



Rathlin Energy Ltd 21.02464.STFUL - APA356334251

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

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Given a climate 'code red' as described by the latest IPCC report this development cannot be allowed to continue (<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/ar6/wg1/>). If we burnt all of our currently exploited reserves of fossil fuels we would produce 2 degrees of warming, which exceeds the Paris agreement level of 1.5 degrees. We do not need to develop any further reserves, as we cannot safely use the wells and mines already in production (<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/cif-green/2010/sep/27/why-are-we-prospecting-for-oil>). The policies of local authorities need to be brought in-line with UK government objectives to reduce carbon emissions (<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/science-environment-58102578>) and in fact East Riding Council has made this statement ' The council will undertake to: Reduce or manage the local causes of climate change through appropriate mitigation': approving the exploitation of local fossil fuel extraction cannot be consistent with this aim.

We do need to use fossil fuels for some time as we develop alternative energy generation, but we do not need to develop and exploit new sources, especially when the means of extraction is as wasteful, environmentally damaging and inefficient as fracking (<https://eciu.net/analysis/briefings/uk-energy-policies-and-prices/fracking-in-the-uk>).

Fracking is very unpopular with the population as a whole (<https://yougov.co.uk/topics/science/articles-reports/2019/10/22/shale-gas-even-less-popular-uk-coal>) and if this development was not hidden away in the depths of Holderness I am sure it would not even be contemplated.

Finally, the impact of this development on the local communities in Holderness in terms of extra traffic and noise should not be underestimated. I would hate this to happen here, would the council officers and members like it themselves.

So for the sake of the climate, for the people of Holderness and the world, do not allow this application.

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