minister resigned as an MP in protest against new licences. We've proven we can hold the spotlight on our leaders if we keep up the pressure.

**And we've done the groundwork.** Public facing action throughout 2023 has built Just Stop Oil into the UK's biggest radical action group. **What we need now is the time and funds for a campaign that will hit polluters hard.**

**Will you support those standing in defiance?**

Can you chip in and support? We need you. Together we will Just Stop Oil.

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Dozens of campaigners held over alleged airport plans

Police said the Just Stop Oil members had been arrested under the Public Order Act.

Dozens of Just Stop Oil supporters suspected of planning to disrupt airports this summer have been arrested across England.

The Metropolitan Police said 27 people were taken into custody, including some believed to be "key organisers" for the climate group.
Six arrests were made in east London, four at Gatwick airport, and the rest from forces across the country.

The force added the six who were arrested on Thursday evening at a community centre in London were there "as part of a publicly-advertised event promoting airport disruption".

The operation took place in Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Devon, Essex, Manchester, Surrey, Sussex, Norfolk and West Yorkshire, a Met spokesperson said.

The 27 were detained under the Public Order Act which makes it illegal to conspire to disrupt national infrastructure.

Four people arrested on Tuesday after being identified at Gatwick Airport and have since been released on bail.

Ch Supt Ian Howells added: “We know Just Stop Oil are planning to disrupt airports across the country this summer which is why we have taken swift and robust action now.

"Our stance is very clear that anyone who compromises the safety and security of airports in London can expect a strong response from officers or security staff.

"Airports are complex operating environments which is why we are working closely with them, agencies and other partners on this operation."

Suspects released on bail are subject to conditions which include not travelling within one kilometre of any UK airport unless passing by while on a mode of transport.

In response to the wave of arrests, a Just Stop Oil spokesman said: "It isn't a massive surprise."

He added that disruption is necessary because people are "dropping dead around the world" from extreme heat, and "tipping points" are being passed.

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Arrests made as Just Stop Oil plan summer disruption

Supporters of Just Stop Oil suspected of planning to disrupt airports this summer have been arrested in a co-ordinated operation.

A total of 27 people have been held as part of activity in London, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Devon, Essex, Manchester, Surrey, Sussex, Norfolk and West Yorkshire.
All the individuals were arrested under a section of the Public Order Act which makes it illegal to conspire to disrupt national infrastructure.

On Tuesday, four people were arrested after being identified at Gatwick Airport. They have been released on bail.

On Thursday evening, six people were arrested at an east London community centre as part of a publicly-advertised event promoting airport disruption.

Among those held were several high-profile members of Just Stop Oil who we believe to be key organisers.

This morning, Met officers worked with more than eight other police forces to arrest suspects at their homes across the country. A total of 17 people were arrested.

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All those released on bail are subject to conditions which include not to travel within 1km of any UK airport unless passing through by vehicle or public transport.
In future, anyone suspected of breaching this condition can be arrested immediately for this offence.

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Dozens of Just Stop Oil activists arrested on suspicion of planning to disrupt airports

‘Several high-profile members’ among 27 supporters of climate group arrested across England, say police

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Twenty-seven Just Stop Oil supporters have been arrested on suspicion of planning to disrupt airports this summer, the Metropolitan police have said.

Arrests were made in London, Gloucestershire, Oxfordshire, Devon, Essex, Manchester, Surrey, Sussex, Norfolk and West Yorkshire, the force said.

The supporters were arrested under a section of the Public Order Act that makes it illegal to conspire to disrupt national infrastructure. “Among those held were several high-profile members of Just Stop Oil who we believe to be key organisers,” police said.

On Tuesday, Scotland Yard said four people were arrested after being identified at Gatwick airport and released on bail. A further six people were arrested at an east London community centre “as part of a publicly advertised event promoting airport disruption”.

Met officers then worked with more than eight police forces across the country to arrest suspects at their homes across the country, arresting another 17 people on
Friday.

