



Newsletter May/June - 2021

# Council Makeover Application Impacts EA Consultation What Can I Do?



In April the Government rejected the previous Isle of Wight Council's Planning Strategy because it did not meet the expected quota of new housing developments. [Click Read Press Release Here](#)

Now, due to the shake up within the IWCouncil after the election - the new council has much to sort and reorganise in order to activate moves forward to revise the new Island Strategy, Planning Policy and develop a new Minerals and Waste Plan. This means...

- That the planning department and the planning committee are, for the present, required to refer to the National Planning Policy Framework in determining outcomes of existing planning applications rather than a local planning framework. Consequently..
- Developers are hoping that their applications will be accepted without due diligence because the planning department is under pressure to process a backlog of applications using the NPPF.

**UKOG has not waited** for the application to go to the planning committee and has now applied to the Environment Agency for a drilling permit for the Arreton Site in the hope that, if granted, it will strengthen their case.

### In our favour we know ..

- > Our Planning Officer is still working on his report on the recommendations for the Arreton application
- > New members of the planning committee are required to undertake the Government training for Oil & Gas Applications in the coming months.

**This means that, potentially this application will not go to the committee until August or September.**

**So now have a chance to persuade the public, organisations, businesses and important consultees to send a mass of responses to the Environment Agency Consultation and object to the granting of this Drilling Permit**



## So What Can I Do ?

### Environment Agency Public Consultation - Closes July 9th.

**WE HAVE TO TRY TO CONVINCE THE E.A. NOT TO GRANT THIS PERMIT by FOCUSING ON THE FACTS AND NOT EMOTION.**

**QUALITY COMMENTS WILL INCREASE ATTENTION TO OUR CONCERNS.**

**PLEASE COMMENT..** to the consultation using relevant factors - click **READ..** for links to EA consultation documents, **GOOD** ideas for comments and how you can submit your comment to the Agency.

**RE-USE..** relevant information from your consultation comment to the Council if it matches the guidelines to send in this consultation.

**ENCOURAGE..** others to comment too but following our guidelines.

**READ..** the comment submitted to the consultation on behalf of our members and subscribers by clicking **READ..**

And There's More.....



Our team has also contacted major Consultee **Southern Water** highlighting information they may have missed to ask them to respond to the consultation and **oppose the drilling permit**. Click [READ..](#) for our emails here. We are waiting for their response.

You can contact them too at [southernwaterplanning@southernwater.co.uk](mailto:southernwaterplanning@southernwater.co.uk) quoting the **EA Reference PO30 3BT, UK Oil & Gas plc, AP3804LV/A001**

## NEWCHURCH MOORS NATURE RESERVE BECOMES SITE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE



**Another important reason for objection in the EA consultation.**

Read On The Wight Article here [READ..](#)



## EMAIL..OTHER CONSULTEES, ORGANISATIONS & LOCAL GROUPS

**We are aware that Arreton Parish Council will be discussing their response to the EA Consultation at their next meeting.**

If you belong to any local environmental groups, parish councils or organisations - or know of anyone who belongs to a Statutory Consultee Group - please ask them to respond to the EA Consultation and guide them to our website for all the information they need.

### List of current consultees

IOW COUNTY ARCHAEOLOGY & HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT SERVICE	AONB UNIT
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	IWCOUNCIL ECOLOGY OFFICER
ISLAND ROADS	IWCOUNCIL RIGHTS OF WAY OFFICER
HAMPSHIRE & IOW WILDLIFE TRUST	SOUTHERN WATER
NATURAL ENGLAND	
HISTORIC ENGLAND	



## FUTURE EVENTS AND SOCIAL MEDIA ACTION..

In due course we will be sending out a timetable of planned events through our email shouts, press releases and social media with information on further calls to action.

In the meantime please continue to ask people to [sign our petition](#)

**Thank you for your continuing support from the  
Don't Drill The Wight Team**