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Pit vigil ends

THE two-year battle to save doomed Parkside Colliery will come to an end on Saturday.

The Lancashire Women Against Pit Closures, who have maintained a vigil camp at the Newton-le-Willows site throughout that time, announced on Monday that their protests will finish at the weekend.

An emergency meeting was called at the pit camp on Sunday night when the protestors listened to a report which described the dismantling process at the colliery as "irreversible."

The women plan a final demonstration rally at the camp on Saturday to mark the end of their vigil before they leave the site.

A spokesperson for the group said: "Lancashire Women Against Pit Closures took the decision to remove the pit camp on the basis that there is no longer anything we can do to save Parkside Colliery."

"The Government wanted us to go quietly but by not doing that we have focused the public's attention on the absurdity of the pit closure programme."

For details of the women's