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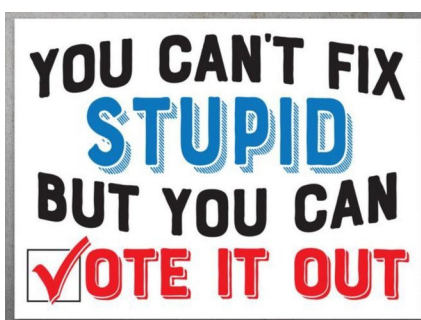
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### MEME OF THE MONTH



## Eastern Region News



Hi everyone,

You can reach your local county organiser by email:

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### Norma Saggers

*Eastern Region Manager.*

Hot off the press we have received our highest poll rating – ever 13% in the latest YouGov poll, just 7% behind the Tories and leaving the LibDems behind.



Latest YouGov Westminster voting intention (23-24 Jan)

Con: 20% (no change from 16-17 Jan)

Lab: 47% (=)

Lib Dem: 8% (=)

Reform UK: 13% (+1)

Green: 6% (-1)

SNP: 4% (+1)

This is our highest figure for Reform UK to date

[yougov.co.uk/politics/artic...](https://yougov.co.uk/politics/artic...)

One thing that has become obvious to me recently is the rise in contact on social media.

Many more people are getting involved in the County and Constituency pages, more and more people following our pages and sending messages.

This is what we want to see and look forward to hearing from you.

In due course, every one of our PPCs will have a Constituency Facebook page, where you will be able to make contact, see what they are doing and get involved locally.

You will be able to highlight issues that are important to you in your area.

Across the Region we have two new spokespeople, one in Hertfordshire and one in Suffolk. You can find details on the County pages.

While we still have many people being processed it is better to have too many than not enough, so if you would like to stand for us in the next General Election or the next round of local Council elections

you can do so by going to [www.reformparty.uk](https://www.reformparty.uk) and clicking on the 'Stand for Us' link.

There you will find application forms for all upcoming elections and the Get Involved link will give you other ways of supporting the Party and your local PPC.

The 'Find my PPC' link will take you to your Regional Manager, County Organisers and local PPCs.

If you have any comments or questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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I am always keen to hear any comments or ideas about how we can promote our Party across the Eastern Region.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



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## Bedfordshire County Overview

### Bedfordshire PPCs

Bedfordshire campaigning activity is starting to gear up as the general election looms ever closer.

While it is looking likely to be later in the year in either October or November, it may possibly be a snap election in the spring so there is no time to waste.

In North Bedfordshire Nick has been busy. With a team of 10 volunteers he has already delivered 10,000 leaflets introducing himself and the party to North Beds residents.

In Luton North James has already delivered 3,500 leaflets as well as holding street stalls, so take the opportunity when you see him and stop to say hello. James is keen for more volunteers to get in touch.

Down in Luton South, Norman has delivered 8,500 leaflets so far with his volunteers. He has been receiving lots of support but if you can volunteer to help please do so.

In Dunstable & Leighton Buzzard, Harry has been very busy, with 30,000 leaflets already delivered and he is expecting to get 10,000 more done to complete his first lap of the constituency by the end of February.

Harry is in the process of organising a Reform UK guest speaker for an event in April.

You can also expect to receive a Reform UK survey through your door from Harry, when you do so, please complete and return.

In Bedford Constituency leafleting will begin in February with street stalls to follow. Follow Maggies Facebook page for more information.

In Mid Bedfordshire we'll be delivering leaflet across the spring. We have been fortunate to find a great location for a large banner on the A6 so that will be going up in the spring too.

In Bedfordshire we have also invested in an advertising trailer which we are in the process of having branded. Expect to see it out and about throughout the year.

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## Cambridgeshire County Overview

### Could you represent your local area at the next general election?

Reform UK wants to represent the true aspirations and effect the necessary changes sought by the majority of us and we are searching for our next prospective parliament Candidates in the Eastern Region.

### We have vacancies in: Cambridge

We are searching for people from across the community, with a wide variety of transferable skills and experiences. One of the qualities we value is authenticity, so don't pre-judge what you may think we want to see, just be yourself.

Becoming a Reform UK MP is a journey like no other where you will have the opportunity to make a real and lasting difference to the constituents who elect you and to the future direction of our country.

