



Rathlin Energy Ltd 21.02464.STFUL - APA354094190

Planning Reference

Application Reference:	21/02464/STFUL
Address:	Rathlin Energy Ltd West Newton Exploration Well Site Fosham Road High Fosham East Riding of Yorkshire
Proposal:	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

Commenter type:	Member of the Public
Stance:	Object
	We object to the proposed planning application on the following points; The Pasture Lane road leading past Burton Constable Hall to New Ellerby, gets used as a bus route for several

schools and colleges. These include Holderness Academy & Sixth Form College, Hornsea School & Language College, St Marys Catholic School, Sproatley Endowed Primary School, Wilberforce Sixth form College, Bishop Burton College, Wyke College plus other SEN transport facilities and late school bus services for after school activities. There are no public footpaths or official bus stops for these services, parents/carers, children and young adults have to walk and standby the edge of this road to be collected and dropped off at different locations along the whole of the road length. The proposed increase in traffic including the vast number of HGV's and other support vehicles and staff, the safety of the public has to be taken into consideration.

The road does not get gritted during the winter months causing many collisions along the road already without the added pressure from the proposed site. The danger of the un-gritted road and increase in traffic along this route, the potential risk for a serious or fatal RTC surely is significantly increased and must be an issue for concern.

The road itself is not suitable for multiple large passing vehicles as it is a winding country road with soft grassed verges. This at present causes issues when in a car trying move out of the way of a HGV, with the multiple grip holes dug in the verges. This becomes even more treacherous in the winter months. With the proposed high number of HGV's required over the proposed 20year plus active period, the suitability and structure of this route seriously needs to be reconsidered.

The road sees an increase in traffic annually which peaks during the summer months and special events held at the historic house and parkland of Burton Constable Hall. The amount of additional industrial and commercial traffic going past an iconic asset to our local area is only going to have a negative impact.

Your comments:

Our property looks directly onto the Rathlin site and we have experienced light intrusion during the last exploration works, from high powered torches beaming directly into our home and the intrusion from the site lighting. The constant droning noise from the generators becomes difficult to bear over a prolonged period. The smell of hydraulics towards our house and garden can be over bearing and nauseous, this also comes from the West Newton B site.

During the last exploration works the closure of the

public footpath from West Newton to Withernwick was a major upset and disruption to our daily life. We walk along the footpath, as do many of the local residents and other walkers, several times a week. Footpath closure coupled with road closures only isolates and disheartens local residents. The last 18 months or so has only highlighted the need for access to public peaceful spaces and footpaths and on this point, the footpath HAS TO REMAIN OPEN TO ALL!

As a local West Newton resident it is not only the disruption from the West Newton A site, it is the ongoing disruption and Engine Lane road closure from the West Newton B site. Due to this closure we no longer have access to a circular route around our home area that we would normally walk or cycle.

The proposed expansion and industrialisation of the site will have a major impact on the local environment and wildlife. The annual decline in Lapwing nesting and numbers in the fields between West Newton and West Newton A site, is evidence of an existing issue of a protected and endangered species.

In February 2021, the East Riding of Yorkshire Council declared a climate emergency, this planning application appears to be in direct conflict of this declaration. The ERYC should consider how it is going to offset and justify such a major development and the huge environmental impact it will cause.

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