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Analysis Report



Conclusions

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Energy Costs are a Concern

Respondents recognise the financial impact the energy crisis is having on a personal level. 94% feel energy costs have risen in recent years, leaving 82% of respondents unhappy with the price they are currently paying. Younger respondents show slightly less awareness of this.

02

Demand for Climate Action

Three quarters are concerned with the impact climate change has on their local environment. 94% feel that the Government should be doing more to combat climate/ energy issues.

03

Understanding of Climate Solutions

People are aware of the benefits of renewable energy, interconnectors and nuclear power, being highly supportive of it.

98% feel the Government can combat the energy crisis through building more energy transition infrastructure and/or subsiding energy costs for consumers.

04

Preference for Clean, Low Cost Energy

Renewables are the top choice for respondents, indicating that price and provenance of energy is a key issue for them.

Solar power is the most popular clean energy resource, with around 3 quarters supporting this.

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Willingness to Endure Disruption

Just over a half would put up with temporary disruption in order to achieve Net Zero, however, this drops to a quarter for more significant disruption.

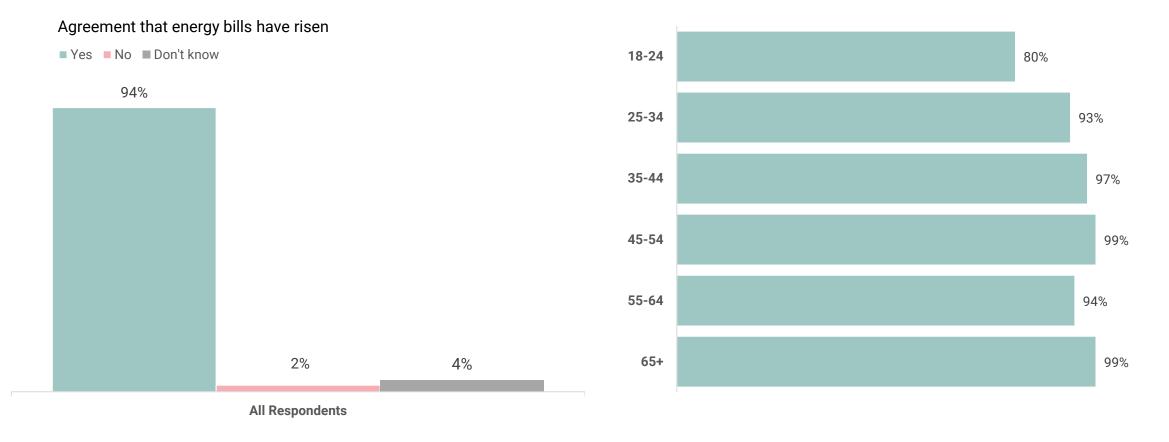
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Firm Support for Transmission Link

69% support the new transmission link between Portsmouth and Normandy. Support among younger age groups ranges from 73% to 85%. Only 46% of the 55-64s support the idea, which grows to 52% among 65+, with a third and a quarter responding "No", respectively. This is consistent with their lower-than-average support for energy infrastructure except for nuclear, less concern about climate efforts and less willingness to put up with disruption.

A very high proportion of respondents agree that energy bills have risen

Awareness is slightly lower amongst those aged 18-24, 14ppts below the total respondent average



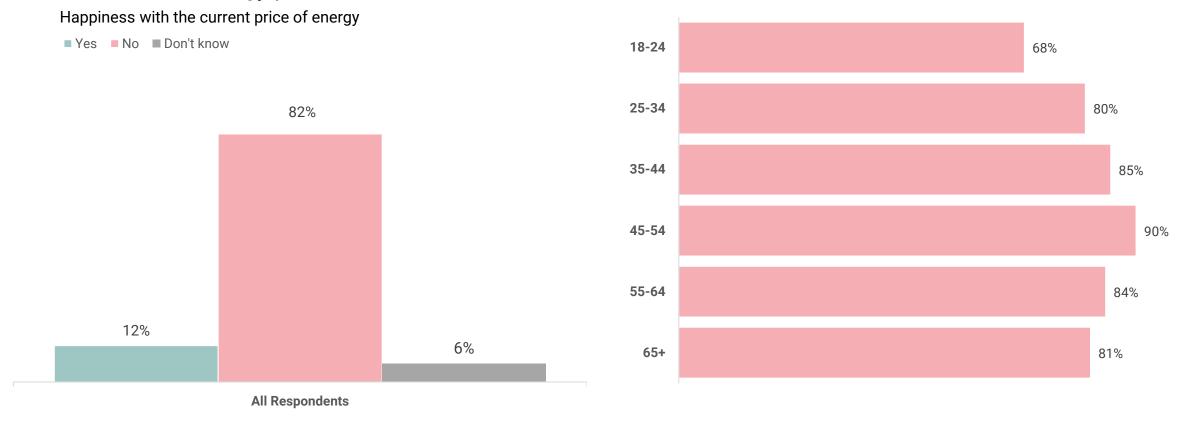
Q1. Do you think energy bills have risen significantly in the last two years?

