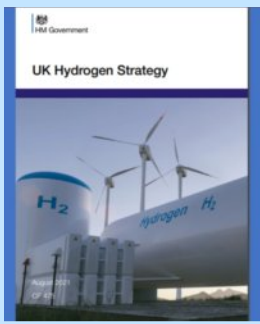


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EA Responses - Next Steps

DDTW Response to New Zetland Report

UKOG's Had a Bad Few Months

UK Government Blue Hydrogen Consultation



Thank you to everyone who wrote to respond to the Environment Agency consultation for UKOG's Drilling Permit. 141 comments were sent. The vast majority being objections. We were particularly delighted that, after our contact with **Southern Water**, they submitted a response in support of some of our concerns over water use and aquifer contamination.

Bob Seely also responded and you can read his objection at this link [READ..](#)

What's Next? A letter from the EA explains how they will publish a response **stating whether they plan to grant or refuse** the Environmental Licence to drill. [READ..](#)

Their decision will then be subject to **a further public consultation.**

If they grant the permit we will prepare objection statements for you to respond again.



UKOG is not having a very good third quarter of the year

In July 2021...Zetland published a further report on the council planning portal on behalf

of UKOG for the Arreton Site. Click [READ..](#) to view it.

(This report was an attempt to persuade the planning officer that the application met Government Planning strategies for emissions reduction and would **benefit the production of hydrogen from the extracted gas.**)

We countered with a response which you can review at this link [READ..](#)

Drill or Drop also revealed that this report was, for the most part, a copy of evidence submitted to the Government Inspector at the Hearing of UKOGs Dunsfold (Loxley)

Read the report at this link [READ..](#)



UKOG is now awaiting the decision by the Government Inspector regarding the rejection of their Dunsfold / Loxley Application for exploration and appraisal for oil and gas extraction.



Additionally they are having technical problems at their drill site in Turkey due to drilling equipment failure

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.....and they have only raised 10% of their target of £4.7million from issuing a further 2.6 billion shares. This was meant to raise the funds needed for their operations in Turkey.

[READ..](#)

However they have convinced the Oil and Gas Authority to further extend their Horse Hill Licence for a second time to 2025. [READ..](#)

The Judicial Review decision for additional production wells at Horse Hill has yet to be decided.



And Coming Up...Our Next Challenge

The Blue Hydrogen Debate



The recent **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report (Sixth Assessment Report ipcc.ch Link)** has exposed the failure of governments to begin to act on their stated aims for emissions reduction **NOW** to curb the increasing impacts of the acceleration of climate change.

It has confirmed that the rapid unprecedented and irreversible change to climate has already been caused by human activity. **António Guterres, the UN secretary general** stated in The Guardian:

“This report must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels, before they destroy our planet. If we combine forces now, we can avert climate catastrophe. But, as the report makes clear, there is no time for delay and no room for excuses.”

Helen Clarkson, the CEO of the Climate Group, which represents 220 regional governments and 300 multinational businesses, covering 1.75 billion people and 50% of the global economy, says: “

“Every decision, every investment, every target, needs to have the climate at its core”

The new UK Hydrogen Strategy has since been published and **opened for public consultation** until October. **It encourages the production of blue hydrogen from fossil fuels.**



- It has been criticised as being weak and will lock us into further oil and gas exploration as nearly all the blue hydrogen produced in the UK so far is based on burning natural gas.
- It plays into the hands of current oil and gas companies, including UKOG, who are now claiming to convert methane produced at their sites to blue hydrogen to be able to continue to exploit remaining resources. Even though facilities to do so are minimal.
- A **US study(Link)** has concluded that processing **blue hydrogen could be 20% worse for the climate than burning natural gas or coal for heat.** They say the focus should be on **green hydrogen** produced from green electricity sources such as wind, wave and solar power, and not from fossil fuels.

We are preparing our response to the Consultation and will create key issues for you to also respond to it. In the meantime here are some links to the documents and key news reports which may help you formulate ideas and opinions for your own responses.

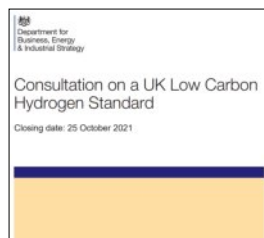
Campaigners call for block on UK oil and gas in light of “code red” climate report [READ..](#)

Report on Hydrogen “Greenwashing” by IGas [READ..](#)

Head of hydrogen trade body quits over “expensive distraction” of blue hydrogen [READ..](#)



Read the Hydrogen strategy at this link [READ..](#)



Read the Consultation at this link [READ..](#)

And Finally..

The date of Planning Committee for the UKOG decision is still not set.
September 21st is the next possible date.