



Rathlin Energy Ltd 21.02464.STFUL - APA356019612

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.

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Comments

Commenter type:	Member of the Public
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	Continuation from previous sheet. During 20 years of production from the 8 wells there will be very large volumes of gas to be flared off, despite having asked Rathlin Energy UK Limited for an estimate of the amount of gas that will either be flared off, or passed to on-site generators, for the generation of

electricity to be used to power the well site, I have up to this time not received any answer. The planning application shows only relative levels of gas flared off or utilised for power generation, it does not give any indication of the volume of gas. The gases emitted by the generators are themselves pollutants, the only saving in pollution being the assumption that the power used on the site from electricity mains sources, would itself be generated by equipment that generates polluting gases, this is not necessarily the case, as increasing amounts of UK electricity are generated from 'clean' energy sources.

Rathlin Energy UK Limited, indicate in the planning documents that they have plans for carbon sequestration, to minimise pollution caused by emissions from the well site, citing The Humber Carbon Capture Scheme. This scheme is still some years from taking any steps to commence the capture and storage of carbon, from industry in the Humber Region, until the scheme is operational pollutants will be vented to the atmosphere of East Yorkshire.

Rathlin Energy UK Limited, claim that their contribution to UK oil supply will increase the security of supply, at 0.095% of the daily UK demand for crude oil this is not a credible claim. They also claim that the contribution will help reduce oil prices, again this is not credible, oil prices are determined by international demand and by the increases or reductions in supply applied by OPEC.

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It is claimed that the development will supply oil from a less polluting source, again, not so, oil delivered from abroad, from existing wells, does not require the very polluting drilling and exploration operations necessary to exploit this supply of crude oil. In support of this I quote from Climate Change Department University College London:

“New sources of fossil fuels are not needed.”

“Burning more than one third of the currently known reserves of fossil fuels would take the global temperature rise beyond the 2 degrees Centigrade limit set by the Paris Climate Change Treaty.”

In addition to this we have in the last 48 hours had the report from the United Nations International Panel on Climate Change:

Human activity is changing the climate in unprecedented and sometimes irreversible ways, a major UN scientific report has said.

The landmark study warns of increasingly extreme

heatwaves, droughts and flooding, and a key temperature limit being broken in just over a decade. The report "is a code red for humanity", says the UN chief. But scientists say a catastrophe can be avoided if the world acts fast.

I urge East Riding of Yorkshire Council to be a leader in acting upon the statement of the IPCC in unequivocally rejecting the application to produce crude oil from wells in East Yorkshire.

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