



# Rathlin Energy Ltd 21.02464.STFUL - APA357818641

## 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
	Object I strongly object to the planned development because  1. It would result in the release of 200,000 tonnes CO2 equivalent greenhouse gases, which cause dangerous

climate change.

2. The Climate Change Act 2008 requires the reduction of carbon emissions in the UK to net zero by 2050, and in the most recent carbon budget, the Government has agreed to reduce UK carbon emissions by 78% by 2035. The carbon emissions that would result from the proposed development are therefore incompatible with the target, and would be unlawful.

3. The UK Government declared a climate emergency in 2019, and the development is incompatible with this.

4. East Riding Council has also declared a Climate Emergency. Permitting an oil and gas field in the East Riding is incompatible with the Council's declaration and adopted climate strategy.

5. The UK is a signatory of the Paris Climate Agreement, which aims to limit climate change to 1.5 degrees Celsius. The proposed development is incompatible with this and any emissions from the proposed development would adversely impact the UK's ability to meet its obligations under the Treaty.

6. The UK is a signatory to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Convention includes a right to life for children, which is threatened by climate change.

7. Further, the Adoption of a UN Resolution on 7/10/20 on realising children's rights through a healthy environment acknowledges the vital importance of ensuring that every child of present and future generations can enjoy an environment adequate to their health and well-being, and that preventing environmental harm is the most effective way to fully protect children from its effects. At Article 4, the Resolution "Urges States to take the necessary measures to ensure the full enjoyment by children of all their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and to protect them from the effects of environmental harm through effective regulation and enforcement mechanisms, including by: ... (a) Ensuring that the best interest of the child is a primary consideration in environmental decision-making by adopting a child rights-based approach...." Because the UK and East Riding Council have declared a Climate Emergency, and because the UK has international and national legally binding carbon reduction targets, climate change is a material consideration for planning purposes. Therefore, when decision-making in Planning matters, the Council is making environmental decisions, in which it should ensure that it is acting in the best interests of the child.

8. The Humber region is prone to flooding, the risk of

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which is exacerbated by climate change. According to the Humber Flood Risk Management Strategy, around 400,000 people live in the at risk area, many of whom are children. The proposed development would add to the risk of flooding and therefore to the cost of adaptation and mitigation involved in flood prevention and awareness.

9. East Riding Council is a partner of the Energy Estuary project (<https://www.placewithenergy.co.uk/>) which promotes a clean energy transition in the Humber region in order to help mitigate and adapt the region to climate change and in order to create jobs and promote economic growth. According to the project website, "The UK target for net zero carbon emissions by 2050 makes it critical that energy intensive industries such as those in the Humber become carbon neutral in order to avoid economic decline." The proposed development is wholly incompatible with East Riding Council's aims in supporting this project.

10. As such, any decision to permit the proposed development would be unreasonable.

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