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So much for green crap

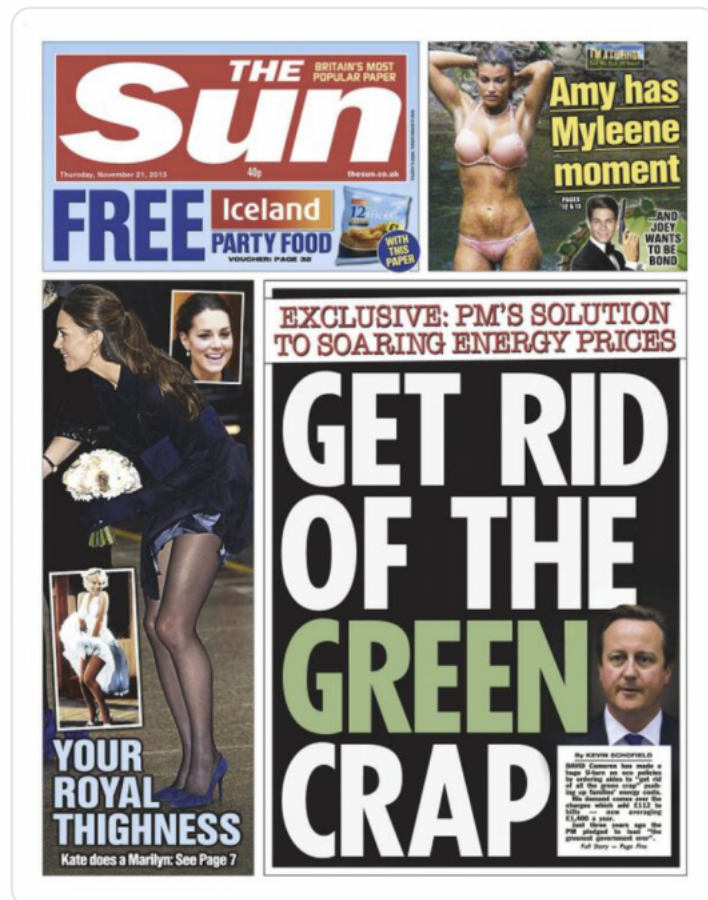
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I was very interested to note an article by [Simon Evans for Carbon Brief](#) yesterday, although it was actually published in January.

As he noted, in 2013 in response to a gas price increase this sort of reaction was noted in the media, and was acted on by David Cameron's governments:



THE SUN FRONT PAGE: Get rid of the green crap
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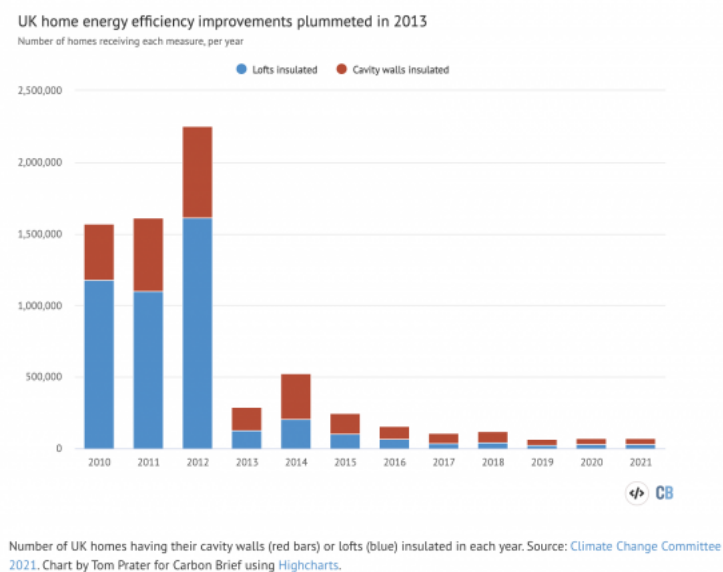
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As Simon Evans noted:

Energy bills in the UK are nearly £2.5bn higher than they would have been if climate policies had not been scrapped over the past decade, Carbon Brief analysis shows.

The changes included [gutting](#) energy-efficiency subsidies, [effectively banning](#) onshore wind in England and [scrapping](#) the zero-carbon homes standard. They were introduced after a November 2013 [Sun frontpage](#) reported that then-prime minister David Cameron's answer to rising energy bills was to "get rid of the green crap", meaning to cut climate policies.

As he also noted this was the consequence:

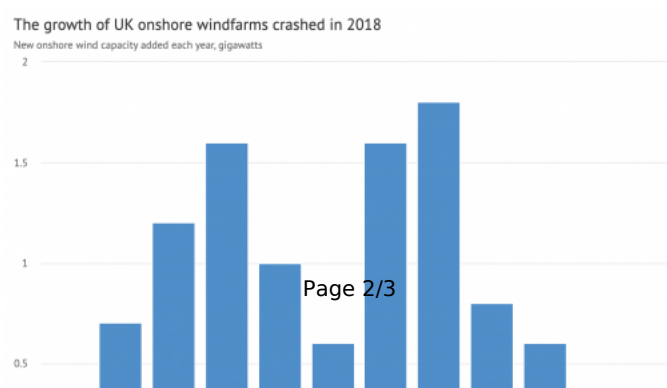


He added:

In 2015, the Conservative administration then [ended subsidies](#) for onshore wind and introduced [planning reforms](#) in England that, together, were widely viewed as a "[ban](#)" on the technology.

Following a grace period for projects then already in the pipeline, the capacity of onshore windfarms being completed in the UK each year dropped dramatically after 2017.

This was the result:



New capacity creation has crashed.

Now we face significant energy price increases.

Carbon Brief estimates that if these cuts had not taken place we might save £2.5 billion a year now.

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