

There have been numerous changes to the environmental background and financial issues based on experience. Perhaps the biggest change has been the removal of Ed Miliband from the position of Energy Secretary in The Cabinet. He was becoming more and more isolated because of his inaccurate predictions and policies.

Firstly, expenditure aimed at reducing energy costs were actually increasing costs. British industry, e.g. steel industry, could no longer compete with international competitors who enjoyed substantially lower energy costs.

Secondly, a promise of reduced costs for domestic users who changed to heat pumps was found to be false. Two-thirds of such users experienced an increase in costs. Projected cost of heat pump almost four times that of a new gas boiler.

Thirdly, the policies for extraction of gas and oil from the North Sea are open to question even by the ruling Labour Party.

Fourthly, the low efficiency wind farms and solar farms cannot compete with the compact and predictable Nuclear Stations offered by Rolls Royce.

The experiences of farmers this summer with the low yield harvests begs the question - can we take over substantial acreages of prime farm land for Solar Farms. This is further disadvantaged by increased fertiliser costs because of the current international problems.