In a statement, Just Stop Oil said: “Supporters are deeply committed to protecting their families and communities from the tyranny of fossil fuels. If our government refuses to do what is right to protect humanity, then people will step up to do what needs to be done. We refuse to die for fossil fuels and we refuse to stand by while millions are murdered.

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We refuse to die for fossil fuels – Just Stop Oil response to police raids resulting in at least 27 arrests.

Press / June 28, 2024

Over the last 12 hours the British state has acted unlawfully in detaining a total of at least 27 ordinary people sharing food at a community event and at their homes. Their only crime? They are Just Stop Oil supporters.

Being a Just Stop Oil supporter is now enough to make you a suspect. Believing that no government has the right to tyrannise the entire world by encouraging the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, marks you out as a dangerous radical.

But we will not be intimidated. The painful truth right now is that our politicians and corporations have no
this, there has never been a democratic mandate to destroy the habitable world.

Just Stop Oil supporters are deeply committed to protecting their families and communities from the tyranny of fossil fuels. If our government refuses to do what is right to protect humanity, then people will step up to do what needs to be done. We refuse to die for fossil fuels and we refuse to stand by while millions are murdered.

That's why we are joining an international uprising taking nonviolent collective action to defend humanity. Sign up to take action at juststopoil.org.

We demand that our government stops the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030 and that they support and finance other countries to make a fast, fair and just transition. They must sign the Fossil Fuel Treaty to end the war on humanity before we lose everything.

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Munich Airport forced to close for two hours after climate protesters glue themselves to runway

The airport in southern Germany was closed to take-offs and landings for nearly two hours but has since reopened.
Eight climate protesters have been arrested after shutting down Munich Airport and causing about 60 flight cancellations.

Six of the activists glued themselves to a runway access road early on Saturday morning, but the situation is now under control with both runways open.

Climate protest group Last Generation took responsibility in videos on X showing its members wearing orange vests on the tarmac.

"A total of six people are sitting in two groups on different locations of the Munich airport," one of the posts said.
"It is absurd that people can afford flights more than train journeys," said another post from the group.

"The responsibility for this lies with the government: it subsidises flights while the railways are ruined by cost-cutting."

An airport spokesperson said it had been fully closed to take-offs and landings for nearly two hours.

Some 11 flights were also diverted, around 60 cancelled, and delays were still possible, the spokesperson added.

The disruption occurred during one of the busiest travel periods, second only to the Easter holidays, according to the airport.
Climate activists blockade Farnborough private jet airport’s three main gates

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Extinction Rebellion climate activists are blocking access to Farnborough Airport this morning (Sunday 2 June) to protest against the increasing use of highly polluting private jets by the super-rich and to call on the government to ban private jets, tax frequent flyers and make polluters pay.
Today’s blockade is part of a global week of action against private aviation under the banner Make Them Pay with actions in Denmark, Germany, Mexico, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the US, and follows Europe’s largest private jet convention EBACE in Geneva this week.

In Farnborough, protesters have barricaded the airport’s Gulfstream Gate with the iconic XR pink boat with “LOVE IN ACTION” painted on the side, Ively Gate has four protesters locked on to oil drums, and the airport’s departure gate has an activist mounted on a tripod blockading the entrance. Police have seized a second tripod.

A fourth group of protesters are playing cat and mouse with the airport authorities, moving between the airport’s other gates to block them. At all three main gates, protesters are releasing colourful smoke flares, chanting slogans and engaging with members of the public, accompanied by the XR Rebel Rhythms band of drummers.

The activists are supported at all three main entrances to the airport by scores of demonstrators holding banners reading “FLYING TO EXTINCTION”, “PRIVATE FLIGHTS = PUBLIC DEATHS”, “STOP PRIVATE FLIGHTS”, “PRIVATE FLIGHTS COST THE EARTH” and “TAX FREQUENT FLYERS”.

Climate activists are targeting Farnborough Airport in an escalating campaign because it is the UK’s largest private jet airport. Last year 33,120 private flights landed and took off from its runways, carrying an average of just 2.5 passengers per flight, making them up to 40 times more carbon intensive than regular flights. Currently 40% of flights to and from the airport are empty. The airport is now seeking planning permission to increase the number of planes taking off or landing from a maximum of 50,000 a year to up to 70,000 a year.