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82% of respondents are not happy with the current price of energy

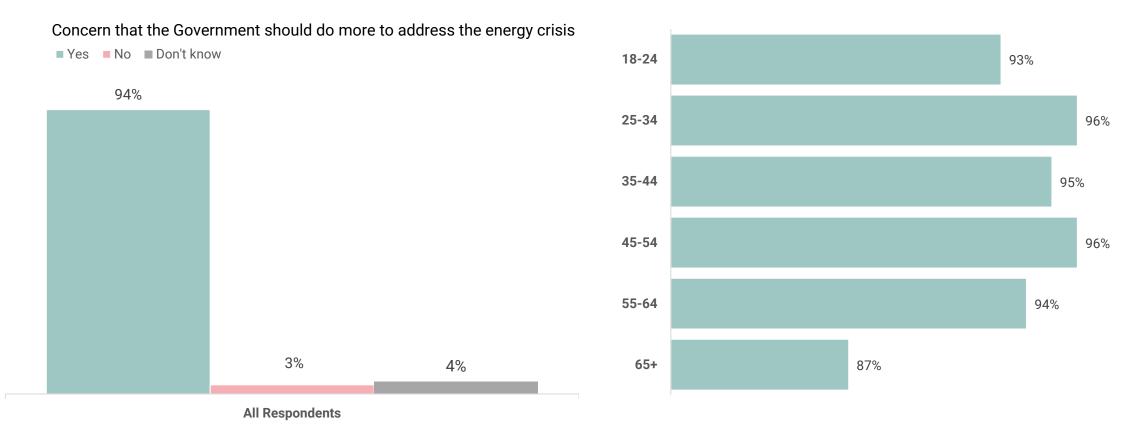
This figure is lower amongst the lower age bracket (18-24s), potentially due to lack of awareness of energy price increases



Q2. Are you happy with the price of energy currently?

The majority of respondents feel the Government are not doing enough

However, agreement with this drops slightly amongst those 65+



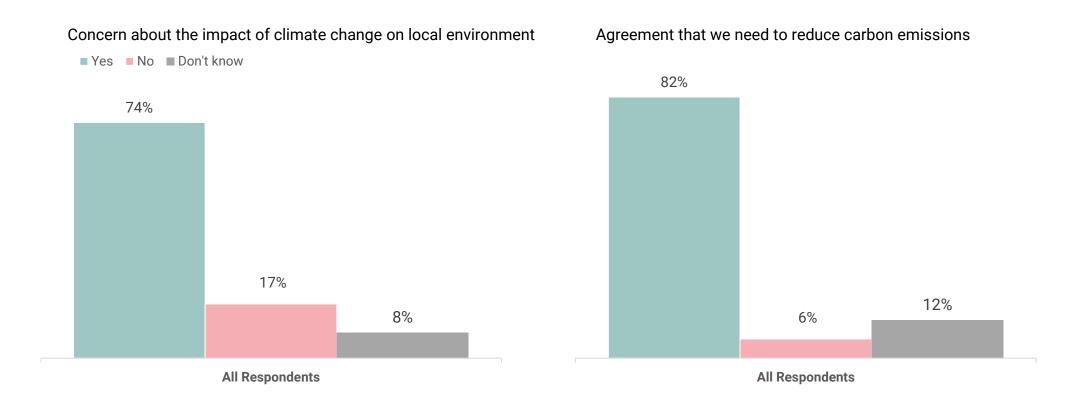
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Q3. Do you think the Government should do more to address the energy crisis in the country?

Base: All respondents (n=478) 18-24 (n=60); 25-34 (n=102); 35-44 (n=109); 45-54 (n=73); 55-64 (n=67); 65+ (n=67)

