

Both gas and electricity prices increased sharply this week with gas increasing by 49.8% and electricity by 53.9% compared to last week. Gas prices were affected by strong demand for interconnector exports to Europe throughout this week as storage levels remained low. Forecasts for colder weather also pushed prices higher as concerns grow regarding tightening supplies during winter. Reduced wind generation as well as strong coal and carbon markets also added to the price increase.

Electricity prices again matched the movements of the gas, coal and carbon markets as they increased throughout the week. Despite the completion of a new North Sea link between the UK and Norway prices continued to increase.

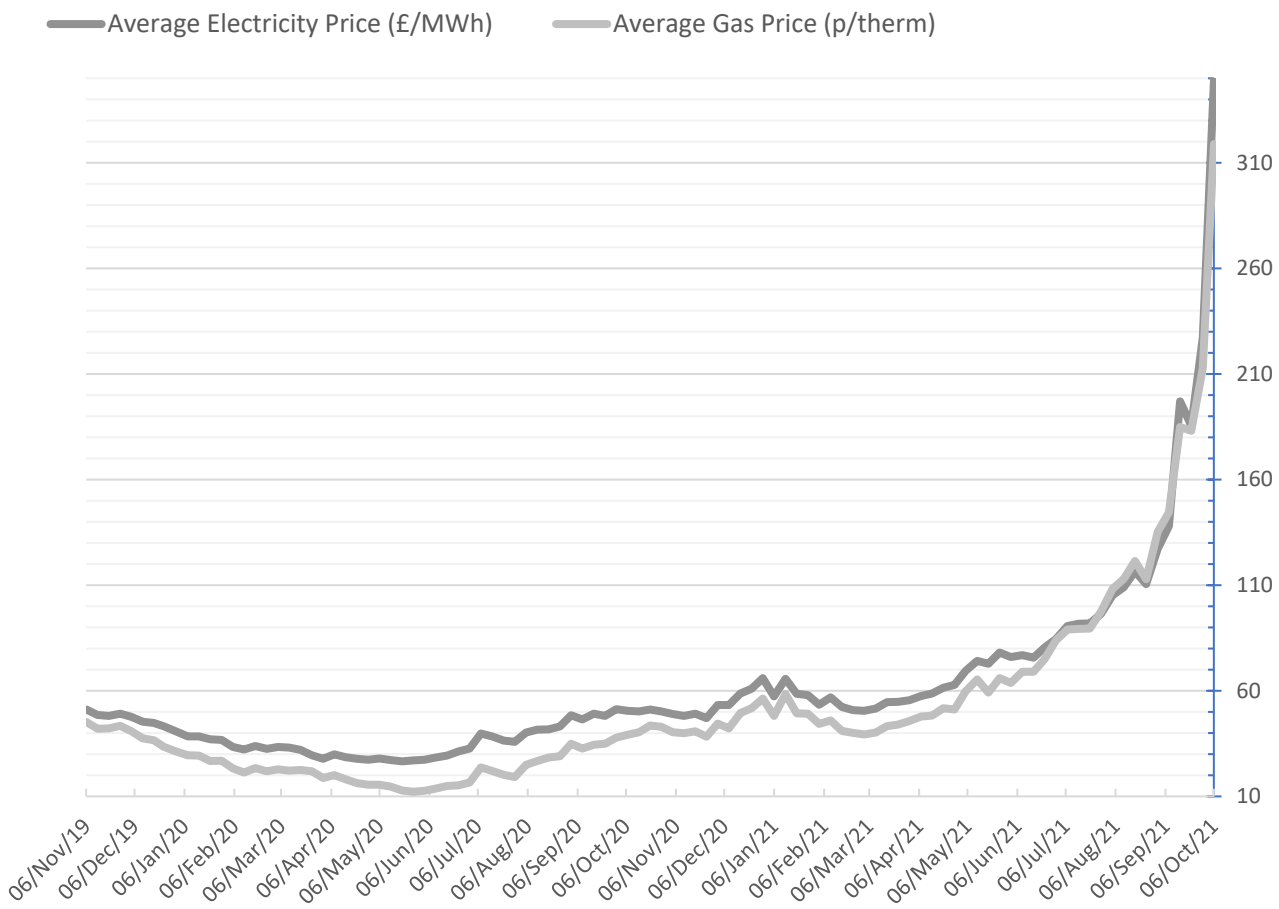
Brent crude oil prices increased throughout this week from 78.64 USD/bbl to 82.56 USD/bbl. Continuing concerns surrounding a tight supply outlook and OPEC members deciding to not increase their production rate pushed prices higher.

Coal prices increased this week from \$147.00/t to \$195.50/t before dropping to \$184.02/t. Carbon prices increased from €61.83/t to €65.05/t before dropping to €60.07/t.

The Pound strengthened against both the Euro (€1.1578 to €1.1749) and the US Dollar (\$1.3482 to \$1.3587) this week.



YEAR AHEAD PRICING (ENERGY ONLY)



Electricity (£/MWh)			53.9 %	PRICE MOVEMENTS OVER PAST WEEK
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price		
344.17	355.00	349.59		
Gas (p/Therm)			49.8 %	
Prompt Price	Future Price	Average Price		
317.50	320.00	318.75		