



Rathlin Energy Ltd 21.02464.STFUL - APA361750787

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
	Object I strongly object to the planned development because * There is enough evidence that extracting a fossil fuel today is selfish short-term thinking for quick easy money

for a small number of people; and that in the long term, the planet and all of us living on will pay heavily for this. Long-term thinking here is key. I, as a resident of East Yorkshire, would be happy to learn to live with reduced access to electricity, rather than support destroying our planet further.

* The proposed extraction would contribute heavily to climate change by releasing 200,000 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent gases – to offset this (not the answer of course), you would need a minimum of 18 acres of UK native broadleaf trees to be planted and all trees to survive for at least 100 years to just reach even. [Quickly calculated using research from the Grantham Institute (<https://granthaminstitute.com/2015/09/02/how-much-co2-can-trees-take-up/>) and a tree plantation calculator (<https://treeplantation.com/tree-spacing-calculator.html>).]

* The proposed extraction of a fossil fuel is wholly inappropriate and contrary to the Government aim of achieving net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

* The Government and East Riding Council have both recognised and declared the climate emergency. Permitting an oil and gas field development to go ahead goes contrary to this understanding and is incompatible with the declarations.

* The UK is a signatory to the Paris Climate Agreement, agreeing to limit climate change to 1.5°C – again, this development does not align to meeting this agreement.

* The Humber region is prone to flooding, with a Flood Risk Management Strategy in place. Flooding is exacerbated by climate change and carries a considerable cost, not only in current adaptation and mitigation measures, but also in future lives and recovery from such events.

* East Riding Council is a partner of the Energy Estuary Project, promoting a transition to cleaner energy in the Humber Region, which helps mitigate the flooding cost and issues raised above, but also brings long-term employment to the region and the only clear way to reaching the UK target of Net Zero by 2050.

The proposed development is therefore wholly short-

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sighted and incompatible with the East Riding Council's aims. To permit the development would be irrational.

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