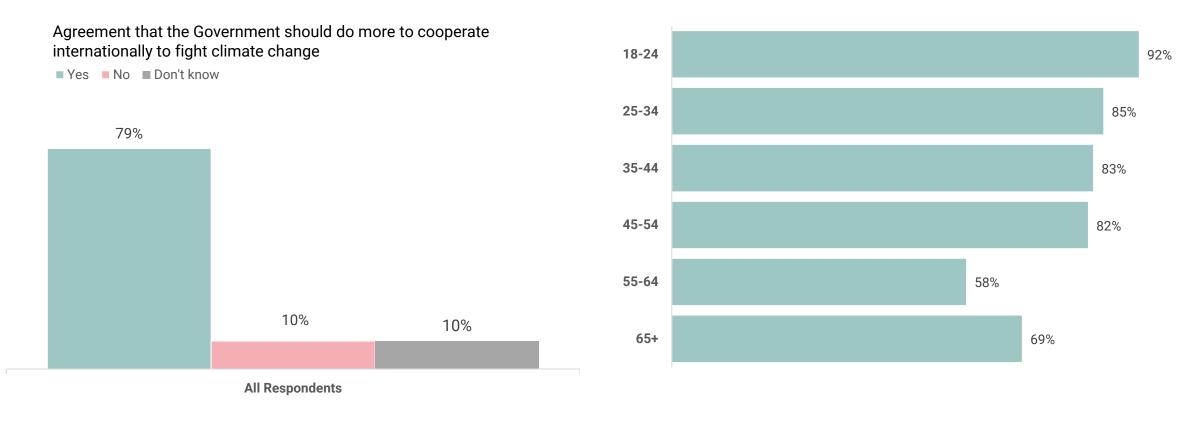
Three quarters of respondents express concern over the impact of climate change on their local environment

82% of people feel that there is a need to reduce these carbon emissions



79% feel that the Government should do more internationally in response to climate change

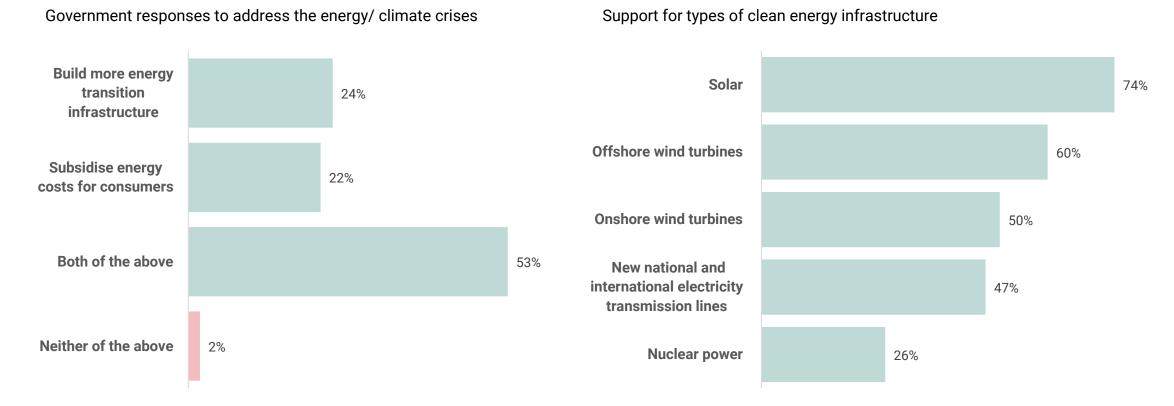
This opinion is strongest amongst 18-24s, and weaker for those 55-64, with just under 60% agreeing



Q7. Should the Government do more to cooperate internationally to fight climate change and energy insecurity?

There is strong support for the Government implementing both energy transition infrastructure and subsidising costs

The strongest support is for solar power, with three quarters of people supporting this

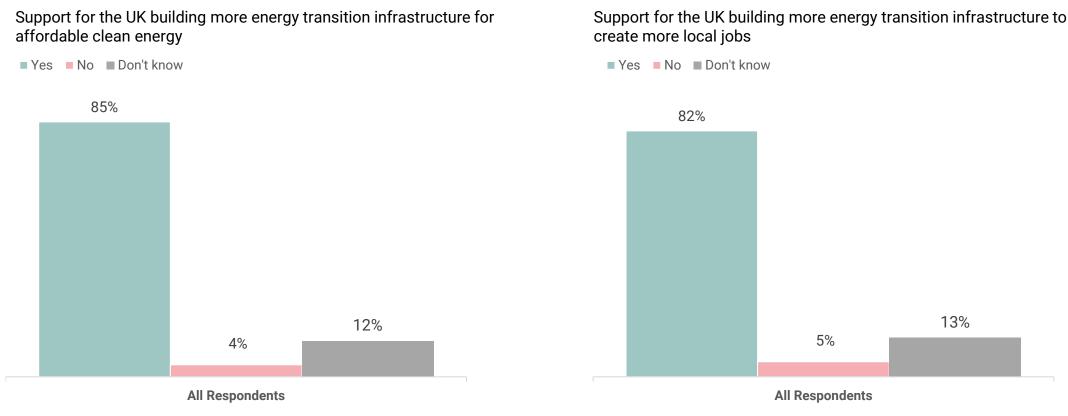


Q6. What could the Government do to help address the energy and climate change crises? Q9. Which clean energy infrastructure would you support?

