

The vital role oil and gas will play in Teesside's future



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Across the UK, there are communities with a strong oil and gas presence – and the opinions of the people living in those towns and cities matter.

We recently carried out research in Teesside – a region with a rich oil and gas heritage and a present-day industry heavyweight, with one in ten residents employed in the sector. Here's what we found:

- 60% agree that the sector has a vital part to play in the transition to a lower carbon energy system
- Over half (57%) of Teessiders said that the oil and gas industry makes an important contribution to jobs and investment
- 62% agreed that the oil and gas industry makes an important economic contribution to the UK as a whole

We've spoken recently about Teesside's leading role in reaching the UK's climate change targets, with the launch of Northern Endurance Partnership and the Net Zero Teesside project. This hugely exciting project will deliver the UK's first zero-carbon industrial cluster – and will be massive for Teesside's future. With the stated aim of launching a green economy in the north east, it will support existing jobs, create new ones and drive growth.

As an industry, sustainability is high on our agenda. We are committed to meeting this challenge and are already taking significant action. These goals can be met, but not without oil and gas. This is why it's so important to us to understand what people think, and raise awareness of the role the sector must play in our future.

Achieving net zero could require around £1 trillion of investment across the UK economy – providing significant opportunities for oil and gas companies to leverage their experience, expertise and technology. We've committed to future proofing the sector in greener ways, while applying our skills to find alternatives.

Explore our Positive Energy site to find out more about the oil and gas industry's commitment and contribution.