Farnborough Airport claims to be a centre for business aviation yet around 50% of Farnborough flights headed to the Mediterranean during summer months, rather than business locations, with around 25% heading to Alpine destinations during the winter months. Last year a service was launched specifically to shuttle dogs and their owners to Dubai and back.

The demonstration includes campaigners from Extinction Rebellion, who have joined forces with local residents, Quakers, and campaign organisations Farnborough Noise Group, Blackwater Valley Friends of the Earth, and Bristol Aviation Action Network to voice their opposition to the airport’s expansion plans.

**Dr Jessica Upton, 54, from Oxford, a Veterinary surgeon and foster carer said:** “I’m here today because private airports are an abomination. Expanding Farnborough would be putting the indulgent wants of the rich minority over the needs of the majority. Local people need cleaner air and less noise pollution, and the world’s population urgently
needs rapid reductions in greenhouse gas emissions to survive. Private airports disproportionately contribute to climate breakdown and closing them would boost our chances of sticking to the Paris Climate Accords, the supposedly legally binding international treaty agreed to and signed by our government."

Daniela Voit, 37, from Surbiton, a Shiatsu Practitioner and Teacher, said: “Last year we hit a global average temperature rise of 1.5°C degrees celsius over an entire year. For decades we were told a 1.5°C rise needs to be avoided to avoid catastrophic changes to our lives due to the planetary warming caused by humanity’s CO2 emissions. We can see the consequences of this temperature rise all over the world – currently immense flooding in Brazil and Afghanistan and temperature of 52°C in Pakistan. To carry on flying in private jets, one of the biggest causes for CO2 emissions per person, in a time of climate crisis is reckless. The rich 1% that are flying from Farnborough Private Jet Airport seem to think they are exempt from taking responsibility for what they are doing to our only home. Banning Private Jets is one of the first things we need to do to stop further temperature rises. This is vital to ensure the survival of all life – human, animal and plant – on this planet that we call our Mother Earth.”

Make Them Pay demands:

1) **Ban private jets.** Flying in a private jet is the most inefficient and carbon-intensive mode of transport. Flights on private jets can be as much as 40 times more carbon-intensive than regular flights, and 50 times more polluting than trains. A four-hour private flight emits as much as the average person does in a year. Private jet use is entirely inappropriate during a climate emergency. There’s strong public support for banning private jets and banning this mode of travel was a key recommendation of the Climate Assembly.

2) **Tax frequent flyers.** Various citizens’ assemblies, for example in the UK, Scotland, and France, have recommended that frequent flyers and those who fly further should pay more.

They believe this would “address issues of tax fairness, as currently those who don’t fly are subsidising those who do” and that “this would deliver significant behaviour changes across society and have a positive impact on reducing overall carbon emissions caused by flying.”

Taxes on air travel would be a socially progressive way of raising climate funds and have been proposed by the group representing the most vulnerable countries at COP27 as an effective way to raise climate finance and pay for loss and damage, alongside debt cancellation.

3) **Make polluters pay.** It is only fair that the wealthiest in society and the highest-
income, highest-emitters pay for their climate damage, and pay the most into climate
Loss and Damage funds for the most affected peoples and areas to mitigate and adapt to
the worst impacts of climate change.

The top 1% of the global population by income are responsible for more emissions than
the bottom 50% combined. So not only is it a question of morality that the wealthiest in
society pay the most, and commit to the most rapid emissions reductions – it’s also a
mathematical necessity and a question of practicality and science.

About Extinction Rebellion

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movement using non-violent direct action and civil disobedience to persuade
governments to act justly on the Climate and Ecological Emergency.

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Time has almost entirely run out to address the climate and ecological crisis which is
upon us, including the sixth mass species extinction, global pollution, and increasingly
rapid climate change. If urgent and radical action isn’t taken, we’re heading towards
4 °C warming, leading to societal collapse and mass loss of life. The younger generation,
racially marginalised communities and the Global South are on the front-line. No-one
will escape the devastating impacts.