Base: All respondents (n=478)

The vast majority support energy transition infrastructure for the purpose of affordable clean energy and creating more jobs

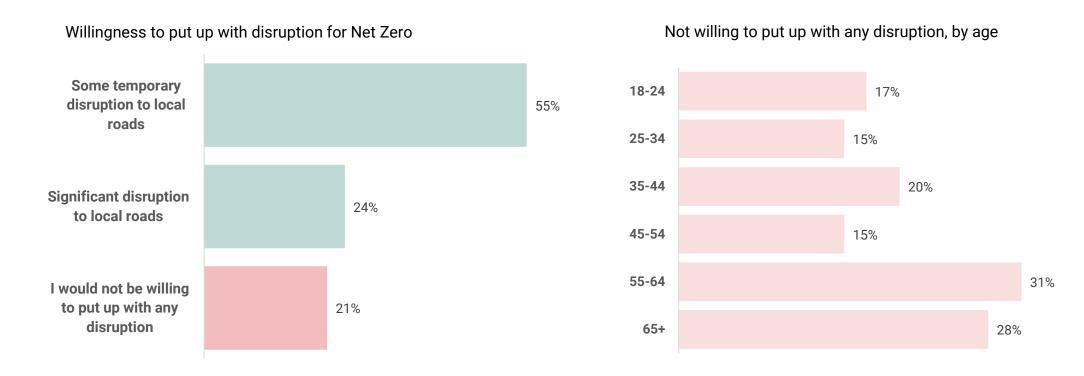
In addition, there is overwhelming support for this when creating more local jobs



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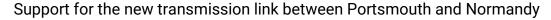
Over half are willing to put up with some temporary disruption to help achieve the transition to Net Zero, dropping to a quarter for more significant disruption

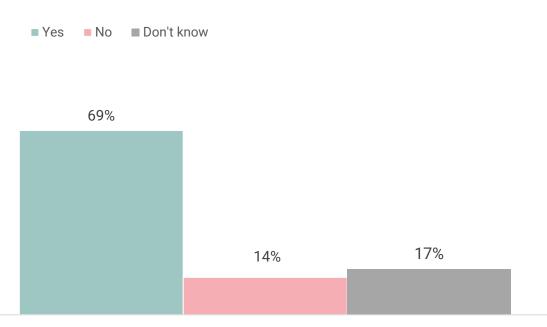
Older age groups (55+) are less willing to put up with disruption

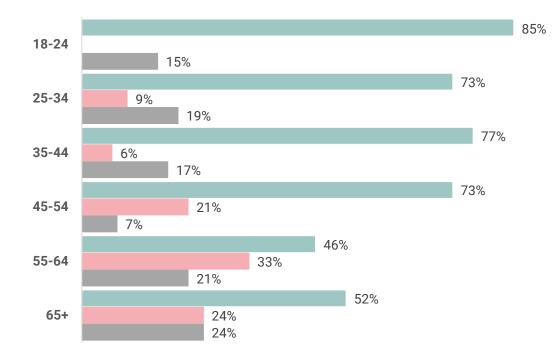


Promisingly, just over two thirds would support a new transmission link between Portsmouth and Normandy

Just over 15% stated 'don't know' whilst just under 15% said they did not support the project







All Respondents

Methodology and Sample

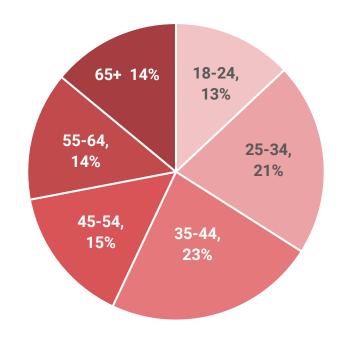
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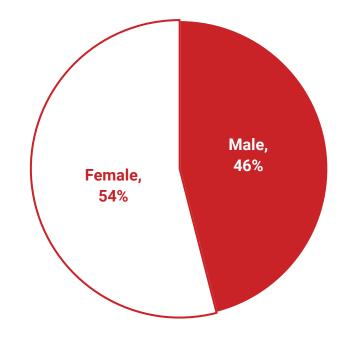
A mixture of quantitative **online surveys** and qualitative **F2F interviews** across a **2-week** timespan. These interviews were conducted by an independent organisation, and respondents were not made aware of the company behind this survey in order to maintain objectivity.

The survey was completed by **478 respondents**

AGE: 18+

LOCATION: Living in Portsmouth





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Appendix



Solar power is the most supported form of energy infrastructure

