

Hints of dissent

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This [came from The Guardian](#), later yesterday:

Senior Labour figures are warning of a serious fight if Keir Starmer tries to give the go-ahead to a giant new oilfield off Shetland later this year.

MPs and ministers have told the Guardian they are prepared to oppose the UK prime minister should he try and give final consent to the Rosebank development, which is Britain's biggest untapped oilfield.

Many in the party see the battle over Rosebank as the next front in the struggle between its environmental wing and those around Rachel Reeves who want to push for economic growth above all else.

I think we have to presume that this comes from Ed Miliband, whether directly or not. Implicit in it is the threat that he will resign over this issue, even if he is not over Heathrow (which I suspect he, like everyone else, thinks will not happen).

I welcome a red line.

I do not think he has drawn it in the right place. Heathrow should have been on the wrong side as well - because of the symbolism of the issue.

But, alongside the comment piece by Clive Lewis - who must be sailing close to the wind with the Whips - [in The Guardian](#) a day or two ago, this is welcome. There are hints of dissent. That has to be welcome when the price of standing out from the crowd is high.