

THE AI POWER GRAB: WHO PAYS, WHO SUFFERS,

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THE AI POWER GRAB: WHO PAYS, WHO SUFFERS, AND THE DANGERS OF SWITCHING BRITAIN OFF FOR GLOBAL DOMINANCE

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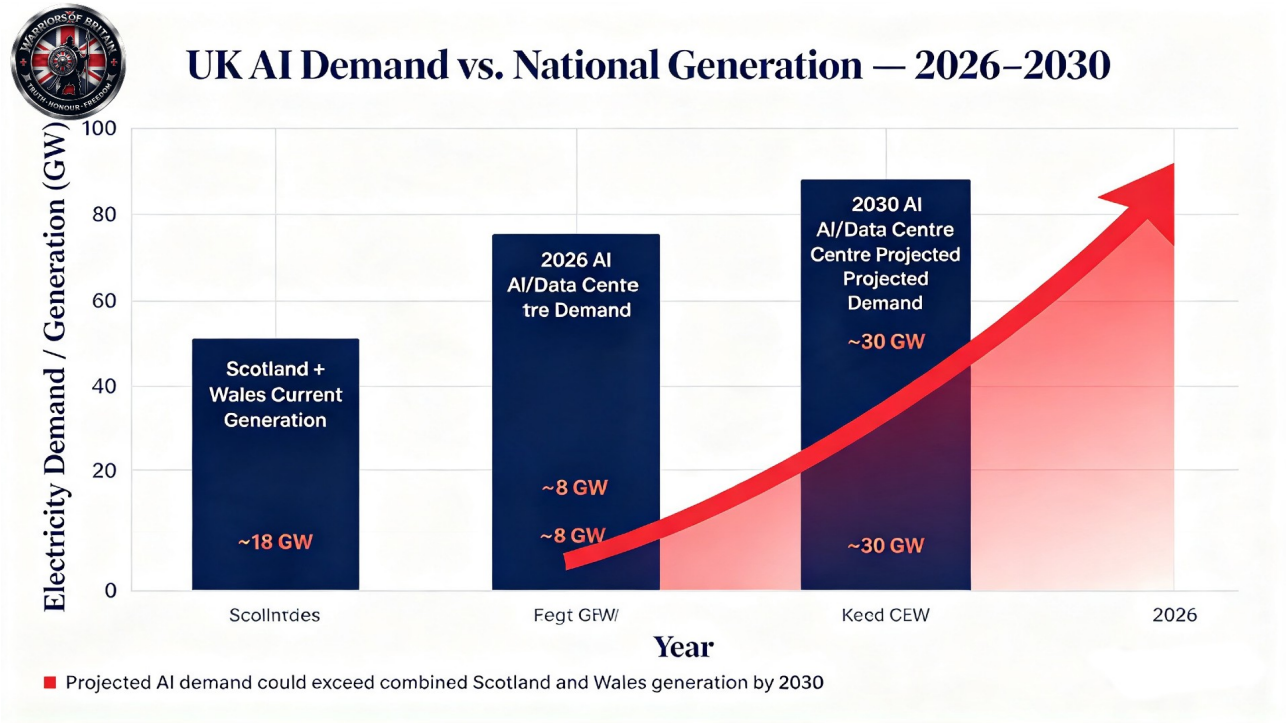
INTRODUCTION

Across the United Kingdom, a quiet revolution is being forced through — one that will touch every home, every business, every hospital and every family. Our government, in its rush to secure a seat at the so-called "global AI top table," is pushing forward massive data centre and AI campus expansion on a scale never before seen in peacetime.

Beneath the glossy press releases and talk of "world-leading technology" lies a stark reality: **Britain simply does not generate enough electricity to power these behemoths — and the plans to bridge that gap are as dangerous as they are costly.**

It is now being whispered in Whitehall corridors and energy boardrooms that the only quick way to surge the extra power required is a **deliberate, co-ordinated national shutdown of the electricity grid** — switching off homes, streets, services and industries for a minimum of three full days — purely to divert that power into the AI machine. This is not a conspiracy; it is the logical conclusion when demand outstrips supply by miles. And we, the taxpayers, will foot every penny of the bill — while bearing every risk.