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The jets appeared to have been sprayed at London Stansted Airport on Thursday.

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22 June 2024

Two women have denied causing £52,000 worth of damage after private jets were sprayed with orange paint by Just Stop Oil activists at Stansted Airport.
Jennifer Kowalski, 28, and Cole Macdonald, 22, pleaded not guilty to causing criminal damage and interfering with national infrastructure.

Ms Macdonald, of Baker Street, Brighton, East Sussex, and Ms Kowalski, of Williamson Avenue, Dumbarton, in West Dumbartonshire, were not asked to enter pleas to a third charge of aggravated trespass.

Just Stop Oil had said the private jet of popstar Taylor Swift was at the Essex airport, but police said it was not there at the time.

The pair were accused of using angle grinders to break through an airport fence at about 05:00 BST on Thursday before entering a taxiway with fire extinguishers filled with orange spray paint.

Prosecutors said the cost of cleaning up the paint was £52,000, but the full extent of the damage to the fence and extra security was not known.

Chelmsford Magistrates' Court heard 75 flights were disrupted during a 38-minute delay, affecting thousands of passengers.

The pair were denied bail and were due to appear for another hearing at Chelmsford Crown Court on 22 July.

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Just Stop Oil 'plan to disrupt airports' in a 'sustained period of action' after spray paint attack on Stansted VIP airfield and Stonehenge

By MATT DRAKE

Just Stop Oil (JSO) will stage a campaign of 'sustained action' against airports over the summer holidays which could potentially ruin people's holiday plans.

The climate group has made headlines in recent weeks for its latest stunts including spray painting Stonehenge and spraying two private jets at Stansted airport.

But according to a source, the stunt at Stansted on Thursday was only a 'prelude' to plans to disrupt even more airports over the coming months.

Speaking to The Times, the source said: 'This is just another way of us taking action in the theatres of life we exist in because we're not politicians.'
Jennifer Kowalski, 28, (left) and Cole Macdonald, 22, (right) were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage after gaining access to the airfield and damaging the private jets.

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If this incoming government doesn’t get us on war footing then we’re not going to have anywhere to fly to.'

A JSO spokesman told MailOnline: 'We have smashed through the 1.5 degree threshold that was supposed to keep us safe, the consequences of this are catastrophic and this is leading to runaway extreme temperatures that are making large parts of the world unable to support human life. We cannot continue business as usual.

To protect our families and communities we need an emergency, international legally binding treaty to phase out fossil fuel burning by 2030:

When asked whether they would disrupt people’s summer holidays, the spokesman said: 'We will be taking action at sites of key importance to the fossil fuel economy to demand an emergency, international legally binding treaty to phase out oil, gas and coal burning by 2030.'

On Wednesday, two JSO activists were arrested and later bailed for throwing orange powder paint at Stonehenge.

Rajan Naidu, 73, and Niamh Lynch, 21, ran up to the stones and attacked them as members of the public tried to intervene.

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Cole Macdonald poses in front of her handywork while wearing a Just Stop Oil T-shirt.

The activists were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage and interference with the use or operation of national infrastructure.

An image grab from a video released by the Just Stop Oil climate campaign group shows activists spraying an orange substance at Stonehenge in Wiltshire.

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Just Stop Oil protesters who sprayed Stonehenge are bird-watching Oxford student, 21, and Quaker, 73

Video footage showed two people wearing white shirts with the Just Stop Oil slogan, approaching the stone circle with canisters and spraying orange powder paint.

The group claimed it would wash off in the rain but archaeologists are concerned about potential damage to the 5,000-year-old world icon and landmark.

Tim Daw, a local farmer and historic property steward who used to volunteer at the site, carried out an experiment by mixing cornflour and food dye and then applying it to a small piece of sarsen, which is the same stone as Stonehenge.

On the piece of sarsen a series of little back dots are visible, which are the lichen.