### Requirements for applications

- You must be a resident in the UK for tax purposes
- You must have the right to work in the UK
- You must not be a member of, work for or be a representative of another political party

To stand in a General Election, you must meet certain eligibility criteria. These criteria can be found by visiting the website of the Electoral Commission.

To apply you can find information on: Reform UK website:  
<https://www.reformparty.uk/stand-for-us>

More seat allocations will be made soon.

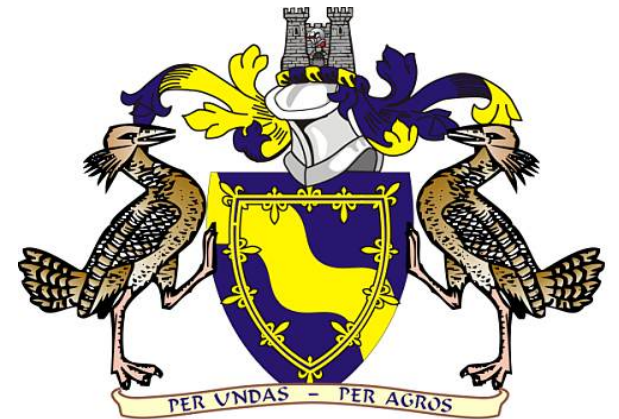
Richard's pledge to have 632 seats allocated by the next General Election is on track, with over 425 Constituency spokespeople already in place and more being interviewed, so there will be a Reform UK Candidate on every ballot paper in England, Scotland and Wales.

If you live in one of these constituencies and would like to represent Reform UK in the upcoming general election in 2024, please complete the application online at <https://www.reformparty.uk>

Please feel free to contact me with any queries. I look forward to hearing from you.

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## Essex County Overview



Essex continues to grow & progress on a steady upward trajectory.

Numerous people have expressed an interest in standing in vacant seats, most notably Southend.

Nearby Castle Point, we have been knocking on doors of supporters, throughout end of December and beginning of January, and having long chats on their doorsteps.

If the support & goodwill we received is any indication of our hopes at the elections then we have a every chance of strong results throughout the county.

Our Essex spokespeople are meeting regularly with much to discuss and planning for the year ahead progressing well.

### Parliamentary News:

Here in Essex, we now have Spokesmen and women in 14 of the 18 Parliamentary Constituencies.

### Those still vacant are:

Southend Central and Leigh  
South Basildon and East  
Colchester  
Witham

If you live in or near any of those areas and would like to apply, please use the link to the Application Form.

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

### We have the following people already allocated Parliamentary seats:

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by 24th of the month



## Hertfordshire County Overview

### Hertfordshire Targeted for 20 mph Zones!

Eagle eyed John Dowdle (St Albans PPC) has spotted a move by Highways Chiefs in Hertfordshire to roll out a wave of unwanted and undemocratic 20mph zones. across the county!



Why I here you ask? To "improve road safety, create calmer streets and encourage more walking and cycling", according to Hertfordshire County Council.

What a load of rubbish! This we all know is part of the not-so-secret war on motorists occurring across the nation. And how much will this all cost? £2.3 million! That's according to the budget proposals for 2024/25.

You'd be forgiven for thinking the Lib Dems and Greens controlled HCC, but no, the Tories are pulling all the strings and have already spent £3 million on 20mph zones, with plans to waste a further £1.7 million in 2025.

That's £6 million of your council tax, splurged for Tory vanity. All said and done, we'll have more than 50 of these 20mph zones across the county.

Needless to say – we'll be fighting this in everyway we can. John Dowdle has started a petition against the measures and we'll be making this a key feature of our local campaigns. More details to follow soon!

These 20mph zones are all the work of (so-called) Conservative Cllr Phil Bibby in St Nicholas ward in Stevenage. It's worth noting the man's clung on to power with a majority of barely 100 votes!

But good news is at hand, our man in Stevenage, Amo Amato will hopefully be contesting the ward again come the next local elections. While only getting 2% in 2021, when Reform UK was completely unknown, Amo's doing sterling work spreading the good word to the people of Stevenage.

If current polling is anything to go by, we've got a great chance to kick Bibby out, as well as all the other Tories who have made life so miserable.

