

Taking the Renewable fuel message to Westminster

The Kehelland community has hosted various events and site visits to share its experience. While MPs and members of the Select Committee have visited the HVO village, no minister from the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) has yet done so – prompting the decision to take Kehelland to Westminster instead, in the hope of addressing that gap.

Despite the 3am start, the Cornish delegation of Kehelland residents, United Downs Energy Group and Chacewater Energy group arrived in good spirits outside the “DESNZ” government offices, where they were met by Ken Cronin, CEO UKIFDA and Malcolm Farrow, Director of Communications and External



Affairs at OFTEC and Perran Moon, MP for Camborne and Redruth, offered encouragement for their campaign.

The other reason to travel to Whitehall was to hand deliver the Kehelland village findings of the five-year trial and this response document was formally submitted to the government’s consultation on Alternative Solutions for Rural Heat Decarbonisation, a decision point that could shape heating policy for millions of off-grid homes.

The HVO village in Kehelland is a remarkable success story. It demonstrates that with the right solution, strong community partnership and clear communication, decarbonisation can begin with no upfront cost, no disruption and only limited additional ongoing costs.

With the evidence now formally placed before policy makers, the community hopes its experience will help ensure that rural realities are fully reflected in the UK’s approach to heat decarbonisation, and that practical solutions already delivering results are not overlooked.



What is Renewable HVO?

HVO is a renewable fuel “Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil”, that is non-toxic and biodegradable, contains no sulphurs, metals or aromatics with up to 90% saving in Net greenhouse gas CO2 emissions. The ISCC (International Sustainability & Carbon Certification) confirms that the fuel is sustainable, made from certified wastes fats and oils and does not contribute to deforestation.

Government officials travel down to Cornwall to see first hand the success of HVO in rural homes at Kehelland

In April, several officials from DESNZ visited the Kehelland HVO village and gained valuable evidence from residents at Kehelland on how well HVO has worked and heard exactly the issues that arise with other technologies.

They saw different Rural homes and different types of boilers, even one that is nearly 30 years old all performing extremely well with HVO and some running on a blend of HVO.

After these visits a roundtable Q&A was held, in the village community chapel, with the CEO of UKIFDA, and 2 local MPs to reinforce the desire of all concerned to push ahead with this renewable fuel solution. It was made clear to these officials that with this visit to Kehelland, together with the enormous response they have seen from the UK homeowners to the recent consultation, it is urgent they push ahead with allowing the renewable fuel, especially with current events in the Middle East.

We will keep the pressure on and urgently await their recommendations.

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