Mr Daw described this on BBC Breakfast as a 'very, very rare plant organism that grows on rocks' which 'takes hundreds of years to grow because there's no nutrition'.

Tim Daw washed the bottom half of the piece of stone before gently rubbing it – and noticed that the cornflour was in the stone's pores and therefore 'displacing the lichen'.

Former Stonehenge volunteer 'shocked and saddened' at vandalism
He then washed the bottom half of the stone before gently rubbing it and noticed that the conifour was in the stone's pores and therefore 'displacing the lichen.'

Mr Daw told the show that he was ‘worried’ about the lichen on the monument, and said of yesterday’s attack: ‘I was shocked and saddened. I couldn’t believe it.

‘Stonehenge is so precious, not just to me but to so many people. To do this act, which I think has worked against their cause, just seems pointless and damaging.’

Rishi Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer were united in the condemnation of Just Stop Oil after the incident.

The Prime Minister described it as a ‘disgraceful act of vandalism’ while the Labour leader branded the group ‘pathetic.

Then on Thursday, two JSO activists broke into the VIP section at Stansted airport and sprayed two jets with orange paint.

Jennifer Kowalski, 28, and Cole Macdonald, 22, were arrested on suspicion of criminal damage after gaining access to the airfield and damaging the private jets.

Although Taylor Swift’s private jet had been there hours earlier, it was not affected.

JSO also made headlines in 2022 after two activists threw soup on Van Gogh’s Sunflowers at the National Gallery.

Last week, JSO delivered letters to every major political party to demand they sign a legally binding treaty to stop the extraction and burning of oil, gas and coal by 2030.

The group threatened to begin a ‘new campaign of civil resistance’ if the incoming prime minister did not support the treaty.
Just Stop Oil Letter to Prime Minister Starmer

Press / July 16, 2024

Dear Prime Minister,

We write to congratulate you on becoming Prime Minister and to acknowledge that one of the first steps of your new government has been to reaffirm your commitment to end new UK oil and gas licensing. This is an essential first step towards what is required to end the UK’s contribution to the climate crisis. However, we all know that it is not enough.

We also need to rapidly phase out our existing oil and gas projects and to end the use of fossil fuels across our economy. This is not only the view of Just Stop Oil; the call for a rapid phase out of fossil fuels is backed by climate science, by global equity considerations, by international law and by global public opinion.

We last wrote to you in your role as leader of the Labour Party on 24 June to demand that, should you become our next Prime Minister, you immediately commit the UK government to working with other
We indicated that unless such assurances were provided by 12 July, we would be forced to take action to protect our communities by engaging in a campaign of noncooperation against fossil fuel use, at airports across the country.

We are writing now to let you know that since no such assurances have been received we remain in civil resistance and are preparing to take action, but that, as ever, we remain open to dialogue.

The era of fossil fuels is over. It’s time to stop waging war on humanity.

Yours sincerely,

Just Stop Oil.

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[1] Just Stop Oil is working with an international network of groups to demand our governments establish a legally binding treaty to stop extracting and burning oil, gas and coal by 2030 as well as supporting and financing other countries to make a fast, fair, and just transition. This can be accomplished by endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty Initiative and seeking a negotiating mandate to establish the treaty.

Just Stop Oil is a member of the A22 Network of civil resistance projects.

Critical seed funding for Just Stop Oil was provided by Climate Emergency Fund and Adam McKay in 2022
Just Stop Oil ‘Blue Lights’ policy: our policy is, and has always been, to move out of the way for emergency vehicles with siren sounding and ‘blue lights’ on.
Extinction Rebellion protester climbs on plane at London City Airport

Another arrested protester who refused to get off a plane told passengers he was "extremely sorry for the inconvenience".

Tom Gillespie
News reporter @TomGillespie1

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A Paralympic bronze medallist climbed on top of a plane at London City Airport as part of the Extinction Rebellion protests.

Firefighters eventually removed the protester, James Brown, from the British Airways aircraft and he was arrested.

He live-streamed his actions on Facebook.
The protester, who is partially sighted, said he was nervous because he 'hates heights'.