I was out with Amo today in Stevenage town centre, where his team were helping to give people hope that a brighter future is possible. We had a high amount of interest from people who are fed up of the same old red, yellow and blue nonsense.



In other news, great work has been started by PCC's like Amo Amato (Stevenage), John Dowdle (St Albans), Steve Adelantado (NorthWest Hertfordshire) and Saba Poursaedi (Harpenden and Berkhamsted) to seek out local candidates for upcoming local elections.

It's not enough for Reform UK to be standing in every parliamentary constituency, so each PCC in Hertfordshire is out looking to make sure Reform UK is on every ballot paper issued at County, District and Borough levels. It's here where people's everyday lives are affected by incompetence and collusion, so we are asking loud and proud...

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IF YOU'RE FED UP WITH YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS – MAKE YOURSELF KNOWN TO US!

All you need is a passion for your local community, that is the one and only qualification, and it's something seriously lacking in the councillors we already have! Please email us, and we'll help you make the best decision of your life.

Due to ill health, one of our great PCC's in South West Hertfordshire unfortunately has had to step down, so if you live in the Rickmansworth, South Oxhey, King Langley or Abbots Langle area, please get in touch with Saba at [hertfordshire@reformuk.com](mailto:hertfordshire@reformuk.com)

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Broxbourne  
South West Hertfordshire



## Norfolk County Overview

Norfolk (/ˈnɔːrfək/ NOR-fək) is a ceremonial county in the East of England and East Anglia. It borders Lincolnshire and The Wash to the north-west, the North Sea to the north and east, Cambridgeshire to the west, and Suffolk to the south. The largest settlement is the city of Norwich.

The county has an area of 2,074 sq mi (5,370 km<sup>2</sup>) and a population of 859,400. It is largely rural with few large towns: after Norwich (147,895), the largest settlements are King's Lynn (42,800) in the north-west, Great Yarmouth (38,693) in the east, and Thetford (24,340) in the south. For local government purposes Norfolk is a non-metropolitan county with seven districts.

The west of Norfolk is part of the Fens, an extremely flat former marsh. The centre of the county is gently undulating lowland; its northern coast is an area of outstanding natural beauty, and in the south is part of Thetford Forest.

In the east are the Broads, a network of rivers and lakes which extend into Suffolk. The area is protected by the Broads Authority and has similar status to a national park. The geology of the county includes clay and chalk deposits, which make its coast susceptible to erosion.

Being in the far reaches of the Eastern Region, it is sometimes thought that we forget about Norfolk.

Norfolk is an integral part of the Eastern Region and as important as the other five Counties. It has taken a little longer than some to get the County moving forward and we are doing that now.

We have four of the nine seats allocated and more being processed.

You can find out who your PPC is by going to:

<https://www.reformparty.uk/find-my-candidate>

If you would like to represent your Constituency in the next General Election there is still time to complete the application form and apply, using the following Link:

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-general-election>

### Local Elections 2024

The local may elections, and who knows maybe a General one, have also been something we have addressed encouraging people to stand for local seats.

A number of us have submitted our application forms to Reform via the Stand for us link below.

The more the merrier and another way of getting Reform UK noticed. Please consider adding your name to the growing list of those whom are standing up for their local communities and country. Please follow the link:

<https://www.reformparty.uk/stand-for-us>



Constituency allocated seats so far are:

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There is still time to apply, if you would like to join them?

### Current vacant seats are:

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Norwich South

South Norfolk

Broadland and Fakenham

Great Yarmouth

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## Suffolk County Overview

I would firstly like to congratulate Kane Khan who has been appointed Suffolk Coastal Spokesperson. I wish him all the best for 2024 in his new role. This is fantastic news as I have had many enquiries about this seat and now the constituents of Suffolk Coastal have a spokesperson to rally behind!

PPC's Beverley, Carlos, Peter, Tony and Scott have their campaigns up and running. I am seeing more and more support for them from existing and new supporters. People are really motivated to get involved. If helping your local PPC, from delivering leaflets to street stalls etc, is of interest to you then please contact your PPC direct or myself with the relevant emails provided.

