

UK Net Zero – Let's Pause For Thought

The Net Zero agenda, as I understand it, assumes the nations of the world can join together to take action to prevent a future predicted climate crisis by cutting manmade CO2 and other greenhouse gas emissions within a timeframe agreed by international consensus.

Why Accelerate?

It all sounds very noble, but I am not aware that the British electorate gave HM Government a mandate to try to lead the world at all costs in accelerated CO2 reduction. I understood energy security and unsustainable pricing to be the primary short-term energy policy concerns of the electorate. Without policies that actually address these issues, they will continue to be.

I increasingly have the uneasy feeling that there might be ulterior motives behind a number of HM Government policies, working against the direct interests of the British people to achieve globalist objectives. This most certainly includes Energy policies.

Underlying motives aside, given the UK contribution to global manmade CO2 is utterly trivial at apparently less than 1%, I would suggest that whatever UK emission reductions the **Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero** does achieve, with all good intention or otherwise, will be mute on a global scale.

Why accelerate our schedule when countries with emissions which massively dwarf ours - such as China, USA, India and Russia - are working to a slower, internationally agreed timeframe?

Indeed, the USA is now leaving the Paris Accord, so presumably their CO2 emissions (about 13x those of the UK) will not fall during the current US administration ending 2029 – by which time the UK will be turning out the lights due to lack of reliable energy or because we ran out of money.

Prudence

Might I suggest that rather than continue to bankrupt the people and businesses of this once great nation with this folly, **The Secretary** might consider winding in these criminally expensive and inefficient so-called green energy initiatives and taxes in both timescale and scope and instead focus on providing sustainable pricing and energy security.

If he is going to drive on with CO2 reduction at all, then be sensible about it. Be prudent for one - stop sending £billions of so-called climate aid overseas. Slow down to the pace of the rest of the world, especially the superpowers who should be leading all this. Only take action where it directly improves our energy pricing and security.

And don't make your main solution to be the blanketing of all our farmland and countryside with intermittent-supply wind turbines & solar panels. And definitely don't throw a 'black hole' sized amount of £billions at arguably dubious carbon capture technology which provides absolutely no improvement in energy security or price reduction. What an absolute nonsense!

Zero Sum Game - Passing The Buck Overseas

The Right Honourable Gentleman must cease the ludicrous policy of decimating our own industries and voluntarily closing off our valuable natural resources whereby we must outsource our energy production, manufacturing and agriculture to other countries. This brings absolutely no net global CO2 improvement. Indeed, it surely increases emissions through transportation and lower overseas regulations. It certainly does nothing for UK energy security.

And all at potentially devastating cost to our economy and society in lost jobs, lost manufacturing independence, lost tax revenue and moreover adding to trade deficit by flooding money out of our

economy to the likes of India to make and ship back the steel and other mined materials for his proposed forests of windmills, solar panels, pylons and cables.

Nuclear

The UK will look pretty silly in hindsight (as well as broke and suffering blackouts), when the Chinese make a breakthrough in fusion power in a few years' time. But why even wait for fusion? Nuclear fission should obviously be the focus for UK energy. I believe it is about time HM Government put its mainstream media propaganda machine to good use in alleviating the hysterical fear and myths that have been fed to the British public around nuclear power. If the climate crisis is really that bad, then so what if we have to store a (much exaggerated) bit of nuclear waste!

Stop stalling with the drawn out SMR competitive tendering and just sign up with our own world-renowned Rolls Royce for expandable, reliable, low-carbon nuclear energy. Moreover, made in Britain in partnership with HM Government with tax revenue and worldwide export opportunities. Maybe we might get some capacity online before our existing nuclear power stations reach end of service and all the lights go out. This small reactor stuff isn't untested; what do you think powers nuclear submarines?

Tidal Energy

And don't get me started on ignored opportunities such as the ever-stalled godsend that is the Severn Barrage. Trust me, the precious migrating birds will land somewhere else! The post-barrage environment will even support other species. Talk about ecological cake & eat it! If climate change is so bad, this is a trivial sacrifice. I understand it could generate about 6% of our national energy and do so reliably and cleanly. One of many such viable schemes around the Country. It would also create opportunity for investment, industry and jobs all with world-leading innovation and kudos - things which were used as positive spin for the carbon capture nonsense.

