



Newsletter Jan/Feb - 2021

Campaign Updates!

What's Next for us in 2021?

News & Views

The response to the second consultation was beyond our wildest expectation. Over 3300 objections have been submitted to date. Thank You..

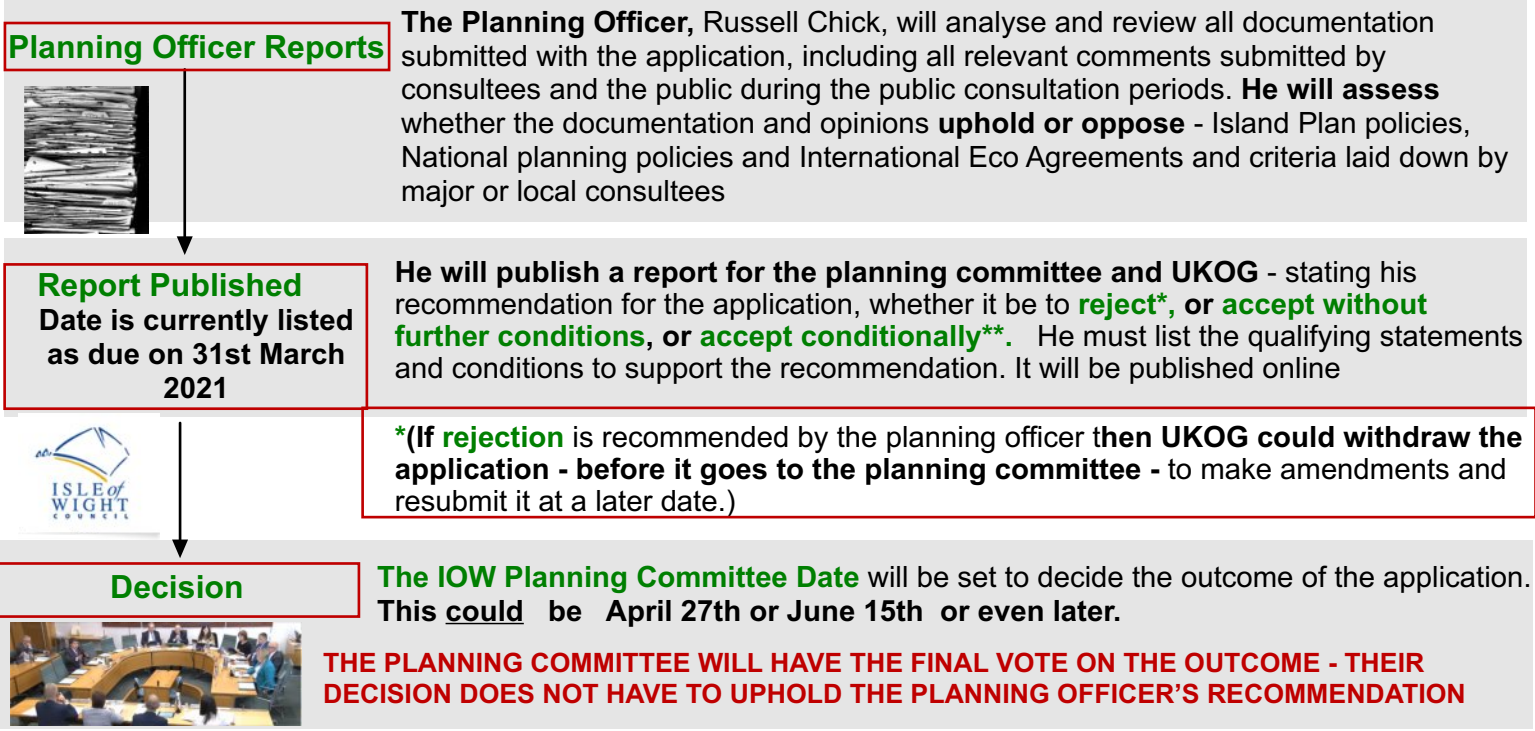
- ..To **everyone**, individuals, companies, Parish Councils, Councillors and local organisations who took the time to write and send in their objections.
- ..To our **super Social Media Guru** - Maria - for her dedication and success in helping us to reach so many Islanders and supporters across the UK.
- ..To **businesses and organisations** - such as Rapanui & The Garlic Farm, Greenpeace UK, Friends of the Earth, Weald Action Group, Blue Seas Protection, Surfers Against Sewage, XR, CPRE and many more - for sharing, re-tweeting and reporting our news.
- ..To those of you who have **generously donated to our funds to make this all possible**

Most commonly quoted reasons for opposition were..