Carlos Alves has been hosting regular meetings within the Bury St Edmunds area. If you live in the constituency and would like to attend future meetings, please contact Carlos. I attended a meeting at the start of January. A good turnout of like-minded, optimistic constituents.

All PPC's in Suffolk will host various events in their relevant constituencies throughout the year. To receive information regarding these, please contact your relevant PPC.



Coming up in May, we have the Local Elections. If standing for Reform UK as a local councillor is of interest to you, where you are not whipped and you are free to represent your neighbours in a way that is right for them, then please apply by clicking the link below.

<https://www.reformparty.uk/candidate-application-local-elections>

In Suffolk we currently have a full compliment of PPCs.

Our efforts are now focused on our preparations for the General Election this year as well as finding local candidates for the May local elections.

Now is the time to stand up and get involved.

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## How You Can Help

### 1. Follow, Share & Like

The more people **watch in full**, then **like**, then **share & comment** on our social media content, the more people we will reach across the country.

We have Reform UK social media accounts on: Facebook, X (Twitter), YouTube, Instagram & TikTok platforms, additionally our leadership; Richard Tice, David Bull & Ben Habib as well as regional teams, county teams and constituency spokespeople profiles.

Some constituency profiles are not in place yet, but in the coming weeks we will have a full compliment of spokespeople with active social media.

Please watch our videos **in full**, then **like**, **share** and **comment** on them. This will greatly help us to reach more people.

Please follow the relevant Reform UK accounts for your region and engage with as much of our content as you can.

Supporting our social media content is a great way to support the Reform Party and is very easy to do.

Just set up accounts on the listed social media platforms, find Reform UK accounts and follow them, follow all the National & local Reform Party pages & start watching, liking and sharing & commenting.

Thank you

### New Ways To Get Involved?

We will soon be recruiting Social Media Ambassadors to help us to push our messages out further & faster to more people. If you can spare a few minutes a day to support Reform UK from your armchair you may be just the person we are looking for. We will train you on what to do, when to do it and help you to help us. If you are interested please email [bedfordshire@reformuk.com](mailto:bedfordshire@reformuk.com)

### 2. Volunteer To Help

We will soon have spokespeople (PPCs) appointed in 632 constituencies across the UK. We are not contesting Northern Ireland, but we will be standing in every seat in England, Scotland & Wales.

Each spokesperson (PPC) is in the process of building a team of volunteers to help them to campaign across their constituency.

Your help and assistance is vital to their campaigns.

Your contribution however big or small will help them to achieve their goal of being able to represent you and the common sense policies that every Reform UK Party spokesperson stands for.

Our spokespeople will be delivering leaflets across their constituencies, running pop-up stalls on high streets, knocking on doors to talk with voters and running events in your area.

Many hands make light work and by volunteering you will be assisting your local spokesperson to reach more people and gain more votes.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact your county organiser in the first instance via email and they will put you in touch with your spokesperson (PPC).

### 3. Become a Member

Not a Reform UK member yet? It's never too late to join us so we can be the Party that you need us to be.

We are not building Reform UK for our benefit, we are building Reform UK because the country needs a centre right, common sense party. Reform UK is for normal, hardworking people who have been increasingly marginalised.

Britain needs a voice; for fairness, for common sense, for the preservation of the 'old normal', for the restoration of our services and standard of living.

All this can be done, it will be done but, to achieve it, we all need to stand shoulder to shoulder.

**You can become a member here:**

[https://www.reformparty.uk/join\\_us](https://www.reformparty.uk/join_us)





## Contribute To The Eastern Region Reformer

### 1. Send us your content for consideration.

If you have local news, events, campaigns or activities in Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire, Essex, Suffolk or Norfolk we'll consider them to include in the next issue. Just email your content and details to [bedfordshire@reformuk.com](mailto:bedfordshire@reformuk.com) before the 24th of the month. We can't guarantee inclusion but we'll do our best.

### 2. Write to our Letters page

Get in touch, share your thoughts, send us your photos, comments & suggestions. Seen one of our spokespeople out and about? Send in your photos. Depending on what we receive we will include a letters page in future. Please email: [bedfordshire@reformuk.com](mailto:bedfordshire@reformuk.com) before the 24th of the month.