? THE APPETITE — MORE POWER THAN WHOLE NATIONS



By **2030**, UK AI and data centre consumption could reach **25–30% of ALL national electricity use** — up from just 5% today.

*That means **one in every three units** of electricity you pay for will feed the AI giants — not your home, not your local school, not your high street.*

? THE HIDDEN COST TO THE TAXPAYER



"Private investment" — that is what they tell you. **It is a half-truth at best.** The bill comes to you through every channel:

- ÿ **Grid upgrades:** Ofgem-approved levies adding **£120–£180/year to every household bill by 2028** — directly to connect AI sites
- ? **Capacity payments:** Public funds paid to generators to keep the lights on — passed

straight to you

- ?! ₹ **Fast-track costs:** Legal, planning and administrative expenses fall on councils and public bodies — funded by your council tax
- ? **Opportunity cost:** £35–£50 billion over a decade diverted from healthcare, social care, housing and heating
- ?! ₹ **Risk liability:** When things fail, the taxpayer is always left holding the receipt

◊ THE THREE-DAY SHUTDOWN — WHAT IT ACTUALLY MEANS

Officially unconfirmed — but mathematically inevitable. New generation takes years. Storage is nowhere near enough. If they want the power *now*, the only lever to pull is **switching everyone else off**.

Area Affected	Consequence
? **Health & Emergency**	Even "exempt" sites rely on stable grid; backup systems fail under prolonged blackout; lives at risk
? **Water & Sanitation**	Pumping stations down → untreated waste, contaminated supplies, public health crisis
? **Food & Supply**	Cold storage lost; distribution halted; shelves empty — restocking takes weeks
? **Business & Jobs**	£1 billion+ *per day* lost to the economy; small businesses wiped out permanently
? **Communications**	Mobile, internet, banking, traffic signals — all fail together
? **Environment**	Net-zero targets shelved; coal and gas extended to feed the servers — the "green" lie exposed

? WHO WINS? NOT US

They call it **"Global AI Dominance."** But dominance for whom?

- Ĺ Will this technology be **owned by the British people**? **No.**
- Ĺ Will the profits flow into our **public purse**? **No.**
- Ĺ Will the benefits be shared across **every community**? **No.**

The real winners are multinational corporations — foreign and domestic — who extract the power, harvest the data, hoard the profit, and leave us with the bill, the waste, and the instability.

We are being told to endanger our own nation so that private companies can claim the crown. That is not leadership — that is surrender.

ý OUR DEMANDS

This is not anti-technology. **This is pro-Britain.** We demand:

1. ? **Full, open public inquiry** into true cost, ownership and risk — no more secrecy
2. ÿ **Abandon the shutdown plan** — never sacrifice the public for private profit
3. ì **Immediate moratorium** on new large AI/data centre approvals until independent audit confirms grid capacity exists

4. ? **Parliamentary vote** — decisions that change our nation belong to the people's representatives, not closed-door boards
5. ? **Community consent** — not consultation — for projects that transform local lives forever

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FINAL WORD

Britain is not a battery to be switched on and off for the convenience of distant boardrooms. We are a nation — with homes to heat, families to protect, communities to sustain.

If the price of "global AI dominance" is the safety of our people, the stability of our grid, and the wealth of our taxpayers — then it is too high a price. And it is not a price we have agreed to pay.

THE POWER BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE — NOT THE SERVERS.

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Sources cited: Ofgem, UKRI, DCPulse, Barbour ABI, independent energy analysts — full reference list available on request

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Here's the most complete and verified consolidated list as of November 2026.

Important upfront note: There is no single official government register of every data centre — the UK has ~320+ operational sites plus dozens in planning/construction, so below are the major confirmed facilities, grouped by type.

