

Nukes of Hazard

Questions & Answers

What is a nuclear convoy?

Approximately 6 times a year lorries carrying nuclear weapons travel on ordinary British roads between the Trident base in Scotland and refurbishment and maintenance plant in Berkshire. They are escorted by police and marines but the public is never informed or warned about the movement of these convoys.

Are they dangerous?

Yes. A nuclear submarine carries enough weaponry to kill over 10 million people. That danger is being brought on to our doorsteps. These lorries travel day and night in all weather conditions. Should the lorry be involved in a traffic accident or be the target for a successful terrorist attack, the outcome would be unthinkable.

Where do they travel?

The MOD uses two main routes to transport nuclear weapons. From Scotland they either take the M68 or the M74 southbound. Depending on which they use they will then either link up with the A1 or the M6 to travel down to Berkshire - using two of Britain's busiest motorways. In doing so, these routes take the convoys through or past the biggest towns and cities in the UK outside of London: Birmingham, Manchester, Leeds, Newcastle, Edinburgh and Preston.

Shouldn't we just make the convoys safe?

Sadly the Ministry of Defence has admitted already that it can never make these convoys 100% safe. The only safe option is to remove the weapons completely.

Aren't you just making our lives more dangerous by drawing attention to them?

We think it's wrong for the government to try and keep these convoys a secret from the public - it's something everyone has a right to know about. The reality is that people who would want to cause us harm will already be aware of their existence - we can only protect ourselves by taking them off our roads completely.

But doesn't having nuclear weapons act as a deterrent?

Having dangerous weapons in the world only makes us less safe. Imagine you're a child at school and a classmate has a toy but they tell you that you can't have one: won't that make you want it even more? The only way to create a world safe from the threat of nuclear attack is for states with these weapons to set the example and get rid of them.

Don't we need nuclear weapons to help us fight terrorism?

While nuclear weapons exist, terrorists will want to use them. No terrorist network can create their own nuclear warheads so the safest thing to do is to put these weapons out of harms way by getting rid of them. Whilst we have nuclear weapons we are attracting terrorists who might sabotage them in order to create a deadly explosion. If we continue to live in a world where one nation responds to threats with an arms race, only humanity will suffer in the end.

Or Russia or North Korea?

If the UK were to actually use a nuclear weapon against Russia or North Korea the outcome for humanity would be disastrous. It's use would lead to a nuclear war, causing the deaths of billions of people and leading to climate chaos. There is no safe option for the UK that involves either firing or threatening to fire

nuclear weapons. The only safe option is to get rid of them.

How would getting rid of Trident help create a nuclear weapons ban?

A hugh group of nations are already working together to create an international ban on nuclear weapons - one that would mirror those that we have for chemical and biological weapons. We are on the verge of a major international treaty. In one act, Britain could show true international leadership. The government could show that it cares for the lives of people living in Britain and abroad. And it could show that it understands that an international treaty banning nuclear weapons is an inevitability, not a possibility. That act would be to scrap its own nuclear weapons.



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