



Traffic Route from East Cowes to Arreton - UKOG

Application Updates Report on Comments UKOG Responds AGM Meeting Details Share the Petition

Our analysis of the comments submitted to the portal and final numbers to September 3rd have been sent to all councillors and the Planning Officers. You can read our report by clicking [HERE](#)

WE ARE STILL WAITING TO HEAR THAT ALL STATUTORY CONSULTEE STATEMENTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY PLANNING OFFICERS.

We have been informed that the application will not be submitted to the planning committee until the Planning Officers are satisfied that they have received all relevant comments for consideration.

Key Consultation Documents have still not been received from the Oil & Gas Authority or the Health and Safety Executive.

However responses from UKOG have been submitted regarding:

Island Roads' 7 point site and traffic objections & the final traffic route to and from East Cowes. Ecology and Environmental Health Officer reports re - bridleways and noise limits.

This was reported on Drill or Drop - Click and Read the post [HERE](#)

Our comments have been submitted to the portal and can be read below.

Site Entryway and Bridle Path Adjustments

Moving the entry way to the site 7.6 metres West of the original plan, may match a desktop scenario for management of the highway, alleviating some concerns of the visible warning time for other road users. However as road users in this area are already aware, given the Eastern section curve and uphill trajectory in the highway prior to the entry point and in combination with existing amounts of regular traffic, it will still be a very unsafe and potentially hazardous access and egress point of an industrial site!

Creating an additional/alternate bridle path route will minimally increase the distance from proximity to the 6.5 metre wide uphill access road. However it will increase the existing impact on the ecology of the surrounding area by stripping away more natural habitat and biodiversity. It also does not solve the problem of the impact of levels of noise and pollution that equestrians, cyclists and walkers will experience.

We consider these conditions to be unacceptable

Flood Water & Drainage – Potential PollutionThe report has clarified that excessive floodwater or rain runoff from the sloping vehicle access track will be **"guided"** to drain off naturally into the field on the western side, to avoid flooding the highway. This confirms that any pollutants deposited or leaked by vehicles on the track due to accident or mis-management, will also drain into the adjacent field to filter into the substrata and potentially pollute water sources and habitats.

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Inadequate/Incomplete and Misleading Traffic Management Information

It is disconcerting that no detailed traffic or other logistic plans will be submitted until permission is granted. Why is it not possible to include all details of all scenarios of activity prior to consideration of the application, given UKOG's quoted "**extensive experience**" from other sites ? The number of difficult junctions that have already been identified and highlighted illustrate some of the transport hazards on the island and this is only for the exploratory phase.

The traffic management outline plans lack any mention of cross Solent travel.

The inclusion of adequate planning and monitoring of transportation; of industrial equipment, oversized plant vehicles and multiple HGV movements of HAZCHEM materials by ferry to and from Southampton; is imperative. Even with the new Red Kestrel Freight Ferry, crossings are potentially delayed or cancelled due to weather or other extenuating circumstances. Other ferries can carry hazardous materials but these usually travel overnight. How will movement of these cargos to or from the port "**avoiding travel outside the hours of 19.00 and 07.00**" be managed? Holding areas at the portside? East Cowes is already at capacity for traffic flow?

We believe the solution taken from the application documentation is actually given below!

"With the exception of drilling, workovers, extended well tests and short-term testing, no operations or activities authorised or required by this permission, shall take place other than during the hours of 07:00 to 19:00 hours on Monday to Friday and 09:00 to 13:00 hours on Saturday.

Apart from the exceptions referred to above, there shall be no working at any time on Sundays, Bank Holidays, Public or National Holidays."

So basically, out of the predicted 86 week timetable, **during the 66 week period for the Drilling, Workovers, Appraisal and Testing it will be permissible for the site to function outside of the parameters of this permission.**

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AGM 2020- due to Covid-19 - Arrangements will be different this year.

- **The Executive Committee will reinstate itself for the coming year for ease of management from Tuesday November 12th 2020.**

Secretary - John Medland

Research and Outsource - Sylvia May, Steve Davis, Maggie Nelmes

Treasurer - John Redman

Membership Secretary - Ruth Redman

Finance Signatories - Sylvia May, John Redman

If any members would like to join our Executive committee as active participants, please contact us through the **CONTACT** page on the website explaining how you would like to participate.

- **Reports for the 12 month period to Nov 2020** will be published to all existing members and subscribers. Access to these reports will be sent via an email communication on that date with links to these documents.
Please submit any questions that you would normally ask at our AGM by email via this link CONTACT and we will publish these and our answers after November 12th.
- **Annual Membership to FFLOW will cease from 13th November** and new membership fees of £6 for the year to November 2021 will fall due.
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- **PLEASE SIGN & SHARE OUR PETITION FAR AND WIDE** - Click link **HERE**
OPEN UNTIL THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEET TO DECIDE UKOG'S APPLICATION.