

Dear Sir,

I have been concerned for some time at the general apathy towards energy and in particular to the likely shortfalls in the not too distant future. In spite of raising this matter with many people (educated) nobody pays any attention.

I believe that the only way that this can be brought to the attention of the population is by the government applying intentional cuts in electricity - say 24 hour stoppages, and cutting supplies of fuel again for short sharp periods. In addition perhaps some promise of cheap and guaranteed electricity to those areas close to wind farms. How about making all protesters provide alternatives at each planning dispute?

It takes perhaps 10-12 years to provide a new power station and particularly a nuclear one and as far as I know none are in the pipeline so some urgent pressure is required on the powers for action. The Scottish Executive have substantial underspend funds yet Wavegen in Inverness have had to sell out to a German concern in spite of having made some good progress only held back by lack of funds.

Best of luck in your task,

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P.S, Have any members of the committee read the very recently published book - Twilight in the Desert by Mathew R.Simmons -it concentrates the mind wonderfully!