



# Rathlin Energy Ltd 21.02464.STFUL - APA349816538

## Planning Reference

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| <b>Application Reference:</b> | 21/02464/STFUL  |
| <b>Address:</b>               | Rathlin Energy Ltd<br>West Newton Exploration Well Site<br>Fosham Road<br>High Fosham<br>East Riding of Yorkshire   |
| <b>Proposal:</b>              | To construct an extension to the existing West Newton A (WNA) wellsite, test, appraise and produce from the two existing wells and drill, test, appraise and produce from up to six (6) new wells followed by decommissioning and wellsite restoration. |

## User information

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## Comments

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| <b>Stance:</b>         | Object               |

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| <p><b>Your comments:</b></p> | <p>The proposals to which this application refer are contrary to a report by the International Energy Agency (of which the UK is a member) outlining the path to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050. The IEA report (The Daily Telegraph 18 May 2021) states that “the age of fossil fuels is coming to an abrupt end, and could raise fresh fears that investors have ploughed billions of pounds into worthless oil and gas projects.” Whilst it is appreciated that it is not the function of the planning committee to protect the applicant’s investment, the IEA’s report illustrates that allowing the development of sites such as that proposed here would be detrimental to the environment.</p> <p>A separate article (The Daily Telegraph 24 March 2021) reports that “the Government will make it far more difficult for oil companies to obtain drilling licences.” The article goes on to state that “Under a wide ranging decarbonisation plan agreed with industry that licensing rounds will not go ahead if doing so would harm the UK’s efforts to reach its legally binding target of net zero carbon emissions.” The article also refers to ministers intervening in Cumbria County Council’s decision to allow a new coal mine.</p> <p>The foregoing illustrates the importance and legal responsibility of achieving the UK’s net zero target. If this application is granted permission the resulting development will damage these endeavours.</p> <p>This application should therefore be refused.</p> |
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