Part 1 — Major Operational Data Centres (Commercial / Hyperscale)

Facility / Operator	Location	Approx. Capacity	Status
AWS EU-West-2 (London Region)	Greater London	~400 MW	Operational
Azure UK South	London / South East	Published cloud region	Operational
Azure UK West	Cardiff / Newport	Published cloud region	Operational
Google Cloud — Waltham Cross	Hertfordshire	Operational since 2024	Operational
Google — London AI Campus	Essex	Approved / under build	Approved
Global Switch London East	London	~180 MW	Operational
Global Switch London South	South London	35 MW	Active
NTT LON1	Dagenham / Slough	64 MW (full build-out)	Operational
NTT Hemel Hempstead	Hertfordshire	12 MW	Operational
Virtus LONDON7	London	33 MW	Active
Virtus LONDON19	Slough	40 MW	Under construction
Equinix (LD2–LD6 etc.)	Docklands / Slough / Heathrow	Multiple sites, ~100 MW combined	Operational
Digital Realty	Croydon / Docklands /	Croydon / Docklands /	Operational

Facility / Operator	Location	Approx. Capacity	Status
	Slough	Slough	
Yondr London Campus	Slough	100 MW (phased)	Operational
Vantage Data Centers	Newport, South Wales	148 MW, expanding	Operational
CoreWeave UK	London & Manchester	150 MW total	Operational
Iron Mountain LON1/LON2	Slough	36 MW	

Part 2 — Major AI & Supercomputing Centres (Public / Research & Dedicated AI)

Facility / Project	Host / Operator	Location	Key Specs
Isambard-AI (AIRR flagship)	University of Bristol / UKRI	Bristol, National Composites Centre	5,448× NVIDIA GH200; ~21 ExaFLOPS
Dawn (AIRR)	University of Cambridge / Intel	Cambridge Open Zettascale Lab	1,024× Intel Max 1550 GPUs
Zenith	University of Cambridge / AMD/Dell	Cambridge	Largest AI-for-science platform
Cambridge-1	NVIDIA	Cambridge	640 GPUs; 0.5 MW
Wilkes-3	University of Cambridge	Cambridge	320 GPUs; 0.3 MW
Jade-2	University of Oxford	Oxford	504 GPUs; 0.2 MW
DiRAC Tursa	University of Edinburgh	Edinburgh	448 GPUs; 0.4 MW
DeepMind London AI Cluster	Google DeepMind	London	~80 MW
Njored / Taiga Cloud	Northern Data Group	Scotland	2,048 GPUs; 3 MW
Microsoft AI Campus	Microsoft	Newport, Wales	200 MW+
Nscale AI Campus	Nscale	Loughton, Essex	50–90 MW
Ebbsfleet AI Campus	Various	Kent	

Part 3 — AI Growth Zones (Designated Government Priority Areas)

These are zones streamlined for fast-track data centre/AI approval — not single buildings but designated regions:

Zone	Primary Location	Notes
Culham / Oxfordshire	Culham, Oxfordshire	First pilot; UKAEA site
North East England	Cambois (Northumberland), Blyth	Cambois campus: 720 MW approved
South Wales	Newport / Cardiff / M4 Corridor	Microsoft, Vantage, OCI all present
North Wales	Anglesey / Trawsfynydd	Nuclear-paired AI focus
Lanarkshire	Motherwell / Larbert, Scotland	850 MW combined proposed; DataVita + CoreWeave

Part 4 — Major Projects in Planning / Proposed (Selected)

Project	Location	Capacity	Status
Devon Data Campus	Alverdiscott, Devon	1.5 GW	Planned
Elsham Tech Park	Lincolnshire	1.0 GW	Proposed
East Havering	East London	600 MW	Proposed
Cato Data Centre	Fife, Scotland	600 MW	Planned
Greenock AI Campus	Inverclyde, Scotland	150 MW (+99 MW BESS)	Planning in principle
Rolls-Royce SMR-powered DC initiative	UK (multiple sites)	470 MW	Planned

Sources & Verification

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- DataCentersList.com — ranked by capacity
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- AI Data Center Index / Scrutica / Barbour ABI
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Caveats:

- Many smaller colocation sites (Pulsant, iomart, etc.) are not listed above — they number in the hundreds across the UK.
- Capacity figures are **nameplate/ultimate** unless stated otherwise; actual live draw is often lower.
- No single government register exists — different sources use different reporting boundaries.