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Tipping point as zero carbon tops fossil fuel

More electricity is poised to come from zero-carbon sources than fossil fuels this year as Britain reaches a "tipping point", according to the National Grid.

Reliance on wind, solar, nuclear and hydro is set to outstrip coal and gas-fired generation after a revamp in the power system over the past decade.

In 2009, 76 per cent of the electricity generated came from fossil fuels, and just 22 per cent was zero carbon.

But in the first six months of this year, zero-carbon sources made up 48 per cent of the mix, overtaking fossil fuels which were at 47 per cent, National Grid said.

The figures for 2019 include power that comes through underwater cables known as interconnectors from countries such as France.

Coal's share of energy generation has tumbled from 40 per cent in 2009 to 16 per cent in 2018.

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There had been banging, shouting and screaming. Ms Symonds was allegedly heard to tell Mr Johnson, 55, to "get off me" and to "get out of my flat".

Shortly afterwards a woman's scream was heard, followed by "slamming and banging", prompting a neighbour to knock at the door.

After receiving no response, the neighbour was said to have called the police. The Guardian said that it had heard a recording of the incident, which the neighbour had made out of concern for Ms Symonds.

Reports suggested that in the recording Mr Johnson is heard refusing to leave the flat and telling Ms Symonds to "get off my fucking laptop". A loud crashing noise was said to follow.

When Mr Johnson was claimed to have ruined a sofa with red wine, Ms Symonds allegedly said: "You just don't care for anything because you're spoilt. You have no care for money or anything."

Neighbours said they had not even realised that Mr Johnson had been living in the apartment until earlier this week when they saw him and Ms Symonds leaving and arriving together. Mr Johnson has been visiting the flat since before Christmas, they said.

A neighbour, who asked not to be named, said: "Boris has been visiting for six to nine months. I think he lives there now because of the frequency we see him. He leaves the house about 8am and he gets picked up by his minders."



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"At 00.24hrs on Friday, 21 June police responded to a call from a local resident in the SE5 area of Camberwell. The caller was concerned for the welfare of a female neighbour. Police attended and spoke to all occupants of the address, who were all safe and well.

"There were no offences or concerns apparent to the officers and there was no cause for police action."

A spokesman for Mr Johnson, who is frontrunner to become Tory leader, refused to comment. Mr Johnson is due to attend the first of 16 hustings events in Birmingham this afternoon. Jeremy Hunt, the other candidate in the final run-off will also appear.

The incident will provoke intense scrutiny over Mr Johnson's relationship with his partner just as the membership election gets underway.

Rumours of tensions between Ms Symonds and Mr Johnson's campaign advisers have been circulating in Westminster for weeks. Key figures denied that there was any ill-will yesterday, however, insisting that Ms Symonds did not have nor had sought a role on the campaign team. They did not deny that the former Conservative Campaign HQ communications director was an influential figure, however.

The Johnson campaign had so far avoided attention on relations between Mr Johnson and his wife, Marina Wheeler. The couple are in the midst of



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