Risk Mitigation

The Climate Crisis agenda does not seem to me to be sensible, measured or logical. In fact, it is all starting to come across as overzealous fervour or a religious crusade of blind faith. This look is not helped by the historical series of climate predictions of apocalyptic religious flavour but presented as proven, unquestionable, unequivocal, scientific factual consensus and which have been wrong or greatly exaggerated.

In the UK, endless £billions of crippling primary and secondary taxation on hard working people and businesses (including staggeringly high energy prices) are being put at the disposal of **The Secretary**. This, and the surety of purpose he projects in his agenda would all seem to indicate he is very certain of what will befall us one day in the event of his great climate catastrophe.

Have the (current set of predicted) physical climate risks, Mr Miliband is striving to save us from, actually been identified and quantified in their impact on the UK? In keeping with any sane, reasonable strategic enterprise, any budgeted climate action should first be justified in the scope of these quantified risks and then designed in the most efficient manner to mitigate (to remove or to reduce in probability or impact) them - and in a measurable way.

Plan B

There is the obvious risk that the nations of the world will fail to do enough despite our best efforts. This may be simply because the human response is too little too late or indeed because the

alleged effect might turn out to be an inevitable natural climate cycle that man has at worst just accelerated and moreover cannot hope to stop.

Might I suggest at the very least, a strategy of diverting some of these tens of £billions - he seems so intent on squandering - to mitigate the risks on a local basis for the benefit of the people of the UK. The people which he supposedly serves in Office and who are footing the bill. Perhaps building sea & river flood defences, improving the national water utility, supporting our farmers and growing our industry for starters.

With our localised risks suitably hedged and our country on a steady social and economic footing, then – and only then - push on with the Net Zero agenda to a schedule which would still be in keeping with the timeframe targets of the Accords. So we still have time to do our bit but, if and when the rest of the world does too little too late, our small island nation will have a plan B.

Sustainability

This is a matter of sustainability. So, surely the approach itself should be sustainable. Indeed, I would remind HM Government that there are three equal sides to sustainability. Aside from environmental sustainability, there are economic and social sustainability. The latter two are in dire straits right now in the UK with the endemic failings in our economy, infrastructure, utilities, healthcare, crime, security, over-population, social cohesion and cost of living (the latter exacerbated by artificially high energy prices and so-called green taxation). This is all far more important in the short term than environmental sustainability.

Excuses

And HM Government can't keep saying everything is the Tory's fault. Blair's Labour led the way in the modern globalist era and Labour are governing now and their mandate - such as it is - and certainly their responsibility, is to sort it all out as promised to the UK electorate. No one believes the £22Bn black hole nonsense. And don't blame Brexit. It was not given a chance because nobody tried to make it work. Where was the push to buy British, to grow manufacturing, to seek investment, to attract highly skilled corporations and people, to cut the legal and regulatory EU ties, to manage non-beneficial immigration or even to actually just try to thrive?

Lock Him Up and Turn The Gas Back On

This pandering to undemocratic globalist agendas with an open cheque book is simply unsustainable, not to mention unreasonable given the UK endeavour is basically mute. HM Government must cancel/withdraw/repeal any and all Net Zero policies/laws as practicable. Review in 2029 and pick this up again if appropriate, still within international consensus timeframes as it would be.

Use this time to quantify actual risks to the UK from predicted climate issues, prepare a Climate Plan B and start to mitigate any actual, physical risks with physical action where imminent, in case the world fails to do enough. Sign up with Rolls Royce SMR and commence the Severn Barrage and other tidal proposals immediately for our national energy security. And focus on more urgent matters of fixing broken Britain for the sake of social and economic sustainability.

In short, HM Government must now reign in Mr Miliband and stop him chasing his tail in this futile, mute and poorly conceived effort to reduce the UK's trivial contribution to global manmade CO2 emissions at seemingly unlimited economic and social cost to the people of Britain with this lunatic accelerated Net Zero vendetta.