### 3. Offer Suggestions

We are always looking to improve what we do and how we do it. Any ideas and suggestions you have make the Eastern Region Reformer even better, please pass them on. Email your suggestions to: [bedfordshire@reformuk.com](mailto:bedfordshire@reformuk.com) before the 24th of the month.



## SPOKESMAN SPOTLIGHT

### Paul Godfrey - Brentwood & Ongar

I'm Paul Godfrey, Reform UK Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Brentwood and Ongar.

I have lived in Brentwood most of my life, having moved here with my parents as a very young child. I have three children two dogs and one wife and up until a few years ago, was quite happy being left alone. More comfortable in the shadows than in the spotlight, standing as a political candidate had never been high on my "to do" list, but the last few years have been life changing for many people, myself included. Having spent far too long in the spring and summer of 2020 shouting at the television, for my own sanity I had to at least feel like I had an opportunity to make a difference.

Fast forward to Manchester, October 2021, and I found myself attending a candidate selection day and conference weekend. I had found a political party that shared many of my views, and I was on my way to becoming a Reform UK PPC. As a man who wanted to be left alone, this was not a decision made lightly.

Finding Reform UK meant that I was no longer politically homeless. My opinions and views on current affairs, politics and economics, forged during my years working in banking as a currency trader, were essentially conservative, but no longer Tory, and aligned, for the most part, with Reform.

I was on the trading floor in September 1992 when Britain was forced out of the contrived Exchange Rate Mechanism. Despite the massive transfer of wealth from the Central Banks to the elite currency speculators, the devaluation of the pound and the ability to fix our own interest rates meant that the UK emerged from recession ahead of its European counterparts.

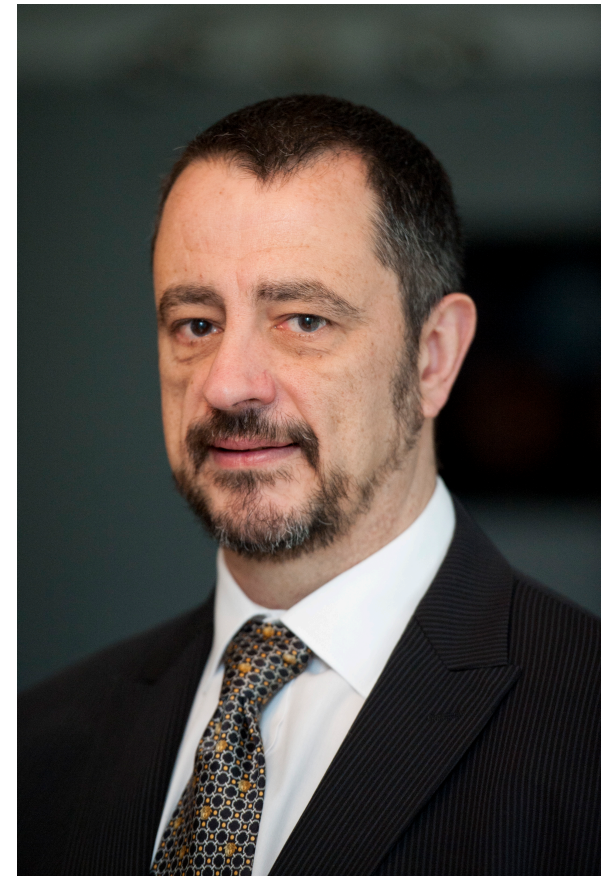
It should have been obvious then that we

were better off outside of a single currency and the constraints of the EU, but political will does not have to make economic sense, and the mad march towards Maastricht continued.

There is no perfect solution to the problems that the UK faces, but outside of the EU we can choose our own destiny, and with candidates that are more interested in raw authenticity than self-promotion, we stand out as the party that champions the commonsense rights of the British people.

The Peasants Revolt, which started in Brentwood in May 1381 was an uprising which spread across the southeast of the country with the rebels seeking a reduction in taxation, an end to serfdom and the removal of the King's senior officials and law courts.

Some 640 years later and low taxation, personal freedom, House of Lords reform and exiting the ECHR now make up our agenda. A change is definitely overdue.



