



# Rathlin Energy Ltd 21.02464.STFUL - APA356230609

## Planning Reference

<b>Application Reference:</b>	21/02464/STFUL
<b>Address:</b>	Rathlin Energy Ltd West Newton Exploration Well Site Fosham Road High Fosham 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

<b>Commenter type:</b>	Member of the Public
<b>Stance:</b>	Object

**Your comments:**

The proposed extension for continued fossil fuel exploration at 2 existing wells and the adding of 6 more wells goes against the current climate emergency declared by East Riding Council. From what I've read of the proposal documents it seems that the applicant is attempting to circumvent current ERYC policies in the Joint Mineral Plan that require a staged application process for exploration, appraisal and production. I am not a resident of the East Riding but this application will still affect me in Hull if approved, perhaps even more so as most of Hull is below sea level and the ongoing use of fossil fuel will impact me more than East Riding residents living beyond Holderness and the River Hull valley as sea levels continue to rise. The recent publication of the IPCC report shows that we can't and shouldn't continue to use fossil fuels. The report shows the immediate negative impacts that this ongoing reliance of UK on-shore fossil fuel is having right now through increases in greenhouse gas emissions and the subsequent increase in global temperature. For the applicant to state that there is a fossil fuel gap is disingenuous as the CCC letter it refers to states that it is more efficient for the UK to import from existing developed sources of fossil fuel beyond the UK. The applicant is clearly attempting to avoid current and future emission restrictions by applying for a 20+ year approval for exploration, appraisal and production. The fact that the applicant has already had two temporal extensions for exploration and appraisal at the existing 2 wells shows this attempt at a 20+ year extension. I hope the ERYC planning committee members are not so gullible as to approve this application. I am sure their constituents can see through this attempt and the futility of current and future reliance on fossil fuels, especially when extracted from the East Riding whose council has declared a climate emergency.

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