- ★ **Inconsistency** with existing Eco-Island Plan objectives, Biosphere and Minerals Policy
- ★ **The Climate Emergency** - increased emissions, traffic/infrastructure impacts. Support needed for local Investment in & Development of Renewables
- ★ **Pollution and Health** impacts around the site and across the Island
- ★ **Unsustainable Production**, No Economic Benefit for IOW, Needs to protect and enhance landscape for tourism.
- ★ **Data** within application is lacking, misrepresented, inaccurate, outdated.

What Happens Now in the Planning Process?

During the coming weeks.....



*If **Rejected by the planning committee** UKOG has the right to submit an appeal to the Secretary of State for the decision to be reviewed by government planning inspectors.

****Conditional acceptance** - means that the application is granted by the planning committee - on condition that prior to any development starting - UKOG must submit **all additional requested detailed plans and permits & fulfill all other pre- preparation activity** to the satisfaction of both officers and the committee.

Important News and Updates

Since the start of 2021 worldwide natural disasters and increases in severe weather fluctuations due to the climate emergency have come to the forefront. There are calls action now from many quarters for Nations and their Governments and National Local Authorities to actively plan urgent measures for key changes in strategy and policy. **Click the titles or images for links**

Climate crisis hits 'worst case scenario' levels – Environment Agency head



Mark Carney: Climate crisis deaths 'will be worse than Covid'



Bill Gates: Solving Covid easy compared with climate



The Good News is that the IOW Council Regeneration Committee has submitted a draft strategy document, setting targets for our own route map to reduce emissions on the Island. Click the title below

Isle of Wight Council set out strategy for Island to become CO₂ net zero in nine years

Relevant parts to our campaign....regarding oil and gas extraction are outlined below

Divest from fossil fuel funds		
<p>★ Explore the possibility of divesting funds, such as pensions, from any fossil fuel-based funds</p>	<p>Discuss options with the Finance team before making a recommendation (they can provide more information from January 2021)</p>	<p>Review in 2021</p>
Introduce new planning conditions to protect the natural environment		
<p>★ Monitor ecological mitigation actions from new developments by reviewing funding made available through planning conditions, including ensuring that it can allow the commissioning of monitoring of planning applications as a condition of approval.</p>	<p>Through updated Island Plan Core Strategy Ensure planning conditions can allow the commissioning of monitoring of planning applications as a condition of approval</p>	<p>Review current policies in 2021 Introduce changes from 2022</p>
<p>★ Review the core strategy policies on waste and minerals to encourage sustainable extraction and disincentivise exploratory oil extraction</p>		

Just So You Know!



One barrel of crude oil can produce an average of 400kg of CO₂ when burned and processed.

So emissions from our 2.6 million barrels - filling just one oil tanker would be

1.040 trillion kg of CO₂ = 1,040,000 tons of CO₂.

So We Need A Change in Planning Policy. This our next fight!

Current Government Planning Policy Guidance is completely out of step with their 6th Climate Budget and targets for emissions reduction.

We are part of the Weald Action Group which is asking for this to change.

[Read Their Press Release Here](#)

Because when considering a planning application for a new oil or gas well **there is no requirement for any company or agency to calculate the amount of future CO₂ emissions that will come from burning the total fossil fuels extracted from development.**

So our planning committee is not able to take into consideration how these emissions will impact National and Local carbon emissions targets - if they permit this application to go ahead.

You can read the WAG letter and report sent this month to Robert Jenrick MP Secretary of State by clicking on the images here.

