

Govt axing hydrogen trial 'short-sighted and ill-informed'



The Government's decision to axe plans for a Cheshire village to become the UK's first hydrogen-powered community is 'short-sighted and ill informed', GMB Union said today [Wednesday]

The trial, which would have seen residents given [grants to test new hydrogen appliances](#), has now been [abandoned](#).

Local Labour MP Justin Madders backed an anti-hydrogen campaign.

Andy Prendergast, GMB National Secretary, said:



“Axing the ongoing hydrogen trial is a short sighted, ill-informed move by this Government. It once again shows a complete lack of a coherent energy plan.

“Hydrogen is safe, green and the best way to heat homes while hitting net zero.

“It is deeply disappointing that the local MP [Justin Madders endorsed alarmist social media claims about the pilot](#), instead of working with GMB and other gas unions to bring the next generation of good jobs to the area. [2]

“Whitby could have been at the forefront of this technological revolution – supporting well paid unionised jobs and helping us to net zero – and instead it risks being a byword for this Government’s energy failure.”

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