Paralympian protester removed from plane
"Okay, here I am, top of a f****** aeroplane at City Airport... I managed to get on the roof," he said.

"Oh man I'm shaking... This is all about the climate and ecological crisis. We're protesting at government inaction on climate and ecological breakdown. They declare a climate emergency and do nothing about it."

He said it was "scary" because he "hates heights".

Mr Brown, who is partially sighted, won a bronze at the London Paralympics in cycling but was later banned for a doping violation.

Last month, he was arrested for trying to fly a drone at Heathrow.

Met Commissioner Dame Cressida Dick described his actions as "reckless, stupid and dangerous".
Firefighters managed to get the man off the aircraft
Hundreds of people attempted to shut down the airport in protest at the impact of air travel - part of the global Extinction Rebellion demonstrations.

Protesters say airport expansion plans are incompatible with the government's commitment to cut emissions to net-zero by 2050.

Activists are beginning what they call a three-day "Hong Kong-style occupation of the terminal building" and say they want to stop flights by lying, sitting or gluing themselves in front of departure and arrival gates.

In a separate incident, a plane returned to the terminal after another protester disrupted the flight, according to Sky sources.
Footage shared by a Twitter user showed a protester refusing to take his seat on a Dublin-bound flight.

He can be heard telling an air hostess: "I don't wish to travel with you but I don't wish to get off."

He adds: "I'm extremely sorry for the inconvenience."
A passenger is then heard saying to the cabin crew: "Can you do us all a favour and remove him from the plane?"

Police removed another protester from a plane on the runway. Pic: Warren Swalbe
'We have two generations left': Climate protester halts take-off

The protester continues: "We have two generations of human civilisation left if we carry on doing what we're doing."

Extinction Rebellion said it intended to "peacefully occupy and shut down" the airport's terminal building.

Sky's home affairs correspondent Mark White said a protester also managed to get onto a low roof in the terminal building.

Outside the airport, protesters blocked traffic near the drop-off zone, while police also dealt with demonstrators who occupied the Docklands Light Railway station, gluing themselves to the entrance.
Extinction Rebellion spokesperson Rupert Read said: "By non-violently shutting down this airport, in homage to the style of the Hong Kong democracy protesters, we are demonstrating the utter frailty of the transport systems that countries such as ours, unwisely, have come to depend upon."

The group said hundreds had signed up to take part and that they were willing to risk being arrested.
Metropolitan Police deputy assistant commissioner Laurence Taylor said there were plans to intervene and "deal proactively" with anyone trying to disrupt the airport.

London City Airport CEO Robert Sinclair said only two flights had been cancelled, and the airport had "remained fully operational throughout the day".

He added: "If you are flying from London City Airport this evening or tomorrow, please do check the status of your flight with your airline before travelling to the airport."
Protest organisers say people are willing to be arrested for their cause.

The sit-in comes on the fourth day of the Extinction Rebellion climate protests, which are taking place across central London and other cities worldwide.

Hundreds of officers are being drafted in from across England and Wales to help the Met with the demonstrations.

More than 1,000 people have been arrested.
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Gatwick Colleagues,

Just to let you know that we have been advised of a potential protest in London on Saturday 27th July.

It appears to be a protest organised by JSO and Fossil Free London. The current protest is being advertised as taking place at the Department for Transport offices in London. JSO had already given the new government until 12th July to issue statements about movement away from fossil fuels in their policies.

I have been informed that the protest was originally due to take place at London City Airport, but the obtaining of an injunction at that location has led to the change of protest location, to a site with no injunction. It appears that the protestors may have a reduced appetite for risk if the site has an injunction. This may be a consideration in your own local discussions about tactics.

At this time there is no additional intelligence to suggest that there will be secondary protests but if there are protests in London, protestors may well be travelling through Gatwick on the train or arriving from elsewhere in Europe, by plane to attend the protest. There has been intelligence suggesting that UK climate protestors were asking for support from European colleagues for activity at the end of July, and we did see the Amsterdam airport protests last
week.

Regards

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