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Con: 20% (no change from 16-17 Jan)

Lab: 47% (=)

Lib Dem: 8% (=)

Reform UK: 13% (+1)

Green: 6% (-1)

SNP: 4% (+1)

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## Editors Rant

### The Harsh Realities of Net Zero

The move away from fossil fuels to renewables has been ongoing since the first wind farm was installed in the UK in the early 1990's. From day one everyone has been aware of the intermittency issues and associated battery storage challenges.

There was no way that it could not have been known that the end point in order to make renewables work as a viable energy source would necessitate a complete redesign of our grid and energy supply network.

Renewables are not a natural solution but an expensive solution, mired in complexities that we have failed to get to grips with in any tangible form.

From their inception backing up renewable energy wasn't a concern. It was only as we began the process of decommissioning our coal fired power stations and our ageing nuclear installations that the storage issue loomed into the public's view.

The only way to proceed with a flawed technology despite the numerous red flags that have been waving for decades is to subsidise the market, creating artificial incentives to pursue the growth in the technology while simultaneously pushing much of that cost onto the unwitting public via stealth taxes.

We have created an artificial marketplace for energy generation where the rewards for building renewables are unviable, too expensive and unable to supply our energy needs.

Currently we require around 61 gigawatts per day of electricity in the UK (But, electricity is only 20% of our energy consumption). If we assume that in ten years' time, we will all be driving electric cars and have electric heat pumps installed, that consumption will need to be  $5 \times 61 \text{ gigawatts} = 300 \text{ gigawatts}$ .

In 2023 the UK's largest battery storage facility went live near Luton. At a cost of £30 million it can store up to 99 MWh. Ten of these

installations will thus be able to store 1 gigawatt per day. 610 of these installations will be able to store 61 gigawatts per day. 305 gigawatts per day will require 3,050 Battery storage installations at £30m each.

To be able to keep the lights on and charge these batteries ready for use we would require at least 610 gigawatts of generation per day, half to run the country, half to fill the batteries. If and when the wind doesn't blow, neither of those things will occur.

So let's assume those batteries are full at the end of day 1, on day two there is no wind so we use the stored electricity for the next 24 hours. On day three, if the wind doesn't pick up we will all be sat in the dark, or turn to diesel generators for emergency power.

It has been conservatively estimated that we would require battery storage capable of running the country for 14 days if we want to be able to cover the base load as we currently do.

The maths is therefore  $3050 \text{ battery Storage installations} \times 14 \text{ (days)} \times £30\text{m} = £1.28 \text{ Trillion}$  to install (Based on current usage)

This assumes that we would have the renewables to charge these battery banks, and that the raw materials, minerals, lithium and cobalt exists to be able to manufacture them.

We would also need to rebuild the national grid to be able to handle the increase demand. Current estimates assume this would cost in the region of £90 billion. As we know estimates are always less than the subsequent spend aren't they?

Realistically, the sums above will be treble of quadruple as our electricity needs scale up and fossil fuel usage scales down.

Our government seem to believe that if we all have EV's that they can use them for our energy storage needs, but how is that going to work in real terms? We have already heard from people

who deplete their EV range just by defrosting it in winter and then don't have the range to get to work.

Imagine a world where we all have EV's plugged in being used by the government for load balancing. You get up to go to work only to discover that your EV overnight charge was needed and now you can't get where you need to go.

There are too many what ifs that have never been addressed. This seems to have been a project started on the principle that at some point new technology would arrive to enable its completion, despite all the evidence to the contrary.

It seems inconceivable that there will come a point when we don't need our gas power plants to fill in the generational black holes. Gas that we are increasingly importing from the US as LNG from US fracking. How can it be greener to ship gas that we have paid to liquify across the Atlantic in oil powered tankers than to produce our own domestically?

Estimates are that we will soon exhaust supplies of copper, rendering any attempts to deliver the required infrastructure as completely futile.

Factor in that the whole of the western world is simultaneously galloping towards the net zero cliff edge with boyish enthusiasm and competition for governments to deliver on their fanciful climate promises will drive up prices ever more.

Our leaders are attempting to move us to a world where we are reliant on renewable energy that can't meet our needs, on a network we can't afford to update to handle the theoretical capacity we need to generate but can't while storing it in giant batteries that will cost £ Trillions to build if the materials are available to do so.

It won't work and I believe that our leaders know that it can't work, I'm just not sure that they care if it does or not.



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