

Don't Drill The Wight



Planning Application Ref 20/00513/FUL

UK Oil and Gas Ltd want to create a well site to explore and extract oil from 2 wells. Exploratory well (Arreton-3) and a 1km horizontal sidetrack well to bring oil to the surface (Arreton-3z) for an initial period of three years.

The well pad will be the size of a football pitch (see image above) with a new wide access road and entry junction to the main Newport to Sandown highway (A3056).

This will all need high fencing, multiple security gates, 24 hour lighting and other structures on land to the North East of New Barn Business Park, Sandown Road, Arreton, Newport Isle Of Wight PO30 3BT.

Please OBJECT to this by February 12th 2021 - Comments acceptable for consideration to object are on the following sheet.

PLEASE COMMENT IN YOUR OWN WORDS.

Have your voice heard - Choose the way to have your say.....

1. Use the enclosed form or format and post it to the planning offices

or..

2. Send an email to development@iow.gov.uk.

Write 20/00513/FUL OBJECT in the email subject line.

Write your full name and postal address in the email.

or..

3. Go to the Home Page to link and instructions to register on the planning page and comment online directly.

NEED HELP? - Email - info@dontdrillthewight.co.uk

This is a list of key concerns that we feel have arisen from this application.

Please use these as a guide to write your concerns BUT write In Your Own Words

- DON'T cut and paste DO write OBJECT - WITH A VALID COMMENT.

Traffic & Site Construction & Activity Impacts

- New site survey should be undertaken in 2021 for Bats, Dormice, Badgers.
- Recent 2D or 3D seismic surveys **not undertaken** - old survey data is inadequate
- Horizontal drilling under homes and businesses - impacts of missing strata fault data
- Mature hedgerows/flora & soils/habitat will be destroyed for 2 hectare site and access.
- Eco - damage/ water pollution from HGV accidents/miscalculated entry/egress on track
- Access track has no impermeable membrane - flooding/spills will pollute land/water
- Air pollutants increase is a greater health risk to infants & pregnant mothers
- School and homes are in proximity and direct wind direction path of site air pollution
- Shrouded flares in proximity to the Biogas plant which vents excess gas is of concern.
- Methane is much more potent than CO₂ with 25 times more impact as a greenhouse gas.
- Site will increase local air pollution added to Bio Digester and future oil transport emissions.
- Preventing leakage of pollutants from abandoned onshore wellbores not legally binding.
- Burdening the Island's emergency services due to any major incidents across the island
- Increasing volumes of future HGV for transporting oil, plant and wastewater to mainland
- Costs of policing, traffic management and repairing road damage.
- Human risk points, including ferry, routes to and from site, narrow roads, tight junctions

Ecology, Health and Policies

- Bat and Dormouse survey reports are out of date (period ended Oct/Nov 2020)
- Flaring methane & 24hr Lighting attracts - Moths which are bat food - hence attracting bats.
- Against UK and IOW Climate Change targets to drill for new sources of fossil fuels.
- Little local employment/ training potential for residents. Temporary limited work
- Need to enhance farmland for increasing local food production due to Brexit.
- Projected oil is limited- only 2.5 days UK supply produced over 5 to 10 years.
- Industrialising eco corridors between Quarry to Digester- loss of green spaces.
- Admits increases Air/light/noise pollution - for wildlife, locals, and users of bridlepath
- Fossil fuel extraction negates policies for IOW ecology/ biodiversity and CO₂ reduction.
- Damages Island's Eco- aspirations for more green spaces for biodiversity development
- IOW Oil is finite therefore an unsustainable not a sustainable mineral.
- Fossil fuel extraction is not part of IW mineral plans.
- Precedent - Arreton leads to Exploration at Godshill and possible 20yrs production.
- No guarantee UK oil stays in UK and is not exported.
- Bond needed to cover costs of reinstatement if company fails in the near future.
- Air Quality Monitors are needed for the surrounding area. Who will pay?

Ref Application 20/00513/FUL

Full Name and address

Ref. 20/00513/FUL
Planning Services
Seaclose Offices
Fairlee Road
Isle of Wight
PO30 2QS

My objection statement :-